

**ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM
10955 W. 93RD AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA
AUGUST 17, 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; 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. Absent were Mark Barenie, Council Member; Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director and Chip Sobek, Parks Superintendent.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #1408, proposed amended Rates and Charges to Customers of the St. John Waterworks System (First reading January 26, 2006) - Proofs of Publication – Mr. Austgen stated that the record should reflect Proof of Publication as follows for this public hearing: The **Post Tribune**, Notice of Public Hearing Publisher's Affidavit is in evidence with timely publication one time August 7th; certification of the Clerk dated August 4th reflects certification that the Notice of Public Hearing was sent to those persons listed and that is for those customers and individuals outside the municipal boundaries but who are customers which is in conformance with law.

Opening Remarks – Mr. Kil stated that this Ordinance comes with the recommendation from the Waterworks District. He added that the last water rate increase in the town was on July 8th, 1991, and authorized by Ordinance #866. Compared to other communities, the cost of water in St. John is average to low. For the average user (about 7,500 gallons per month) this rate increase will be about \$2.50 per month. The Town's financial advisor, H J Umbaugh and Associates, has also recommended this rate increase.

Town Council comments – Mr. Fryzel stated that many residents questioned the capability of the town going to Chicago water. Umbaugh & Associates did a feasibility study of what the cost would be if Lake Michigan water were accessible. The cost would be \$18.6 million dollars, would be accomplished through a bond issue and the residents would expect a rate increase per household of 165% of what they are paying today.

Open to the Floor for Public Comment – None

Closed to the Floor

Mr. Kil stated that for clarification of the effective date of this ordinance that the motion reflects an effective date of August 15, 2006, which is retroactive two days that would coincide with the billing cycle.

Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1408 with a stipulation that it is retroactive and effective the 15th of August 2006. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Ordinances #1424 request for rezoning of Park Place Christian Community to Planned Unit Development – (Favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) **Mr. Pearson** motioned to adopt Ordinance #1424. **Seconded by Mr. Volk.** Motion passed three ayes and one abstention by Ms. Teibel.

Consider Request to Purchase (RTP) on Keilman Street Drainage Project – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the quote of St. John Plumbing in the amount of \$26,124.00. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson.** Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Request to Purchase (RTP) equipment on Ford F-550 Super Duty truck for Public Works Department (from Lindco Equipment Sales - \$22,908.00) – Mr. Kil stated that there is a contingency the Town Council needs to place on this request. Mr. Austgen stated that it appears the Town presently does not have the funds appropriated for this purchase. The town has the funds, however they are not appropriated. The truck and equipment purchase would be paid out of the MVH fund but the formality of an appropriation is required. They would need to direct that a public hearing be held for additional appropriations in the October public meeting and that any action taken pertaining to this acquisition be contingent upon payment being made only after the additional appropriation is authorized by resolution. Mr. Austgen added that this procedure is in conformance with the State Board of Accounts wherein you cannot purchase anything unless you have the money for it. The Town has the money it simply needs the additional appropriation process. The truck and equipment can be ordered but cannot issue payment and take delivery until they have the money appropriated.

Ms. Teibel motioned to accept the proposal from Lindco Equipment Sales in the amount of \$22,908.00 and to incorporate into the motion the comments made by the Town Attorney. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson.** Motion unanimously passed.

Consider Request to Purchase (RTP) on Ford F-550 Super Duty truck for Public Works Department (from Joe Hennessey's River Oaks Ford - \$31,650.00) - **Ms. Teibel** motioned to accept the proposal from Joe Hennessey River Oaks Ford in the amount of \$31,650.00 and the motion to incorporate the comments made by the Town Attorney. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson.** Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution # 06-08-17, a resolution providing for the transfer of appropriations – Ms. Sury stated that this resolution is to move the money from Solid Waste to Solid Waste Machinery and Equipment to pay for the brush chipper that was approved last month. The Town has the money and the matching grant; the money needs to be moved to that line item. **Ms. Teibel** motioned to adopt Resolution # 06-08-17. **Seconded by Mr. Pearson.** Motion unanimously passed.

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council – None

Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Staff - Chief Frigo stated that he was contacted by Town Marshall Robert Marine from Schneider, IN regarding the two surplus police vehicles that St. John has due to the

purchase of three new squads. He stated that Mr. Marine asked if the Town would consider a donation of a vehicle to the Town of Schneider. The vehicle being considered is a 1997 Ford with 75,000 – 80,000 miles on it. If the vehicle were put up for auction or bid, the town would receive about \$1,000 for it. Discussion ensued regarding the two vehicles and Mr. Marine inspecting both of them. This item was to be placed on next week's agenda to approve the donation.

Chief Frego also mentioned that the department is in the process of establishing a police eligibility list. The prior list expired in March of this year. Application packets costing \$30.00 are being handed out as of Tuesday; they have until the end of August to receive them. September 15th they are due back completed. Testing will proceed after the September 15th date every Saturday until complete. The test will be purchased by a company, Standard and Associates, that provides testing for police officers and will cost \$12.50 per test and has been approved by the Police Commission. If the company corrects the test the cost will be \$22.50 per test. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Teibel motioned to amend the agenda to encompass the Police application fee of \$30.00 for the applications, \$12.50 to be paid to Standard and Associates for the make up of the test per candidate with the stipulation that the Police Commission members will correct the tests. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief Willman – None

Code Enforcer Mr. Mainwaring - None

Public Comment

Mr. Joe Wachowski, 9012 Teal Place – stated that he has a group of six boys from St. John and that he will be running an elite travel team next year and would like to run the team out of St. John. He would need the big field at Civic Park a couple of nights during the week, (Tuesdays and Thursdays, for practice) Saturday and then five hours on Sunday for double-headers. Discussion ensued. He will provide a schedule and anticipates more boys from St. John participating. In exchange he will cut the grass two times a week and will upkeep the mound.

Adjournment – Mr. Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Attest:

Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer