

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room  
September 16, 2004

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Michael Fryzel, President; Jerri Teibel, Vice-President; Gregory Volk, Member; Charles Pearson, Member; Mark Barenie, Member; Tim Kuiper for David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager; Fred Frego, Chief of Police; and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer.

**Swearing-In Ceremony** – Ms. Sury administered the oaths to the new Reserve Police Officers: David L. Rybicki, David M. Oszust, Jerrod S. Martin, and Brenda L. Smith.

**Award Presentation** – Mr. Pearson presented a Service Award to Police Corporal Dale Poston and Canine Officer Falko for ten years of service to the Town of St. John. Mr. Fryzel presented a Retirement Badge to Officer Falko.

### **Old Business**

### **Public Hearings**

**Ordinance #1357, Annexation Petition for Saddle Creek Development** (continued) Mr. Kil confirmed that the sign publicizing the hearing was posted and that the proofs of publication were in order. Mr. Todd Olthof gave an overview of the development. Mr. Volk stated that he is against multi-family housing.

### **Public Comment**

Phyllis Bergiel, 14350 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue - asked how far east from Calumet Avenue the development would be. Mr. Olthof responded that it would be approximately 621.71 feet.

Kevin Cole, 10652 Manor Drive - asked why there is a need for annexation and if there would be any one-acre lots. Mr. Olthof stated that nothing is finalized yet. Mr. Kil mentioned the reason for the annexation is because this location is within the Utility District.

**Mr. Barenie motioned to consider Ordinance #1357 on first reading. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Ordinance #1355, an ordinance establishing a schedule of certain Rates and Charges to customers of the Sewage Works Utility** – Mr. Kuiper stated that the Proofs of Publication were in order. Mr. Kil stated that this is the last step to be taken and directed any questions to Mr. Carter, financial consultant from H.J. Umbaugh or Mr. Faccenda from Barnes & Thornburg. Mr. Volk asked what the exact amount of the increase would be to the users. Mr. Carter responded that it would be a 5% across the board increase in all charges. A typical consumption level of 7,000 gallons would be an increase of about \$1.50 on the monthly bill. This will generate about \$67,000 of additional revenue for the Sewage Works, which is necessary to meet the operating cost, the debt service costs on the proposed bond and the debt service reserve and also provide additional money for capital improvements.

### **Public Comment**

Phyllis Bergiel – questioned the user fee asking if it was for the entire district. Mr. Carter stated that the user fees are only for the customers connected to the Town's utility system.

#### **Public Comment closed**

**Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Ordinance #1355. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.**

#### **New Business**

**Ordinance #1354, 2005 Budget Adoption – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1354. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Lake County Public Library – request to waive permit fees – Mr. Kil stated that the Library Board has applied for their building permit. The building portion is \$11,035.50; the utility portion is \$11,256.54 for a total of \$22,292.04. Mr. Fryzel stated that the Council supports waiving all the building permit fees but not the utility fees. **Mr. Pearson motioned to waive the building permit fees for the new St. John Public Library branch in the amount of \$11,035.50. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.****

**Ordinance #1362, amending Ordinance #1003, a Disaster Plan for the Town of St. John, to comply with standards developed with the National Incident Management System – Mr. Barenie motioned to consider Ordinance #1362 on first reading. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Ordinance #1362. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Resolution #04-09-16, authorizing the organization of a Building Corporation for the purpose of construction of a Municipal Complex Facility – Mr. Kil provided an overview of the process. Mr. Volk asked about the drawings along with the project cost. Discussion ensued. **Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #04-09-16. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.****

#### **Reports & Correspondence**

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – Ms. Sury asked permission to use the Town Hall and the Public Works Building for the election on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Mr. Pearson motioned to allow the use of the Town Hall and the Public Works / Animal Control Building on the corner of White Oak and 101<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Staff – Mr. Kil stated that at the last meeting they rejected the bids for the new snowplow, the two and one half ton truck, in favor of seeking proposals for the mini-snow dump truck. Four dealers were asked for quotes, two responded. River Oaks was \$28,100 and Art Hill is \$32,680. Proposals were then solicited for the snow removal equipment. He received two bids for the snow removal equipment, from Lindco and Adams Equipment. Mr. Pharazyn recommended awarding the snow equipment proposal to Lindco because Adams could not meet the strobe light requirements. Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the existing vehicles, the maintenance schedule and the possibility of having a town mechanic in the future. Mr. Pearson asked that more dealerships be contacted for proposals for the purchase of the truck.

Mr. Fryzel stated that Christmas in the Park would begin in December and summarized the event. The Events Committee has sent advertising out to all businesses in town to sponsor a tree and all the departments of the Town have already sponsored a tree. He requested that the Town Council sponsor a tree along with the Clerk-Treasurer's office. **Ms. Teibel motioned that the Clerk-Treasurers office and the Town Council sponsor a tree in the park not to exceed \$30.00 each. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

**Public Comment – None**

**Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer