**The Town Council of Winona Lake, Indiana met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – some attending in person, others by Zoom (video conference).**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Swaim, James Lancaster

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT(ZOOM): Dennis Duncan, Heather James

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Allebach, Kent Adams, Adam Turner, Aaron Carl,

Holly Hummitch, Joe Bumbaugh, Jason Conley, Mike Raymer

OTHERS PRESENT(ZOOM): Austin Reynolds

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

**Moment of Silence for James Zachary –** Rick asked for a moment of silence and prayer for Councilman Jim Zachary, and for his family. Jim passed away August 17.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Rick called for additions or corrections to the August 17th, 2021 Regular Session minutes.

Motion to approve Regular minutes were made by James and Heather seconded.

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

**Approval of Claims**

* Approval for August 17th, 2021 End of Month claims in the amount of $175,149.54 and

September 21st, 2021 claims in the amount of $648,014.06. James moved to approve the claims as presented and Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

**“Winona Happenings”**

September 25, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Oktoberfest in Village at Winona.

October 2, 10:00 a.m. – Grace College Homecoming Parade.

October 7, 7:00 p.m. – Symphony on the Lakes Fall Orchestra Concert at the Heritage Room.

October 16, 10:00 a.m. - Fear is a Liar Color Run 5K run/walk.

October 16, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – WL Community Church Fall Fest.

October 17, 9:00 a.m. – Leaf Kicker 5K/15K/13.1 run/walk.

October 30, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Trick or Treat.

**2022 Budget Review and Public Hearing**

* Kent presented the 2022 Budget to the Council for review. The official adoption will be at the October 19th Council meeting. The 2022 Budget shows an increase of $429,870 in assessed valuation (8.55% increase). 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.
* Rick opened the Public Hearing for any questions or comments.
* Discussion followed.
* In hearing no further questions, Rick closed the Public Hearing.

**Resolution 2021-9-2 KEDCo Incentives and Policies and Procedures**

* Susie Light is filling in for KEDCo CEO Alan Tio. KEDCo is requesting that the Town of Winona Lake adopt the Kosciusko County Economic Development and Redevelopment Incentives Policies and Procedures Handbook.
* James made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-9-2 KEDco Incentives Policies and Procedures Handbook and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2021-9-3 Adoption of Title VI Coordinator and Grievance Procedures**

* The Resolution 2021-9-3 adopts an updated Title VI Implementation Plan and Policy.
* Dennis made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-3 Adoption of Title VI and James seconded. Motion passed.

**Argonne Road Roundabout Supplemental #3 Agreement**

* Supplemental #3 Agreement is with A & Z Engineering for additional utility cost and design for the Argonne Roundabout and coordination with the railroad.
* James made the motion to approve Agreement and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Heritage Trail East Segment 5 Supplemental #1 Agreement**

* The Supplemental Agreement is for the trail segment that runs from Lakeland Christian Academy to Raccoon Run. The trail is being changed from the East side of 250 E to the West side of 250 E.
* Dennis made the motion to approve the Heritage Trail East Segment 5 Supplemental #1 Agreement and James seconded. Motion passed.

**Boys City Stormwater Project**

* Two bids were received for the Boys City Stormwater project. One was from Haskins Underground for $112,550 and the second was from Siteworks for $83,348.12.
* Rob Coppes questioned if this stormwater project would affect his properties at 1600 & 1606 The Pass.
* Discussion followed.
* James made the motion to approve the lowest bid from Siteworks for $83,348.12 and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Railroad Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Roundabout**

* INDOT thought the railroad was charging too much for construction and maintenance.
* Agreement tabled for another meeting.

**Report from Town Engineer**

* Working on Design Standards.
* Working on road projects with turn lanes and sidewalk project.
* Working on some lift stations that need upgrades.
* Working on NIPSCO easements along Pierceton Road and at the ice rink.

**Report from Town Attorney**

* Working on Resolutions.
* Working on KEDCo Resolution 2021-9-2.

**Reports from Supervisors**

* Park Dept./Holly Hummitch – Fundraising starts October 1: Countdown to Completion Donor campaign 2021 – 2022. The cost to complete all phases of WLLP is $1.2M. The perimeter of the Playground is going to be replaced in October. Thanks to Joe Hawn, the lumber and rebar have been donated by Lowes. The Boy Scouts are going to do the work in the park.
* Street Dept./Jason Conley – Online auction is September 23 with some surplus items that were not being used any longer. The Department received the new leaf vac truck and skid loader. The department is training on the new equipment.
* Police Dept./Joe Bumbaugh – Rifles that were approved by the Council have been delivered.
* Fire Dept./Mike Raymer – Air Packs are coming in. The flow testing went very well, some failed but were under warranty. September 30 there will be some burn training out by G & G Hauling.

**Floor Topics**

* New Councilman, Austin Reynolds, was introduced by Zoom.

**Meeting was adjourned –** James motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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