

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

September 16, 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, and Nicole Bell. Brian Gritter was absent. Also present were Director of Planning, Christine Owens; Streets Supervisor Ben Lipps; Renee Michael, Executive Assistant; Director of Public Works, Steve Yagelski; and Attorney, Dan Taylor. Minutes were taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Town Council Minutes for September 2nd, 2015

Motion and second to approve Consent Agenda
by Bell and Pea. **APPROVED 4-0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Maximum 5 minutes*)

None

STAFF REPORTS

Michael Crooke, Chief of Police

Chief Crooke introduced John West as the new Assistant Chief. West came from Shelbyville Police Department and has 24 years law enforcement experience.

Director of Planning, Christine Owens

The Honors park ceremony will be the first Sunday in October. Five generations of the family will be present. Board of Zoning Appeals met this month and approved one variance case.

Streets Supervisor, Ben Lipps

Globe Asphalt came out to do touch up work and crack sealing in district 5. Lipps is looking into "Sharrows" lane markings to let people know the road is shared with bicycles. The tow lawn mowers previously approved for purchase have been received. Street Department is very happy with them. There have been some Graffiti issues, department used seal coat to cover the graffiti that was on the asphalt because graffiti remover won't work in that area.

Director of Public Works, Steve Yagelski

Pleased to report Oak West repairs are complete. Maaco project is done, but still working with owner on storm water issues. Jason has been active going to neighborhoods and distribute flyers on grass clippings and their effects on storm water drainage. Several sink holes have been identified, Wessler is working on solutions.

Consideration/Discussion Ben Lipps
Emergency Response Liaison

Joe Siefker, Council President

Chief Crooke referenced letters of recommendation included in the packet. This appointment will help us seek grants and get training. He will be official liaison to Hancock County and Marion County. Siefker asked how much more work load this

assignment will entail. Crooke answered that it won't be much right now as it is a new position. There is training that will take place on Sept 22.

Motion and second to approve Ben Lipps appointment as Emergency Response Liaison by Reynold and Bell. **APPROVED 4-0**

Consideration / Discussion Renee' Michael
Director of External Communications & Events Manager

Joe Siefker, Council President

A proposed title change for admin assistant will shift her focus to external communications and events management. This change will add to work load and expand what she currently does. It will include organizing events and community leaders. Pea stated that she is really hoping this will pay off and help market the town.

Motion and second to approve Title Change from Administrative Assistant to Director of External Communications & Events Manager

by Bell and Pea. **APPROVED 4-0**

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Becky Weir/Park Board

Director of Planning, Christine Owens

The board can be up to 10 members. There are currently 5, this appointment would but it at 6

Motion and second to approve appointment of Becky Weir to the Park Board by Bell and Pea. **APPROVED 4-0**

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of 2015-10 ordinance
Amending Chapter 155 of the Town

Director of Planning, Christine Owens

This was introduced at the last meeting. Primary difference is for inspection fees for new construction to cove the increased cost for contracting services out. Also added a misc. inspection that will cover other things that would not increase. If approved, this will be noticed in the paper and take effect January 1st, 2016.

Motion and second to approve Resolution 2015-10 by Reynold and Bell **APPROVED 5-0**

Substantial Completion of 2015 Street Projects
and Final Invoice from Globe Asphalt

Ben Lipps, Streets Superintendent

Bulk of street projects were completed. At the last meeting council mentioned issues with Derbyshire. Staff went back to contractor and came up with a solution. Recommend we move forward.

Motion and second Execute letter of substantial completion and pay final invoice to Globe Asphalt by Reynold and Pea **APPROVED 5-0**

Consideration of 2015-2020
Capital Improvement Plan

Joe Siefker, Council President

Motion to table so we have a chance to do a work session to go over it.

Motion to table Consideration of the 2015-2020 Capital Plan
by Reynold and Pea **TABLED 4-0**

Consideration of Ordinance 2015-08 Appropriating
Funds for a Twenty Seventh Payroll and
Legal Expenses

Erica Salmon, Clerk Treasurer

This additional appropriation will pay for the additional pay in 2015 as well as increases in legal fees.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
7:30

Joe Siefker, Council President

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 7:31

Motion and second to approve Resolution 2015-08
by Gritter and Bell **APPROVED 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of MG Landscape contract renewal

Street Department worked with MG in 2015. Worked well with communications and suggestions. Lipps asked for a quote for 2016 that included adding trees and mulching and maintaining tree rings. Quote for 2016 came in at \$24,626. Lipps would like to work with attorney to execute a contract. Pea asked that the trail head at Mt. Comfort Road be added into the contract.

Motion and second to authorize Lipps to execute a contract with MG Landscape not to exceed \$24,626
by Reynold and Bell. **APPROVED 4-0**

Introduction of Resolution 2015-06
Resolution Appealing Maximum Levy

Erica Salmon, Clerk Treasurer

The resolution will appeal the maximum property tax levy to include newly annexed property.

Motion and second to approve Resolution 2015-06
by Reynold and Bell. **APPROVED 4-0**

Introduction of 2015-12 Additional
Appropriation to Weihnachtsmarkt

Director of Planning, Christine Owens

There is cash in the bank that came in from donars and vendors in 2014. This additional appropriation will allow these funds (\$3,800) to be spent on the 2015 Weihnachtsmarkt.

Introduction of Resolution 2015-13
Authorizing spending authority to Department Heads

Dan Taylor, Attorney

This will provide additional purchasing agents in the absence of a town manager.

Motion and second to suspend rules
By Reynold and Pea **APPROVED 4-0**
Motion and second to approve Resolution 2015-13
by Reynold and Bell. **APPROVED 4-0**

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Reynold – would like to ask for an agenda item for Weihnachtsmarkt update. Would like us to do banners for the Bicentennial and requests that they be up before the end of this year, all of 2016 and into 2017. We have a lot of travelers from out of state. Would like something by the next council meeting.

Pea - appreciates staff stepping to the plate without a town manager.

Siefker – We have been committed to saving the church building from the beginning. Our goal is to work with a developer to do a historic adaptive reuse project at this site. We have made an offer to purchase a 6-month option on the property to allow us to try to further these goals. We are disappointed in the comments in today’s Greenfield Reporter and await the Church’s official response. We will not comment any further on this issue nor will we negotiate through the press.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT 7:25pm

APPROVED