

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 February 15, 2022.

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

The prayer was given by Jerry Bragg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Bragg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes 12/21/2021 & 1/25/2022

John made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS

Clyde made a motion for the approval of the claims. John seconded. Motion carries 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

SECURITY CAMERAS – UTILITY OFFICE AND NORMAN PARK

Matt Tallent stated you've received an updated quote for Norman Park. We did add a camera for the utility department for a total of two cameras. The quote includes a weatherproof enclosure for the Aiken Street park which will be a cheap option. They are recommending we put it up high on the pole. The total of the projects is \$8865.00. We will need wireless internet which will cost \$30 per month. Ohmer asked if it can be made a hot spot. Matt confirmed it can be made a hot spot at no additional cost. **Ed made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.** Matt stated I will contact Hoosier Security tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARK REQUEST – SMOKE ON THE SQUARE

Dave Miller, Community Center of Hope, requested use of the square on May 13, 14 & 15. Dave stated we intend to bring the event back to full strength as it has been in the past. We would like to block off the parking adjacent to the square and the middle row parking around the three sides of the square so teams can bring in their equipment and allow us to accept lots of teams for the competition. It is an event that we bring in a lot of people from out of town and we get to show off the town. The Community Center, also, makes a fair amount of money that we use for educational opportunities, the food bank and all the associated costs with running the building and staff. **John made a motion to approve the park request. Ed seconded.** Ohmer stated you are going to make sure there is access to the playground. Dave confirmed. **Motion carries 5/0.**

DAVEY TREE TREATMENT

David Clouse stated you should have a copy of the Davey Tree Contract for this year. This is the year to treat all Ash borers. The total is \$4,357.00 for treatment for pest to all the trees plus the Emerald Ash Borers, there are three downtown and two at Norman Park. **Clyde made a motion to approve the annual contract as presented. Ed seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

SQUARE (DOWNTOWN) STREET SIGNS

David Clouse stated you received drawings in your packets. David reviewed the handouts. David stated the signs will be black lettering on white which is more historical. The backer plates go behind the red stop signs. They will have black post and black hardware. The total cost is \$4284.52. John asked if we have to have the new signs. David answered they are not up to code. I thought the Main Street project might replace them but it did not. Ed asked about the size. David explained the size requirements. **Ed made a motion to approve David's recommendation as presented. Clyde seconded. Motion carries 5/0.**

2022 BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Jerry Bragg stated John confirmed James Cave will continue to be on the Plan Commission. Clyde will reach out to Andrea Wallace to see if she will remain on the Edit Committee.

ARP FUNDS

It was decided that a Town Council Special meeting will be held on March 1st at 5:30.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT SUBMITTED REPORTS

*A Police and Utilities report has been given to the council prior to the meeting to review and kept on file at the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Pastor Ed stated my wife saw on TV where the Hope gym is going to be renovated. Is the town going to have any involvement with that? Jerry said I know years back we looked at it. I have not heard anything else lately. Ed Johnson stated I have a party that is interested in maybe taking the gym over. They say they have money to do the renovations. Jerry said at one time there was floor plans drawn up. Ed stated it is a WPA or CCC project. It is eligible for federal grants if someone wants to work on it. Chelsea Warriner made a comment on Facebook live stating it is a community center property. The gym is in poor condition. We are working with people to figure out what our next options are.

Clyde stated I have noticed for years the signage here at town hall is either antiquated or it's just not there. I started looking for some signage that I thought might fit down here. I happened across one that is idea for our Clerk Treasurer Department. A humorous sign was presented to Diane Burton.

Ed Johnson stated David and I went and looked at a trailer the other day. It was not what we needed. I'm still looking for a good, used trailer. There was some discussion on a trailer. David stated quotes are only good for one day due to the cost of steel prices. I decided it might be easier to find a used one in order to get approval. I made some temporary repairs to the one that we have.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Diane Burt

Attest

Jan

Clyde Campbell

William E. Brown

Debra M. Meltz