

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
St. John Municipal Building Main Meeting Room
November 17, 2005

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; Mark Barenie, Member; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present was Police Chief Fred Frego. Absent was Charles Pearson, Member.

Old Business

Resolution #05-11-17, adopting the Fiscal Plan for Silver Leaf Subdivision annexation – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution #05-11-17. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Public Hearings – Exhibit A

Ordinance #1403, annexing certain real property to the Town of St. John known as Silver Leaf Subdivision – Mr. Austgen stated that the Proofs of Publication of both **The Times** and the **Post Tribune** were in evidence indicating timely publication, one time in each on October 21st. He added that this public hearing was properly advertised.

Mr. Kil stated that this area is directly south of an area known as Saddle Creek, has gone through the Plan Commission and are annexing into the town with the R-1 designation that is required. He added that everything is in order.

Town Council Comments - Mr. Volk asked if there is a plan to zone down the property. Mr. Kil stated that there is, and the Plan Commission will see the plan in January.

Public Comment – None

Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1403. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

North Pointe – Unit 1, Letter of Credit in the amount of \$297,880.00 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – **Mr. Barenie motioned to approve the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$297,880.00. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Consideration of Employee Holiday Gift – Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize the Employee Holiday Gift. **Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion unanimously passed.**

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Barenie stated that the Boys Baseball League would like to thank the Chief of Police and Officer Moffitt for catching the person vandalizing the signs at the baseball field.

The league received the retribution check of \$1,500.00 this week. He also thanked Attorney Austgen for his assistance in this matter.

Ms. Teibel reminded everyone of the tree lighting event of Christmas in the Park on the day after Thanksgiving at Prairie West Park. She mentioned the scheduled visits of Santa at the Park on Saturday's and Sunday's until December 18th.

Mr. Fryzel acknowledged Joe Wachowski from Public Works for all the work he did at the park.

Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Sury asked for permission to pay, by motion, \$640.00 from other services and charges from the Town Council budget fund #390 due to the shortage of funds that the Town took in for the traffic tickets. The fees forwarded to County were increased for the traffic fines; the Town is currently collecting \$104.00 and must now collect \$124.00 per ticket. She stated that an amendment to the ordinance was requested and that the increase was waived for the month of September; however, they must pay the shortage for the month of October.

Discussion ensued to determine which type of ticket this payment was for and if an ordinance was needed to increase the amount of the fine to be collected.

Ms. Teibel motioned to pay \$640.00 to the County for the shortage from the Town for the new fine assessment from the County. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Staff

Mr. Kil requested payment of \$400.00 for an event sponsored by the South County Coalition known as the Ridge Roundup and summarized this activity. **Ms. Teibel motioned to donate \$400.00 to Ridge Roundup. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Mr. Barenie mentioned that Meals on Wheels is looking for donations that are needed to build a new kitchen. Discussion ensued. The Council will look at what the other communities are doing in response to this request.

Mr. Kil distributed the proposed 2006 Salary Ordinance and stated that there is a 4% increase for everyone. **Ms. Teibel motioned to amend the agenda to include the 2006 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Ms. Teibel motioned to consider the 2006 Salary Ordinance #1405 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kil requested permission to pay bills, as there will not be a meeting next week due to the holiday. **Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize payment of vouchers #9114 - #9313 in the amount of \$548,790.53 for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.**

Public Comment

Mr. Joe Gomeztagle, 9476 W. Oakridge Drive – provided an overview of sales tax increment financing and how this type of financing works. He stated that the Town of Highland and the County Council passed a resolution to support sales tax increment financing to be used as a tool to entice commercial property to the area. He is encouraging the communities in Lake, Porter and LaPorte to pass a resolution to support the educational program and to support this type of financing for a tool for the legislature to pass. There will be a training session next month and he would like to meet with the Redevelopment Commission to review this type of financing.

Adjournment – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer