**The Town Council of Winona Lake, Indiana met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. – some attending in person, others by Zoom (video conference).**

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

Austin Reynolds

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (ZOOM):

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Allebach, Laurie Renier, Adam Turner, Aaron Carl, Joe Hawn,

Tim Goshert, Holly Hummitch, and Kevin Gelbaugh

OTHERS PRESENT (ZOOM):

**Opening –** Joe Hawn opened **t**he meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Rick called for additions or corrections to the October 18, 2022, regular session minutes.

Motion to approve the October 18, 2022, regular minutes was made by Denny and Jim seconded. Hearing no additions/corrections, the minutes stand approved as presented.

**Approval of Claims**

* Approval was requested for November 15, 2022, claims in the amount of $524,253.54 and the October 18, 2022, End of Month claims in the amount of $70,382.81. Austin moved to approve the claims as presented and Denny seconded. Motion passed.

**“Winona Happenings”**

November 16, 2:00 p.m. – Miller Sunset Pavilion Ribbon Cutting

November 19, 12 to 8:00 p.m. – Miller Sunset Pavilion Grand Opening (Skating at no cost to the public will be sponsored by K21)

November 19, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village (Lighting Ceremony at 6:15 p.m. next to Letterwood)

November 21 to December 5 – Letters to Santa

December 3, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – KringleFest

December 11 – Christmas in the Village at Winona Heritage Room

**Ordinance 2022-11-1 Salaries of Certain Employees**

* Jim made the motion to consider Ordinance 2022-11-1 Salaries of Certain Employees and Heather seconded. Motion passed.
* Austin made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-11-1 Salaries of Certain Employees and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2022-11-2 Salaries of Other Employees**

* Denny made the motion to consider Resolution 2022-11-2 Salaries of Other Employees and Jim seconded. Motion passed.
* Denny made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-11-2 Salaries of Other Employees and Austin seconded. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2022-11-3 Christmas Bonus**

* Jim made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-11-3 Christmas Bonus and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Inter-Local Agreement for Terminal Services**

* Joe Hawn stated the annual agreement with the County allows for the continued use of shared computer data.
* Heather made the motion to approve the Inter-Local Agreement for Terminal Services and Denny seconded. Motion passed.

**Fuel Agreement**

* Craig said the approval requested would be for Laurie to sign the agreement as the best pricing becomes available.
* Jim made the motion to approve the fuel agreement authorization and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Park Board Appointment**

* Rick said JT Jacobson has been recommended for the park board.
* Denny made the motion to approve JT Jacobson to the park board and Austin seconded. Motion passed.

**Fire Chief Approval**

* Kevin Gelbaugh has been re-elected by the fire department as Fire Chief for the next 3 years.
* Jim made the motion to approve Kevin Gelbaugh as Fire Chief for the next 3 years and Denny seconded. Motion passed.

**Council Communication**

* Denny Duncan announced his success in the elected position on the school board, along with his resignation from this board in accordance with the restriction to serve on only one board.
* Craig shared the resignation letter of Denny and stated a caucus will need to be held in December to fill the vacancy.

**Council Recognition**

* A plaque was presented to Denny in appreciation of his years of dedicated service to the Town of Winona Lake.

**Report from Town Engineer**

* Aaron reported he has been working on several drainage projects and said the pickleball courts have been paved.

**Report from Town Attorney**

* Adam reported he has been working on the paperwork for the opening of the ice rink/pavilion.

**Reports from Supervisors**

* Street Dept./Tim Goshert –Leaf pickup should be complete next week. They will still be picking up brush until the trucks are tied up with salt duty.
* Park Dept./Holly Hummitch –Thanked everyone for their participation in the success of Trick or Treat on the Trails, especially the fire department.
* Fire Dept./Kevin Gelbaugh – Ran out of candy and was thankful for other participants who helped distribute candy. Election of officers for 2023 has taken place. If all goes as planned with law enforcement, the department will be switching over to the new radio system the 8th of December. The rear floating axel on the tanker has been repaired. A final meeting with the truck company took place and $ 3,700 was able to be cut off the price.
* Police Dept./Joe Hawn – They get to be the guinea pigs on the new radios on the 28th. Denny was the keynote speaker for the D.A.R.E. graduation and he did a great job. A grant was awarded through K-Code to cover D.A.R.E. expenses next year, and another grant was awarded to pay for 2 tasers.

**Floor Topics**

* There was a discussion regarding concerns about an incident of loud music at the Miller Sunset Pavilion. A few community members shared concerns. Rick and Craig said they believe the occurrence to be a one-time thing, and not something that will typically be happening at the pavilion and they expressed appreciation for everyone’s patience while they learn the operations and procedures of the new facility.

**Meeting adjourned –** Jim motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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RICK SWAIM LAURIE RENIER

PRESIDENT CLERK TREASURER