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Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024
Town Hall– 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Council Members Present: Scott Jones, Bryan Burney, Chad Gooding, John Price
- Staff Present: Paul Casey, Ron Crider, Ryan Crum, Tim Gropp, Erik Pullum
- Clerk-Treasurer: Stephanie Crider
- Town Attorney: Beth Copeland

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the February 13th meeting minutes. Gooding. 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

- Posted online.

Public Comments for non-agenda items

- Anne Hammond, Director of Advancement at Holy Cross, explained her position with her Church and School.

Committee & Staff Reports

- **Finance Committee:** Met and reviewed different bank accounts and what funds are allocated to each account.
- **Parks Board**: Discussed the new Park's Director job description and when the job would be posted. They discussed the ball field and whether it should be shut down during construction of the Old School Park. There was discussion on the price of vendors for various events and they also discussed playground equipment and the different costs.
- **Redevelopment Commission**: Did not meet.
- **Vernon Township Fire Committee**: We will get a review of this next meeting.
- **Public Works Committee**: They discussed the snow removal policy and a sign placement on a specific road as well as the consent agenda item to be discussed later.
- **Architectural Review Committee:** They approved Pyatt Builder's request for product approval and anti-monotony for Area E of Colonnade.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**: There was a special exception that could not be considered but they are anticipating will return at the April meeting.

- **Plan Commission:** They discussed Jacobi Legacy Farm's PUD and their request for continuance until the March 19th meeting and they reviewed and approved RealAmerica's request for their development plan.
- **McCord Square Review Committee:** Did not meet.

Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda included the Public Safety Report and Leonard Excavating Inc. invoice for emergency sewer repair.
- Mr. Burney questioned why they had to perform the emergency sewer repair.
- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the consent agenda as presented. Price. 4-0

Old Business

Update, timing, and discussion on South Railroad Street Area

- Mr. Gropp explained the area where the Culver's is going to be located and they will need to keep Indiana Street open during construction on Railroad Street. He further explained that they will be maintaining the road by placing stone on Indiana Street as it will need to be used during construction. He further explained some of the differences in surveys and the need for compromising to do what's best for the Town.
- Mr. Crum discussed his meeting with Dr. Harbin and the trash company that needs to access his property to collect the trash.

New Business

Ordinance 031224 – Appropriating Funds CEDIT First Reading

- Mr. Burney questioned the fund and its absence in the Financial Report; however it was named something other than what was listed in the Ordinance.

Ordinance 031224A – Amending the Public Records Request First Reading

- Mr. Gropp stated that we are updating the public records request.

Ordinance 031224B – Amending Noise Ordinance First Reading

- Mr. Price explained the process behind what was discussed by their committee and the need for a noise specialist and how difficult it is to set up a noise Ordinance. Mr. Price discussed all the different factors that go into creating a Noise Ordinance.

- Mr. Price further discussed some of the confusion with the previous Ordinance and what needed to be changed. He further explained more of the processes of simplifying the Ordinance and certain items that were removed.
- Mr. Jones questioned the decibel levels.
- Mr. Price went into further discussion about decibel levels.
- Mr. Burney questioned the position of the measurement of the reading of the decibel levels. He also questioned why there are question marks and notes within the Ordinance. Mr. Crum explained that this was a working document that was used and had staff and legal notes.
- There was further discussion between Mr. Burney and legal counsel.
- Mr. Burney stated that he would like the decibel level to be lowered and that the penalty section needs to be very specific on the calendar year.
- Further discussion ensued.

Ordinance 031224C – Establishing a Procedure to Obtain a Special Events Permit Fist Reading

- Mr. Price explained the need for this Ordinance to replace the current policy and discussed the important sections of the Ordinance.
- Mr. Burney questioned the use of the word "and" throughout the document and the fact that we need to provide a hard number to the amount of people at the special event.
- Mr. Burney also questioned the use of the verbiage "members of the general public." Ms. Copeland explained that any language that is offensive can be taken out.
- Ms. Copeland suggested that Mr. Burney sit down with Mr. Price to discuss his concerns and then that would be brought back to the subcommittee.
- Mr. Price further explained the changes to the Special Events Permit.

Approval of new Permit & Inspection Software

- Mr. Crum explained that they currently use iWorq as their permit software and the need for more advanced software.
- Mr. Pullum explained their choice for the new software, Cloudpermit, and why it is the best choice going forward.
- Mr. Burney questioned the training aspect of this new software and updates.
- Mr. Pullum described what the training process would look like going forward.
- Motion by Mr. Burney to accept the Cloudpermit contract agreement subject to satisfactory legal review and authorize Council President Brewer to sign once legal has approved. Price. 4-0

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Assistant Town Manager's Report

- **Project Status Report:** Mr. Crum explained the addition of lot numbers that they added to the report, per Mr. Price's suggestion. He also went into further explanation of the working document that will be brought back as projects progress.

Town Manager's Report

- Mr. Gropp gave a brief preview of the design of the new website.

Town Councilor's Comments

- Mr. Burney discussed the need for a policy on connecting to the sewer system when septic systems fail.

Voucher Approval

- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the vouchers. Price. 4-0

Adjournment

- Motion by Mr. Burney to adjourn the meeting. Price. 4-0 7:57pm

Minutes Approval

These minutes approved this 9th day of April.

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Greg Brewer, Council President

Attest: _____

Stephanie Crider, Clerk-Treasurer