**The Town Council of Winona Lake, Indiana met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – some attending in person, others by Zoom (video conference).**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Swaim, Dennis Duncan, James Lancaster

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (ZOOM): Heather James

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Allebach, Kent Adams, Adam Turner, Joe Hawn, Tim Goshert,

 Kevin Gelbaugh, Mike Raymer

OTHERS PRESENT (ZOOM):

**Opening –** Rick opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Rick called for additions or corrections to the July 20th, 2021 Regular Session minutes.

Motion to approve Regular minutes was made by James L. and Dennis seconded.

Hearing no additions/corrections, the minutes stand approved as presented.

**Approval of Claims**

* Approval for July 20th, 2021 End of Month claims in the amount of $130,803.29 and

August 17th, 2021 claims in the amount of $404,568.50. James L. moved to approve the claims as presented and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**2022 Budget Calendar**

* Kent presented a calendar to the Council for the 2022 budget. The 2022 Budget shows an increase of $429,870 in assessed valuation (8.55% increases). The Net Assessed Valuation increase of $18,304,293 (9.62%); Estimated Tax Rate decrease of -5.12%. The 2022 Budget percent reflects 2 years, 4.3% as the 2020 Budget was rolled forward to 2021 with no increases.

**“Winona Happenings”**

 August 21, 6:00 p.m. Booth Brothers Concert at Winona Heritage Room.

 August 28, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Canal Days proceeds to Fellowship Missions.

September 13 - New Trash Schedule begins – All trash will be picked up on Thursday.

 Recycling will be every other Thursday.

KEDCO Presentation

* Susie Light is filling in for KEDCo CEO Alan Tio. She presented an update on Kosciusko Economic Development Corp. KEDCo is working on helping people with a mortgage savings account to secure housing in the county. The KEDCo COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund has been used. There is a handbook: Kosciusko County Economic Development and Redevelopment Incentives Policies and Procedures that KEDCo is recommending that all Towns adopt.

**Indiana American Water Agreement**

* The Indiana American Water Main Extension Agreement covers the engineering, administrative, legal, transportation, labor, and overhead costs. The material cost is $347,148.78 and the Town

reimbursement will be $322,316.68.

* Dennis made the motion to accept the Indiana American Water Agreement and James L. seconded. Motion passed.

**Report from Town Attorney**

* Working on several projects.

**Reports from Supervisors**

* Fire Dept./Kevin Gelbaugh – Working on getting estimates for replacing 26-year-old firetruck.
* Street Dept./Tim Goshert – Working on picking up brush from the storm. Mosquito spray shortage.
* Police Dept./Joe Hawn – Police, Fire, and Siteworx hosted a Back-to-School Party.

**Floor Topics**

* James Lancaster commented that the Family Festival was nice this year. Lots of families in attendance and were having a great time.
* Jerry Nelson complimented the Town on the Family Festival. It was very nice.
* Art Gakstatter said the crossing between Lightrail & Kelainey’s (Park Ave and Auditorium Boulevard) is a difficult spot to pull out. The garbage trucks are leaking grease and oily sludge on the streets.

**Meeting was adjourned -** Dennis motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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RICK SWAIM KENT ADAMS

PRESIDENT CLERK-TREASURER