

Town of Cambridge City
Council Meeting
Monday, July 13th, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Cambridge City met in a scheduled meeting Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the regular place, the Town Hall, 127 N. Foote Street, Cambridge City, Indiana.

The Town Council President, Dan Worl presided. The Town Clerk-Treasurer, Sherry Ervin, was present to attest the proceedings. The meeting was opened with President Dan Worl leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Debbie McGinley, Steve Sorah, Nathan Riggs, and Jeff Mardis. A quorum was attained.

Also Present: Robert Bever, Town Attorney; Richard Roberts, Town Marshal; Jeff Gabbard, Fire Chief and WCTV. Present by electronic phone call were Jim King, Millie Emery and Brenda McLane, Western Wayne News reporters.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Debbie McGinley moved the approval of the June minutes as written and approval of the June claims to be paid # 6476 - 6542 and the payroll claims # 9048 - 9124 that were presented for payment. Also, in this motion was the June monthly financial statement. Jeff Mardis seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Guest Jim King spoke to council regarding the potential upkeep and cleaning up properties around town. His thoughts are to create a program and reward the reduction of improving some of the bad situations around town. He would like to offer support from the Main Street group and hopes the Chamber would get involved to help the town work on this problem. King thinks the town should have resources and action to take if the progress on the properties is not taken care of. Councilor Mardis suggested the Advisory Board could get something started from the Comprehensive Master Plan ideas. A meeting will be set up August 4th for all the Advisory Planning Committee to meet and approve the Comprehensive Master Plan at the Golay Community Center.

An update on the Employee Handbook was given by Attorney Bever. A motion to approve the updated personnel policy except sections 36.12 and 36.14 was made by Jeff Mardis. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A lengthy discussion on prayer before a regular council meeting began with the Town Attorney quoting the last Supreme Court ruling on this topic in 2014 upholding the town's right to have prayer at its meeting. A motion was made by Jeff Mardis to move forward with prayer inviting various clergy to say prayer right before the regular council meeting. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and four council members voted yes. Debbie McGinley, Mardis, Riggs and Worl and Steve Sorah voted no. The motion passed. The Wayne County Ministerial Assoc. will be invited to lead prayer.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley to pass Resolution #2-2020 extending no-penalties on the July water bills. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed. President Worl advised the Governor extended the date to turn off the utility until August. President Worl and Clerk Treasurer Ervin will get together and work on a payment plan to help those who are behind get caught up to avoid any disconnection of utility service.

A motion was made by Steve Sorah to put a minimum bid of \$1500.00 for the old fire truck bed that the town no longer is using and is interested in selling. Nathan Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. A sealed bid will take place soon.

Guest Lyndon Wicker, Jackson Township Trustee has monies available for a new aerial fire truck and to lease the truck to the town for \$1.00 per year for 10 years. In exchange for the truck, Cambridge City would agree not to increase the amount the township pays per year for fire protection which is currently \$15,500 annually. Wicker thinks the township could purchase a new aerial truck for the department for \$160,000. Council President Worl advised the aging truck has a low resale value but could be traded in toward accessories or possibly sold to Mexico where there is less insurance restrictions than the United States. A motion was made by Nathan Riggs to enter into a lease agreement with Jackson Township for the purchase of a fire truck. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

A budget workshop has been set for July 27th at 6:00 to discuss the 2021 budget. The property tax deadline has been extended to July 10th causing the normal June payment to the town nearly \$40,000 short. The revenue shortfalls for 2021 will be gasoline tax because of less gas purchased as residents stayed home except for essential travel and the MVH monies. The projected shortage of about \$12,000 is from miscellaneous funds.

President Worl shared information about the pre-engineering report from Commonwealth Engineers about the possibility of upgrading and combining water systems for Gateway Industrial Park and the town. Worl thinks the biggest reason not to combine the systems right now is financing. On Cambridge City's side, a well is not operational, and some areas need to be redone in town. Capacity is the major concern for the industrial park. The project would be nearly \$30 million total with one water system upgrade costing \$14 million and one costing \$16 million. Ratepayers cannot take on that much of a burden so the engineers will try to scale down the operations.


A motion was made by Debbie McGinley approving a request to close the first block north (to Front Street) and south (to the alley) of Foote Street from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. August 8 for a new event organized by Norma Bertsch and Tonya King called "Junk in the Trunk." Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Debbie McGinley made a motion approving the quote from Architectural Restoration Technique to repair the West wall of 240 E. Main Street. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The quote includes replacement of approx. 90 bricks and approx. 75 sq. ft of mortar repointing. The brick replacement is \$450.00 and the repointing is \$1875.00 and will be paid out of the EDIT building improvement fund.

Councilor Nathan Riggs gave an update on the U.S. 40 work in 2021, advising INDOT will coordinate with the town to provide a temporary sidewalk detour to install Americans with Disabilities Act ramps at Center Street and U.S. 40, and close four corners of Lincoln Drive and U.S. 40 for a few days each.

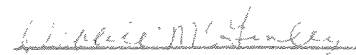
A motion was made by Debbie McGinley approving the park request form from Kaitlyn Pelsor to have a party for her former 1st grade students and parents July 26th. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.


Motion to adjourn was made by Debbie McGinley. Jeff Mardis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The August regular council meeting has been changed to August 18th at 6:00 p.m.



Council President


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ATTEST: 
Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Cambridge City
July 27, 2020
Council Chambers: 6:00 p.m.

A specially scheduled meeting of Council members of the Town of Cambridge City, for the primary purpose of conducting a budget workshop, was called to order by Council President Dan Worl on the 27th of July 2020. Those council members in attendance were Steve Sorah, Debbie McGinley, Nathan Riggs, and Jeff Mardis. Also in attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Sherry Ervin; Town attorney Bob Bever; Town Marshal Richard Roberts; and Fire Chief Jeff Gabbard.

Moving into the discussion on the upcoming Budget, Town attorney Bever walked council through a rough draft prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer Sherry Ervin of projected expenditures, seeking direction from Council members for any changes for the 2021 year or to leave specific line totals alone. Bever advised of a number he thinks the general budget could be increased by, based on cash in hand and looking at what the state projects monies received from the state will be while still keeping the total tax levy the same. Bob and Sherry will meet August 21st with DLGF to share the budgeted numbers and will post the information in GATEWAY. September 2nd, the budget will be published in the newspaper and September 14th will be the public hearing on the budget. The budget needs to be adopted on or before October 12th, 2020 and submitted to the State after the October 12th council meeting and before November 1, 2020.

Discussion then followed regarding the several funds, adding monies and/or taking money away from appropriations all of which was discussed heavily and changes will be made accordingly in order to keep the real estate tax the same as last year. It was generally the consensus that all police, town workers, council members, Richard, Glendora, and Sherry should receive an increase of 2% on their salary.


Based upon all the above discussion, Attorney Bever will put together the necessary forms for the 2021 budget and give copies to each council member.

In other business, a motion was made by Debbie McGinley allowing the Golay Community Center to hold their annual 5k fundraiser Monster Mash, October 10, 2020. Nathan Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley approving Milestone to close Center Street for 2 days. The closure will include U.S. 40 and Church Street and Front and Center Street (east side) to do repairs on the street & sidewalks on or after August 3rd. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley approving a trip for the Fire Chief Gabbard to rent a car and drive to Alabama, August 13th to look for a fire truck. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Debbie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Sorah seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.




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