

October 20, 2015

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council Vice President, Warren Schacht, joined us via conference set up in the meeting room of the town hall and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the meeting minutes from the September 15, 2015 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the fund report for September 15, 2015; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve the bills in the amount of \$109,285.78 (ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY EIGHT CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle; MS4 Coordinator in attendance to report that Rick Brown had two rule five reviews and one rule 13 review. Also, she reported that an SOP was sent to Ms. Joshleen Denham to put on all town occupied dumpsters. These are the Standard Operating Procedures for all dumpsters and are routine practices that minimize pollutants from entering into the stormwater infrastructure as a result of municipal operation activities. Ms. Denham will forward to Street Commissioner Jeff Bruder to put on the one town occupied dumpster.

Kate also indicated that the Good Housekeeping audit went well per Reggie.

Attorney: Attorney Herrbach in attendance and wanted to discuss IC 5-15-1.5-3.5 which talks about the use of electronic communications. This has come up because council president Warren Schacht, will be using a phone to conduct town meetings due to him being called out of town with his full time job. Mr. Herrbach gave a brief overview of the code and then indicated that it is within the code to attend meetings this way, however he will be unable to make a vote on any decisions officially by can indicate his recommendation and that will be put into the meeting minutes.

All other reports for the attorney will be done so under the old business section of the meeting.

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance and wanted to report that the paving for the street improvement project is now complete. He also indicated that it

would be a few extra thousand dollars due to some extra work that had to be completed. He also would like for the street department to look at a tree with dead limbs at Coolspring and Oakland Avenue.

Street Department: Mr. Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner not in attendance but left some notes as to what was happening in his department. 2015 leaf season has begun and the dates will be October 20, 2015 through November 25, if the weather permits all residents will receive 5-6 pickups.

Also, both Coolspring and LaPorte county have been made aware of area street closures due to the 2015 Street Improvement Projects.

Vandalism at Nelson Park is still a problem, utility poles have been put in place to curb the vandals.

One last item, there is no delivery date on the new street trucks as of yet, hopefully by the end of this year.

The new Kubota lawn mower is located in the town hall garage for council to see if they would like.

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance. He wanted to discuss again the Park Hours and recommends 6:00 a.m. to Sunset. A motion was made by Jeff Studtman to revise the park hours ordinance, John Bayler seconded the motion and and was then unanimously carried.

LaPorte County would like to upgrade radios to digital, Marshal Dick will keep council informed as he becomes aware of the financial burden as well as a time line for this.

LaPorte County would like to make the interact standard for report writing, this may cost the town several thousand dollars. He will keep council aware of this.

Old Business:

1. Revisions to the electrical code. Mr. Herrbach and Mr. Switzer, Town Electrical Inspector have reviewed the code. Mr. Switzer would like to add such things as GCFI outlets in kitchens and bathrooms. Also it was recommended to review the pool ordinance for GCFI outlets for use on pool pumps. It was also recommended by the electrical inspector the need for permits for roofing, siding and windows, to protect the residents from poor workmanship done by some contractors.

Mr. Herrbach will review in further detail, and report back at the next meeting.

2. Revisions to the Firework Ordinance: Mr. Herrbach believes that the majority of concern surrounding the use of commercial grade fireworks is covered by the state regulations. However, he will review and report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Adoption of the 2016 Budget. Ms. Denham read aloud the budgets as posted in the Gateway Software:

Casino/Riverboat	\$ 200,403.00
General	\$ 627,035.00
Local Road & Street	\$ 18,348.00
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$ 235,691.00
Major Moves	\$ 22,800.00
CCD(Cum. Cap. Development)	\$ 14,000.00
CCI (Cum. Cap. Imp Tax)	\$ 20,382.00
CCD (Economic Dev. Income Tax)	\$ 80,293.00
Trash/Sanitation	<u>\$ 188,902.00</u>
TOTALS:	\$1,407,854.00

A motion was made by Ms. Heath to approve the above budgets for 2016 the motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

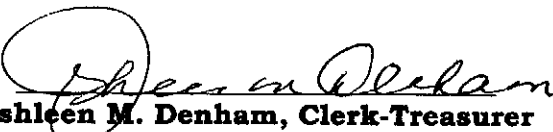
Ms. Denham informed council that the budgets and a copy of the signed ordinance would be uploaded to Gateway tomorrow morning.

Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Stark in attendance from 2109 Red Oak Drive, she wanted to thank the council and the engineer for how great the streets look following the street improvement projects.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: no comment

Council Comment: There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Heath to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED: 
Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: November 17, 2015