

Minutes and proceedings of the meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana.

Be it remembered that the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana held a called meeting at the Hope Town Hall in said town at 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2018.

A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following council members: Ohmer Miller (President), Jerry Bragg (Vice-President), Clyde Compton, Ed Johnson and Nellie Meek. Town Manager JT Doane and Clerk Treasurer Diane Burton was also present.

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ohmer Miller.

OLD BUSINESS:

STUDENT'S FUND OF HOPE PARK REQUEST

Whitney Budd stated movie night on the square was previously approved at a Council Meeting. There are children's activities that are starting at 7:00 p.m. We had planned these activities and then got into contact with Zoo'Opolis after we received Council approval. We thought this would be great for kids and would bring more of the community out. We went ahead and partnered with them and announced it. We didn't realize that we would need Council approval. Whitney shared with the Council what the funds raised at this event will specifically go toward. Whitney confirmed that both Student's Fund of Hope and Zoo'Opolis will provide insurance. Kathleen Bowman, owner of Zoo'Opolis, shared their part of the fund raiser and shared the animals that they plan to have at the event. There will be a request for a five dollar donation to pet the animals. Ohmer asked if there has been any history of biting. Kathleen answered no. Kathleen explained Zoo'Opolis is a petting zoo. The animals are pets and behave as pets. This is their normal world. There is no bite history. They have all had their shots. There was discussion on space and where the petting zoo will be located. Stephanie Long talked about the volunteers and their participation. Nellie spoke about the rules and regulations of the Town when an event is held on Town property. Clyde stated I was initially against it. When I read the article in The Republic, I changed my mind. I think it is very needed. Whitney stated every dollar that we bring in, goes right back into the needs. Whitney and Stephanie talked about what the fund has already contributed to. Whitney stated there was a lot of people in town who was willing to give, there just wasn't an outlet. We are just providing an outlet. The funds are for the Town, for the students and for the families that need it. That is what we are all about is connecting the community of Hope with the students of Hope. That is the goal of our organization. There was discussion on how donations can be made. There was discussion on the process of determining the need. Clyde suggested they join Heritage of Hope's nonprofit organization. Whitney explained why they feel it is important to be their own entity and to be able to immediately help a need as it arises without having to take it before a board. **Clyde made a motion to allow Zoo'Opolis on the square. Nellie seconded. Motion carries 3/0. 1 Abstain.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Jane Burd

Attest

Chapman

Nellie Mack

William Johnson

Jerry Briggs

Chapman