

Town of Cambridge City

October 8, 2018

Council Chambers: 6:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of Council members of the town of Cambridge City was called to order by Council President Jeff Mardis on the 8th day of October, 2018. Those council members in attendance were Mr. Sorah, Mrs. McGinley, Mr. Riggs and Mr. Worl. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Ervin, Town attorney Bob Bever, Superintendent of Public Works Doug Young, Town Marshal Richard Roberts, Fire Chief Jeff Gabbard, WCTV, and several guests.

Mrs. McGinley made a motion accepting the minutes for the September 10th, 13th and 20th meetings as written. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. McGinley made a motion accepting the claims # 5071 – 5139 and payroll claims # 7682 – 7745 that were presented for payment. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Scott Powell of the Resurrection Church in Pershing presented a plan to provide meals to the hungry in Cambridge City and the surrounding towns starting in 2019. Powell wanted to offer a partnership with the town in passing out meals for those in need. Powell wants to create “safe zones” such as town halls or fire stations as possible meal sites for distributing the 25 to 50 meals instead of handing the meals out at a church. Council was in favor of handing out meals to anyone in need but questioned whether giving permission to one organization would result in more requests for usage of town facilities with the same or similar ideas. A motion was made by Mr. Sorah to table any further discussion until the November meeting. Mrs. McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mardis adopting Ordinance #6-2018, the 2019 budget. Mrs. McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Attorney Bever advised the total budget is \$1,272,565, which is just \$10,906, or 9/10th of 1 percent higher than last year. Even though raises will be given to town employees in 2019, other cuts have been made in the budget to keep the increase low.

President Mardis discussed the updated list of all council members who currently are on committees and discussed the need to replace any who have left the committees. Council member Dan Worl agreed to replace Mark McCarty on the Western Wayne Regional Sewage District. Worl also agreed to join the town’s Advisory Plan Commission. Mardis also advised Brenda McLane has agreed to take the open Democrat seat on the plan commission alongside Rebecca Spurgeon who has been appointed to replace the late Dr. Richard Amick for a Republican seat on the plan commission and also the Board of Zoning Appeals. One person has to serve on both commissions. The next meeting will be in January 2019.

Superintendent Doug Young and Jeff Mardis met with the Economic Development Corp. of Wayne County to look at the possible water storage upgrades at Gateway Industrial Park depending on future needs of businesses at the park. Indiana requires 24 hours of water storage and if more companies come in, there wouldn’t be enough water stored to serve the park for 24 hours, according to Young.

Young announced leaf pick up will begin October 22, 2018. The schedule will be posted in Western Wayne News, on Facebook and the town's website.

A motion was made by Mr. Sorah to pursue insurance quotes for town employees' health insurance for 2019 medical plan. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. All quotes will be presented at the November meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mardis allowing Attorney Bever to write a letter to the title company in hopes of resolving the issue of a property line on Gay Street. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The letter would be addressed to the title company to reassure the homeowner that the town has no interest in the land and are fine with the people owning all the way to Gay Street. Bever would like to avoid more formal action including a petition for vacation or abandonment of the area that the title company is seeking.

An update from Cambridge City Police officer Matt Smarrelli advised the town is currently taking applications until October 26 with the physical agility test to be given October 27. This process will be to replace a retiring officer and also the possibility of losing 2 officers next month.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGinley allowing Fire Chief Jeff Gabbard to hold a Halloween parade at 5:30 at the old Central School and then trick or treat for the town will be from 6 – 8:00.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. McGinley with Mr. Riggs seconding the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be November 12th at 6:00 p.m.