

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

March 7, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** and the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Anna Pea.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk-Treasurer, Erica Salmon. Present were Council President Anna Pea, Council Vice President Joe Siefker, Council Member Brian Gritter, Council Member Nicole Bell, and Council Member Aaron Cutshaw. Also Present; April Fisher, Chief Michael Crooke, Christine Owens, Ben Lipps, and Attorney Mitchell Ray. Minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Gray.

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims Register

Motion and Second to approve the Consent Agenda
By Gritter and Cutshaw. **APPROVED 5 – 0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Maximum 5 minutes)

(none)

STAFF REPORTS

Charles Brown, Sugar Creek FD:

- Station 42 is officially open for business. They are increasing both staffing and runs. He invited the council and the public to stop by for a tour of the new facility.

Michael Crooke, Police Chief:

- Chief reported that there was a group out cleaning the trail area last weekend.
- Chief has been meeting with a group of Hancock County first responders every week to plan for and develop responses to active shooters. This includes Active Shooter “Panic Button” technology. A group will be coming in to determine threat assessment in town hall and the back building.

April Fisher, Town Manager:

- **German Church** – Tax credits were awarded. April drafted and sent out a press release coordinated with all involved entities. The developer hopes to break ground before the end of the year.
- **HCI** – The HCI Team will meet again on March 5th to start learning about placemaking.
- **Gem Sale** – Staff has been answering questions as they come in. The error in the appraisal has been fixed. Lowered value of sanitary by \$100,000.
- **Stellar Regions** – OCRA has changed its Stellar Communities to Stellar Regions. Christine and April have finalized the partners for the application. They will be Cumberland, McCordsville, New Palestine, NineStar, and Hancock Health. They will focus on the Mt. Comfort Corridor. This will be taking up the majority of April and Christine’s time until the LOI submission deadline of April 6th.

- **Other** – April attended the HEDC board meeting as well as the IRTC policy committee meeting. She and Christine also met with Anna Gremling with the MPO to discuss the MPO’s push toward a more encompassing strategic plan. They also met with the realtor for the property south east of Carroll and 40 and plan to hopefully develop it. April attended the Far East Side Community Conversation put on by the Mayor’s office. She also attended the open house in New Palestine for the county-wide trails plan.
- **Summer BBB’s** planning is underway. Most of the contracts have been secured, and we are looking for another food vendor for one of the concerts, as Our Restaurant is not available that day.
- **Streetscape:** Spring and summer banners have been ordered.
- **Town Hall bathrooms:** Quotes are being obtained from various companies for upgrades/remodeling of the 5 town hall bathrooms and the replacement of the lobby flooring.
- **Community-wide Calendar:** Renee attended a meeting regarding this.
- **Cumberland Sanitary:** Astbury is working with Aqua Aerobic to upgrade the SCADA and PLCs at the Cumberland plant.
- **Streets:** Mobile 311 is reporting 141 new work orders created and 169 complete in the past 2 weeks.
- Ben hand delivered the **LPA contract agreement with INDOT for the CCMG funds.**
- **CCMG projects** are out to bid. Packets are at town hall to be viewed.
- Staff is continuing to patch roads on days when the roads are clear.
- Ben reported several potholes to Indy.Gov via the **MAC.**
- **Parks:** Browning Day and the Town launched the parks master plan survey.
- **Parks Mobile 311** is showing 73 new work orders with 51 completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Ordinance 2018-03, Reserve Officer Force

Motion and Second to approve Ordinance 2018-03, Reserve Officer Force
By Gritter and Bell. **APPROVED 5 – 0.**

IPL Lights – April Fisher reported that the town does not have a written contract with IPL, and there is no paperwork. Council asked how long the process of changing over to LEDs would take. Council Member Siefker asked for the staff’s opinion. Ben Lipps is in favor of working with IPL. April will investigate the matter further.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2018-04, Amending Employee Handbook, Regarding Work Equipment, Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney

Introduction of Ordinance 2018-05, Amending Employee Handbook, Regarding Accrual and Payout of Vacation Time, Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney

Introduction of Ordinance 2018-06, Establishing Parks Board, Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney

Presentation of Staff Goals – April Fisher gave an update.

Presentation of RDC Annual Report – Christine Owens

Presentation of Stellar Communities Information – Christine Owens

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

- Council Member Gritter asked Chief whether the ordinance on vacation carryover would have any impact on his officers.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Liability Insurance Quotes
- Consideration of Ordinances 2018-04, 2018-05, 2018-06
- Stellar Regions Resolution

ADJOURNMENT

The Town of Cumberland acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to Town sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the Town requests that individuals make requests for these services at least forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements please contact Christine Owens, Director of Planning & Development at (317) 894-6202 or planner@town-cumberland.com.