

**ST. JOHN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAIN MEETING ROOM  
10955 W. 93<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 - 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; David Austgen, Attorney; Steve Kil, Town Manager and Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Fred Frego, Police Chief; Fred Willman, Fire Chief; Bob Pharazyn, Public Works Director; and John Mainwaring, Code Enforcement Officer. Absent was Chip Sobek, Parks & Recreation Superintendent.

**Approval of Minutes for the August 16, 2007, Executive Session, August 16, 2007 and August 23, 2007, Regular Town Council meetings** – Mr. Barenie motioned to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2007 Executive Session, the August 16, 2007 Regular session and the August 23, 2007 Regular session. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed 4 ayes and one abstention by Mr. Pearson.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance #1452, an ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (2008 Budget)** – Mr. Pearson motioned to adopt Ordinance #1452. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed 5-0.

**Ordinance #1455, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 869 pertaining to definition of “Family” as defined in Master Zoning Ordinance** – Mr. Barenie motioned to consider Ordinance #1455 on first reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Austgen mentioned only one reading is needed, to adopt, the council has adopted it. One reading only because this is a zoning ordinance text amendment.

**Resolution # 07-09-20, a resolution electing the Town’s full-time firefighters and EMT’s to join 1977 Police and Firefighters Pension and Disability Fund** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Resolution # 07-09-20. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Consider Letter of Credit for Renaissance – Unit 4 in the amount of \$641,329.38** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Barenie motioned to accept the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$641,329.38 for Renaissance – Unit 4. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Consider Letter of Credit for Crossing Creek Subdivision in the amount of \$761,227.28** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Pearson motioned to accept the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$761,227.28 for Crossing Creek Subdivision. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed 5-0.

**Consider Letter of Credit for Cardinal Cove Subdivision in the amount of \$117,002.60** (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Ms. Teibel

**motioned to accept the Letter of Credit for the Cardinal Cove Subdivision in the amount of \$117,002.60. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Consider Letter of Credit reduction for Saddle Creek – Phase I to the amount of \$170,090.80 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Pearson motioned to accept the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$170,090.80 reduction for Saddle Creek – Phase I. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Consider Letter of Credit reduction for Silver Leaf – Phase I to the amount of \$408,663.20 (favorable recommendation from Plan Commission) – Mr. Barenie motioned to accept the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$408,663.20. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Consider Resolution # 07-09-20A, Transfer of Appropriations for various funds – Mr. Barenie motioned to adopt Resolution # 07-09-20A. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Permission to use Municipal Facilities for November 6, 1007 elections – Ms. Teibel motioned to give permission for the use of the Town Municipal Facility, the Public Works Facility on Hack Street for election day. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Ordinance #1454, an ordinance amending #1433 for municipal credit card use – Mr. Austgen stated this is to follow up the recent exit examination conference with the State Board of Accounts and adds to the ordinance, specifically the use of the cards for training and travel expenses related to that. Mr. Pearson motioned to consider Ordinance #1454 on first reading. Seconded by Ms. Teibel. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Ms. Teibel motioned to adopt Ordinance #1454. Seconded by Mr. Barenie. Motion passed 5-0.**

Reports & Correspondence

Town Council

Mr. Fryzel mentioned there was an incident at the Radiance Tanning Salon on Monday night. He complimented the Police and Fire Departments for all the manpower and hours they used solving that crime. The town also received assistance from the Dyer, Schererville, and Cedar Lake Police Departments as well as the helicopter from the Lake County Sheriff's office. The Council is very proud of their work as well as the many residents who were listening to scanners and e-mailed and contacted the council.

Clerk-Treasurer – None.

Staff

Mr. Kil met with the railway division of INDOT in Indianapolis. Since that meeting they have contacted both the Norfolk Southern and CSX railways about redoing the crossings in town, specifically, the crossing at Patterson Street and now Bingo Lake. He has been contacted by the Norfolk Southern who indicated that within the next 8 months they would repair the crossing at Bingo Lake. He has not heard from CSX with regards to

Patterson. However, the two individuals he met with were very helpful and have directed both railroads to repair those crossings.

He added he has been working with Mr. Sobek and they feel it is time to revise the 5 year Master Plan and the Impact Fee Ordinance which requires each building permit to pay \$800 and change to the town. Mr. Sobek is working with the Park Board on those two items. Both of these items will come due in May.

His last item was to recognize Joan for the FEMA reimbursement to the town for the February 13, 2007 snowstorm. Mr. Pharazyn sent him a memo regarding a Letter of Commendation in his department; she was responsible for 100% of the reimbursement for this project, which resulted in \$35,327.67 refunded back to the town.

Mr. Pharazyn said the town's AM radio station is now on the air, it began broadcasting on Wednesday and currently its broadcasting the NOAA weather radio information that is fed into the Police Department. Within two weeks they will be tying in the emergency siren system so when the sirens are activated it will play onto the radio station automatically. He added the radio could be used for much, much more than weather related situations. The call letters are WWYYD on either 1670 or 1620 AM.

He also mentioned a 40' tall blue spruce tree that is planted next to the Police Department. That was moved there from a piece of property owned by First Financial Bank where their ATM machine is. He wanted to thank Bill Winterhaler and First Financial Bank for allowing them to take the tree from their property and plant it next to the Police Department; it will become the town's holiday tree or Christmas tree. The tree was originally planted by the Schilling family about 60 years ago when they owned that property.

Police Chief Frego mentioned the annual open house will be October 7<sup>th</sup> in the new building with a dedication ceremony at 2 P.M. There will be entertainment and special souvenirs handed out.

Fire Chief Willman said the month of August was an extremely busy month. They responded to ninety requests for emergency service of which 60 were for EMS. They received and gave assistance to surrounding communities. On behalf of the entire fire department Chief Willman thanked all the members of the Council for their support, cooperation and initiative to make it possible for them to provide and maintain an aggressive, proactive program of public safety to the town and the surrounding towns.

**Payment of Bills for the Corporation – Vouchers #8646- #8920 for \$1,504,805.30 – Ms. Teibel motioned to accept vouchers #8646 - #8920 in the amount of \$1,504,805.30 payment of bills for the Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.**

Public Comment – None.

**Adjournment** – Ms. Teibel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Attest:

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Sherry P. Sury, Clerk-Treasurer