

ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
JULY 20, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fryzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 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; Mr. Kuiper for David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego, Fire Chief Fred Willman and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer.

Public Hearings – Exhibit A

Ordinance #1422, annexation of certain real property “Fawn Meadow Estates” -

Mr. Kuiper stated that the Proofs of Publication were in order for publication in the **Times and Post**. It was verified that one sign had been posted. Mr. Kil provided the opening remarks, described the area and stated that the property owner is petitioning to be annexed into the town.

Town Council comments – Mr. Volk asked if they would request a re-zone of the property and Mr. Kil stated that the comprehensive plan covers part of this area and the fiscal plan and ordinance would be adopted at the next meeting.

Open to the Floor for Public Comment – Ms. Paulette Schulte, 10609 Calumet Avenue, Dyer – inquired if the new development would connect to Saddle Creek, would there be an access to Calumet Avenue and how many units there would be. Discussion ensued.

Closed to the Floor

Ms. Teibel motioned to consider Ordinance #1422 on first reading only. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Presentation and request of Waiver of Building Permit Fees for St. John the Evangelist Church (Petitioner: Michael L. Muenich)

– Mr. Muenich introduced himself as the project manager for this project. A Power Point presentation followed as he provided an overview of the Way of the Cross Prayer Trail, the Marian Shrine and the associated costs of the new St. John the Evangelist Church. He asked the council to waive a portion of the building permit fees and referenced the budget for this project along with the expectations of attendance at the site. He stated that they would pay for the cost of the inspections and other direct costs that are associated. The permit fees equal approximately \$22,500.00 (plumbing, electrical, etc.) and they are asking for a 50% waiver of those fees. **Ms. Teibel motioned to waive all building fees. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Silver Leaf Development – Letter of Credit for required subdivision improvements (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Pearson motioned to accept the letter of credit in the amount of \$3,844,212.90. **Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed with four ayes and one nay by Mr. Volk.**

Resolution #06-07-20, declaring certain un-collectible accounts as bad debt – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution #06-07-20. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion unanimously passed.

Ordinance #1419, an ordinance amending the Town Personnel Policy regarding IRS Taxable Fringe Benefits (deferred from June 15, 2006 meeting) – Ms. Teibel motioned to defer this item until next week. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Consider approval of Easement Agreement with ANR Pipeline for the construction of Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the Easement Agreement with ANR Pipeline. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – None

Staff -

Mr. Kil referenced a memo regarding the purchase of a new chipper truck and stated that grant money has been awarded and the town must match the money awarded. He asked the council to award the lowest price quote for the chipper to Alexander Equipment Company for \$39,500. **Ms. Teibel motioned to award the purchase of a chipper truck to Alexander Equipment Company in the amount of \$39,500. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.**

Chief Frego mentioned that a 5K run sponsored by Suncrest Church is scheduled for September 9th.

Public Comment

Ms. Paulette Schulte asked where the bicycle trail would be and if any crops would be damaged, discussion ensued.

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. **Motion unanimously passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer