

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

May 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Minutes

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** and the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council President Joe Siefker.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon. Present were Council President Joe Siefker, Vice President, Anna Pea; Council Members Mark Reynold, Brian Gritter and Nicole Bell. Also present were Town Manager, Andrew Klinger; Director of Public Works, Steve Yagelski; Christine Owens, Director of Planning and Ben Lipps, Street Superintendent and Attorney, Dan Taylor. Minutes were taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Claims Register

Motion and second to approve Consent Agenda
by Pea and Gritter. **APPROVED 5-0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Maximum 5 minutes*)

Doug Engle – Thanks to council for allowing Engle to be a member of the park advisory council. Wants to propose a bicycle tour for staff and council. Engle passed out a pamphlet describing the proposed route. Engle stated that the tour could be done in a little over an hour. Siefker stated that he thought it would be a good idea. Bell concurred, but asked about proposed dates. Pea stated that she also liked the idea, but expressed concern for liability and safety issues.

Karen Lightborn - Indy Parks summer registration is open. Lightborn asked council for feedback to Mayor regarding recent decision made by the Metropolitan Development Commission.

Klinger - The decision was disappointing. The adoption of the Comprehensive plan last year was positive, but this was the first challenge and it was a fail. The MDC didn't take the input of the professional staff of the town. We put our trust in the MDC and they did not help us.

Pea – Said she feels kicked – it was wrong with the moratorium. This tells everybody that they don't think much of the east side.

Reynold - MDC appears to have a format on meeting and decisions. They do not recognize that we have our own department of planning and development. Instead of looking at the issues, the City of Indianapolis failed us again on their ability to address the needs of smaller communities. The Commission ignored our plans, it has happened over and over. When push comes to shove they will do what they want to do.

Pea we are included town, we shouldn't be. We don't get one dime for economic development. We didn't get any help from Indianapolis for our streetscape and trail, they should be proud of us, but they kick us. (Applause)
We aren't going to give up.

STAFF REPORTS

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

Klinger referenced written report. MDC did approve re zoning request for the German Church 4-2. Eight were present, 2 recused. The petition moves to next step, City County Council. Will most likely be certified for June

8th council meeting. Staff will talk strategy and next steps. Klinger encouraged council to contact your cc council member.

Town received a grant for \$7k that will help us renovate tennis court at Lions Park from the Hancock County Community Foundation. This will improve quality of place. HCCF decided to put their money where their mouth is. We presented 3 projects, this is the one they chose. The project will start in mid to late June. VP Pea was at the reception and received the check. The HCCF Fully funded the project. Town don't have to contribute. In 2016 they will do it again. There are a number of other projects for Lions Park including the ball diamond. Reynold asked if TJ Crawford contacted staff about Lions Park. He has a landscape business and would be interested in doing some free work. The coaches of the baseball teams are willing to help out and donate labor. Pea has an idea for a piece of playground equipment for older kids.

Mt. Vernon school district has a new Superintendent will take over for Dr. Riggs. Klinger attended a reception for Dr. Robbins. The school board is very interested in the Superintendent be engaged with the community.

Erica Salmon, Clerk Treasurer

Salmon referenced written report. Appropriations were grouped together to provide a high level snapshot of the first quarter activity. Most lines have 75% or more of the approved appropriation remaining. Right on target for the end of the first quarter. Klinger mentioned that the Liability Insurance was not yet paid in the first quarter. Council expressed appreciation for a summary report.

James Riddle, Police Officer

Apologized that Chief Crooke wasn't able to attend the meeting. Riddle stated that all of the officers were getting firing range. Reynold thanked Chief for public safety forum

OLD BUSINESS

Re-introduction of 2015-03 Additional Appropriation for Streets and roads capital projects

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

Council approved this resolution already. It was submitted to DLGF but was returned for insufficient notice. We also had some technical issues with the public hearing.

Consideration of Ordinance 2015-04 regarding Appointment of Special Deputy Marshals

Dan Taylor, Town Attorney

This ordinance will amend the code to make special deputy appointments for VIN checks. Two civilian employees will be appointed as Special Deputies for the sole purpose of doing VIN checks. Chief Crooke has asked that you make this change to more quickly respond to VIN check requests without pulling officers off the street

Motion and second to approve 2015-04
by Gritter and Pea. **APPROVED 5-0**

Municipal Drive Access and Parking Easement

Christine Owens, Director of Planning

Owners of old CVS building are working with tenant to allow parking, loading and access for truck circulation. They agreed to do a black bollard that we will approve. Circulation for delivery trucks has been reviewed by BF&S.

Motion and second to authorize Town Manager to Execute Agreement regarding
Municipal Drive access and parking easement.
by Reynold and Bell. **APPROVED 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2015-05
Revising the 2015 Salary Ordinance

Andrew Klinger, Town Manager

The first change is a fix for utility billing clerks. They were left of the approved ordinance last fall as an oversight Anna Dever has retired and staff has discussed how to utilize that position to the fullest. Steve needs help managing the boards and addressing customer service issues. Staff proposes a utility office assistant that could help with billing, manage customer service and support Steve. The job description will be updated and should include an increase in pay. Sufficient funds are available in the budget. The street department has gone through a difficult transition. They have been understaffed. We've been lucky to get a solid crew and brought in Brandon full time. Staff would also like to make Shawn and Tyler full time. They do facility maintenance, grounds maintenance etc. This is one additional position from last year, but historically below what we have had in the past. Reynold thanked Klinger for the report and written explanation and expressed his support for the changes.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Pea – thanked Lipp for coming out at 10 pm to put up signs for election day
Gritter congratulated Pea on her victory in the primary.
Pea is honored to serve for four more years. She is excited to have good staff in all the departments and all positions.
Town is more organized and backing each other up. Klinger thanked Pea and said are building a good team.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT 7:55 pm