

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AND YOUTH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
APRIL 27, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Kara called the Youth Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call was taken of the Town Council with the following members present: Michael Fryzel, President; Jerri Teibel, Vice-President; Gregory Volk, Member; Chuck Pearson, Member; Mark Barenie, Member; Tim Kuiper, Austgen Kuiper & Associates, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager; and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Fire Chief Fred Willman, Police Chief Fred Frego, Code Enforcement Officer John Mainwaring, Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director; Chip Sobek, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; Rhuben Pittman, Electrical Inspector; and Tina Fletcher, I.T.

Roll call was taken for the Youth Council with the following members present: Kara, President; Lindsey, Vice-President; Jordan, Council Member; Jamie, Council Member; Sydney, Council Member; Ethan, Town Attorney; Zac, Town Manager; Allison, Public Works Director and Julianne, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Michael, I.T. Director; Police Chief Colleen, Fire Chief Megan, Building and Planning Director Alexa, Parks Director Emily and Code Enforcement Officer Sydnee.

Approval of minutes: March 16, 2006 Executive Session, March 16, 2006 Regular, and March 23, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes – Ms. Teibel motioned to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Volk, yes and Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Roll call vote Youth Council: President Kara, yes; Vice-President Lindsey, yes; Councilman Jordan, yes; Councilman Jamie, yes and Councilman Sydney, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Police Department Laptop Computers – Youth Council Police Chief Colleen reported that 18 laptop computers were acquired through a Homeland Security grant and have been installed in the squad cars enabling the police officers immediate access to up-to-date information.

Summer Sprinkling Rates – Youth Council Clerk-Treasurer Julianne reported that the summer sprinkling rates would begin on May 15th and end on September 15, 2006.

Consider “Conflict of Interest Disclosure” submitted by Attorney Michael L. Muenich – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept Attorney Muenich’s Conflict of Interest Disclosure. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Volk, yes and Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Roll call vote Youth Council: President Kara, yes; Vice-President Lindsey, yes; Councilman Jordan, yes; Councilman Jamie, yes and Councilman Sydney, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

GPS Update – Youth Council I. T. Director Michael reported that the GPS system has been installed and summarized how the town will utilize the system. Youth Council Fire Chief Megan mentioned a program that can pinpoint locations and cross streets called Rip and Run. She is doing more research and report back to the council.

Consider Resolution # 06-04-27, authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to create new line item – Cumulative Capital Development – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution #06-04-27. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Volk, yes and Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Youth Council roll call vote: President Kara, yes; Vice-President Lindsey, yes; Councilman Jordan, yes; Councilman Jamie, yes and Councilman Sydney, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Playground Equipment – Parks Director Emily reported that equipment for Heartland, Patenoe and Heron Lake Parks have been ordered with a delivery date of May 15th and will be installed upon delivery.

Construction Update – Town Manager Zac stated that the Town Hall construction is ahead of schedule and all municipal employees should be in the new offices by early June.

Consider Resolution #06-04-27A, a joint interlocal agreement for Northwest Indiana Major Crimes Task Force – Police Chief Frego stated that the town attorney recommended this item be deferred as there are four minor revisions to the agreement. Ms. Teibel motioned to defer Resolution #06-04-27A. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Volk, yes and Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Youth Council roll call vote: President Kara, yes; Vice-President Lindsey; Councilman Jordan; Councilman Jamie, yes and Councilman Sydney, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Dumpster Ordinance, #741 – Youth Council Code Enforcement Officer Sydnee reported on the fine schedule and the citations issued.

Fireworks Display – Public Works Director Allison reported that the annual fireworks display would be held on July 2nd at the Lake Central High School Football field. There will also be a band or a DJ for additional entertainment.

Authorization for Town Manager to dispose of certain town-owned equipment – Mr. Kil stated that the items for the sealed bid were contained in the Council's binders. Ms. Teibel motioned to authorize the Town Manager to publicly bid items of equipment. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Volk, yes and Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Youth Council roll call vote: President Kara, yes; Vice-President Lindsey, yes; Councilman Jordan, yes; Councilman Jamie, yes and Councilman Sydney, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Fireworks Ordinance – Town Attorney Ethan reported that the noise & nuisance ordinance could be used in conjunction for enforcement with the fireworks ordinance that is currently being written.

Commercial Building updates – Building & Planning Director Alexa reported that a new plaza, by Paul Hemmer Company, along with several shops and stores would be built south of Target on U.S. Rt. 41. The groundbreaking ceremony was this morning.

Ratification of the appointment of the Assistant Fire Chiefs for the St. John Volunteer Fire Department – (Mr. Gembala, Mr. Funk and Mr. Fialkowski) **Mr. Pearson motioned to accept the appointments as recommended by the Fire Chief. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Roll call vote: Ms. Teibel, yes; Mr. Pearson, yes; Mr. Barenie, yes; Mr. Volk, yes and Mr. Fryzel, yes. Motion unanimously passed.**

Youth Council roll call vote: President Kara, yes; Vice-President Lindsey, yes; Councilman Jordan, yes; Councilman Jamie, yes and Councilman Sydney, yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – Mr. Fryzel stated that the Fagen building was put on notice to clean up the site at least eight months ago. He asked Mr. Kuiper to take further action and file with the courts if necessary.

Youth Council Reports

Vice President Lindsey reported on the upcoming St. John Family Festival and also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Thiel for video taping the meeting for the Historical Society.

Councilman Jordan reported on the Heartland Baseball Complex.

Councilman Jamie stated that the Lake County Solid Waste Management District held a recycling workshop in March. He also mentioned other recycling sources available to the public.

Councilman Sydney reported that the storm sewer system at Mallard Lane and West 93rd Avenue is complete. He also stated that primary approval has been given for the final phase of North Pointe Subdivision.

President Kara gave an update on the Town Beautification Project that began in 2004.

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Youth Clerk Treasurer Report - Clerk-Treasurer Julianne gave an update on the new water bill design and the drop box that will be available for bill payment.

Staff – None

Youth Staff Reports

IT Director Michael stated that the latest version of a water and sewer atlas has been completed.

Public Works Director Allison gave an update on the new weather and emergency warning sirens.

Fire Chief Megan stated the St. John Volunteer Fire Department voted to donate \$20,200 to the Town Council for the weather warning system.

Mr. Mark Itczak, President, and Mr. Bill Gnerlich, Treasurer, of the Volunteer Fire Department, were introduced and presented the check to the Town Council. Mr. Fryzel thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for their donation and stated that the money will be used towards one of the five sirens that will be installed in the next 12-15 months.

Code Enforcement Officer Sydnee stated that the political signs that were not in compliance with Ordinance #1271 have been removed and are available for pick up at the Public Works Garage.

Police Chief Coleen mentioned that 57 citations were issued last month while working with the Drug Interdiction and DUI Task Force Grants.

Parks Director Emily gave an overview of the activities available at the Parks Department.

Town Manager Zac mentioned that the financing of the new Public Safety Building received an “A” bond rating. He also mentioned some of the new retail stores that will be opening in town.

Building & Planning Director Alexa gave a brief summary on the home building permits issued during 2005 and the related demographics.

Town Attorney Ethan gave an update on pending town ordinances regarding fireworks use, off-road vehicle regulations and a draft ordinance regarding taxable fringe benefits.

Payment of Bills for the Corporation – Ms. Teibel motioned to pay vouchers #7616 - #7892 in the amount of \$1,513,123.66 for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment - None

Public Comment for Youth Council

Resident name (tape inaudible) regarding progress on girls softball fields.

Jim Rainbolt, 2844 Jerrod Drive, Schererville – commended the Youth Council for doing an outstanding job tonight.

Mr. Fryzel thanked Ms. Teibel for putting together the Youth Council meeting, all the parents who came out tonight and all the kids who participated.

Mr. Fryzel mentioned that some pre-festival items require payment upon delivery and would like approval to generate those payments. **Mr. Barenie motioned to approve miscellaneous bills prior to the docket. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed.**

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Youth Council President Kara entertained a motioned to adjourn. Lindsey motioned. Seconded by Jordan. Youth Council Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer