

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 2003

Mr. Forbes called the St. John Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michael Forbes, President; Kristie Aldridge, Member; William Winterhaler, Member; Gregory Volk, Member; Steve Kil, Town Manager; David Wickland, Town Attorney; and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Mr. Jerome Rudy was absent.

Approval of minutes of the May 22, 2003 Town Council Regular meeting - Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to approve the minutes of May 22, 2003. Motion unanimously passed.

Presentation of:

*Commendation Letters to:

Sergeant Frank M. Chapranda, 25 years dedicated service

Officer Eric J. Andersen, D.A.R.E. & LCHS Liaison

Officer Steve Rudzinski, Traffic Safety & D.U.I. Taskforce

**Recognition of Upcoming Retirement on July 3, 2003:

Hermon Monix, dedicated public service since February 12, 1979

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Ordinance #1280, Malsch property annexation (with recommended contingencies made from 03-27-2003 meeting) – this is second reading. Mr. Volk concerned about tap distribution; he would like each lot of new subdivisions to have a tap number assigned. Discussion followed regarding future tap availability. **Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1280 annexing certain territories to the Town of St. John pursuant to provisions of IC 36-4-3. Three ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk. Motion carried.**

Second Reading of Ordinance #1285 “Ethics Ordinance” – Mr. Wickland handed out a new Ordinance #1303 which rescinds the Ethics Ordinance #1285. Ms. Aldridge motioned, to unanimously rescind Ethics Ordinance #1285. **Ms. Aldridge changed the motion to approve Ordinance #1303 (which rescinds Ordinance #1285).** Discussion followed regarding resignations from various boards due to conflict of interest sections. **Mr. Winterhaler seconded the motion to approve Ordinance #1303. Three ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Ordinance #1294, Zoning During Annexation (favorable recommendation by Plan Commission) – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider on first reading Ordinance #1294. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1294. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Ordinance #1296, amending the Town Personnel Policy Manual, specifically for “Full-Time EMT’s/Firefighters” – Mr. Volk motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to accept Ordinance #1296 Personnel Policy for unanimous consideration. Motion unanimously

passed. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1296. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Ordinance #1297, procedure to “dispose of un-collectible ambulance bills” (only Medicare and Medicaid) – Mr. Rudy sent a fax requesting that this item be tabled so he can present additional information. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to table Ordinance #1297. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Ordinance #1298, an ordinance regulating Municipal Credit Card purchases – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, to consider on first reading Ordinance #1298. Three ayes and one nay by Ms. Aldridge. Motion carried.

Consider Ordinance #1299, amending noise ordinance specifically for “Commercial Zoned Area” – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider on first reading Ordinance #1299, amending noise ordinance specifically for “Commercial Zoned Area”. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1299. Motion unanimously carried.

Consider Ordinance #1300, St. John Master Zoning Map update (favorable recommendation by Plan Commission). – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider Ordinance #1300, St. John Master Zoning Map update. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Volk motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1300, St. John Master Zoning Map. Motion unanimously carried.

Consider Ordinance #1301, which amends Ordinance #0731 concerning “Hazardous & Toxic Material Spills and Leaks” – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider Ordinance #1301, which amends Ordinance #0731 concerning “Hazardous & Toxic Material Spills and Leaks”. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1301. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Ordinance #1302, specifically concerned “littering” (other than that addressed through “traffic regulations”) – Mr. Volk asked Mr. Wickland to define “receptacle” in Section 2; and expressed concern that political campaign literature is specifically mentioned. Discussion followed. Delete “political campaign” from Section 2. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider Ordinance #1302, specifically concerning littering and amended Section 2 to exclude the words “political campaign”. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adopt Ordinance #1302, specifically concerning “littering”. Motioned unanimously passed.

Consider Town assistance with the annual St. John the Evangelist Parish Festival (July 17 through July 20, 2003) – requesting the use of as many picnic tables as possible, making School Street one-way, spraying for mosquitoes, and allowing re-cycling dumpsters to be stored behind the Public Works Building during the festival. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to assist the St. John the Evangelist Parish Festival July 17 through July 20, 2003 consistent with the letter dated May 7, 2003. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Tower Lease Agreement with “T-Mobile” – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to approve the Lease Agreement with Option between St. John Park and Recreation Board, Voice Stream GSM I Operating Company LLC and the Town of St. John; contingent upon the attorneys review and approval; and Public Works final engineering review. Revenue will be split one third each between the Town, Water Utility and Park Board. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider reduced Letter of Credit for Sierra Pointe – Unit II for \$27,600.00 (favorable recommendation by Plan Commission) – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider the reduced Letter of Credit for Sierra Pointe issued by MB Financial Bank in the amount of \$27,600.00. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider reduced Letter of Credit for Maginot Meadows – Unit I for \$19,030.00 (favorable recommendation by Plan Commission) – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to consider the reduced Letter of Credit for Maginot Meadows – Unit I by MB Financial Bank to \$19,030.00. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider NIRPC expansion (HEA 1010) – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to appoint Mr. Rudy to the NIRPC Board. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider request to purchase by Fire Department for Washer & Dryer Unit (for fire department gear only) – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to approve the request to purchase washer and dryer machines from Nason’s in Crown Point in the amount of \$1,668.00. Units will be paid from the Cumulative Fire. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider improvements to the Fire Department “ventilation system” – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Aldridge, to approve the award to Environmental Controls Inc, in the amount of \$14,975.00 for improvement to the ventilation system at the Fire Station. Improvements will be paid from the Cumulative Fire. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider “Fuel Station” upgrade – Recommendation by State Board of Accounts. Fuel pumps consistently have shortages, proposed system tracks usage by key and pin number. Discussion followed. Cost to be split by Fire/Police and MVH. Ms. Aldridge motioned to approve the purchase of the Fuel Station Upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion died due to lack of a second. Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler to table for next study session. Three ayes and one nay by Mr. Forbes. Motion carried.

Consider authorization for Town Council President to sign “S.T.O.P. Initiative Grant” (Lake Central School Corporation) – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, to approve the authorization for the Town Council President to sign the S.T.O.P. Initiative Grant. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider repairs to the police station with regards to the roof and tuck-pointing the mortar to the building – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to table. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Grant of Right to install sewer and water lines (Kenneth and Luanne Bloos of 8472 Patterson Street) – Mr. Volk motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, to approve the Grant of Right to Install Sewer and Water lines and Waiver of Right to Remonstrate Against Annexation to Kenneth and Luanne Bloos. Motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Town Council

Mr. Forbes – Request from Mr. Pharazyn to promote Gerry Kudzia from Class III to Class II Clerk. Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge to promote Gerry Kudzia

from Class III to Class II Clerk, which carries a pay raise of .47 per hour or a rate of \$10.50 per hour. Promotion effective the next pay period. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Forbes – Request from Mr. Pharazyn to promote Bob Davis from Class II to Foreman. **Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, to approve the promotion for the Public Works Employee Bob Davis to General Foreman for the Public Works Department; and to have Mr. Wickland amend the salary ordinance accordingly.** Promotion effective the next pay period. **Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Forbes would like to attend IACT Convention as well as Mr. Kil and Mr. Pharazyn. Ms. Aldridge would also like to attend as liaison to the IACT. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Forbes would like to schedule special meeting prior to next study session to open bids for the road project. **Ms. Aldridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Winterhaler, to schedule a special meeting on July 15th at 7 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.**

Ms. Aldridge – would like to discuss title changes for Clerk-Treasurer employees and a drive up drop box for water bills at the next study session.

Mr. Winterhaler – asked if water bills could be by automatic debit. Ms. Sury stated this would not result in time saved by the Clerk-Treasurer's staff as the same steps to process payments must be taken. It would be difficult to implement at this time due to computer system constraints.

Ms. Aldridge stated the baseball field is almost complete. She would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony. Discussion followed; tournament is going on now, baseball season is almost over.

Mr. Volk – asked for status on the letter to SD WD regarding joint meeting. Mr. Wickland spoke with Mr. Wieser who said a letter is forth coming.

Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Staff – None.

Ms. Aldridge – needs bleachers at (Heartland Park) the new baseball field. Cost would be \$10,000.00; will check condition of bleachers at East Park and determine if they can be moved.

Mr. Forbes – there is a need for no parking signs at the baseball field.

Ms. Aldridge – would like lights at baseball field left on until all the cars have left the park.

Payment of Bills - #7780 through #7969 in the amount of \$887,264.73 for the Corporation – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Mr. Volk, the payment of bills #7780 through #7969 in the amount of \$887,264.73. Three ayes and one nay by Ms. Aldridge. Motion carried.

Business from the Floor –

Mr. Joseph Hero, 11723 S Oakridge Dr. – Remonstrated against Ordinance #1302, blocks free speech.

Jerry Furman, 12006 Hedwig – needs concession stand, batter’s box and scorer’s box for boys’ baseball at Heartland Park for participation in state tournaments.

Patty Byars, 9111 Cline Av.- regarding letter rescinding Olthof development.

Adjournment – Mr. Winterhaler motioned, seconded by Ms. Aldridge, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer