

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 17th day of August 2021 at the hour of 7:00 pm, in regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Lester Rhoads who presided over the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On call of the roll, the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present:	Absent:
Lester Rhoads	
Paul Hamann	
Doug Castetter	
Hope Schneider	
Harlan Fisher	

Chris Byrd, Town Attorney, was absent. Town Manager Scott Flickner and Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King were in attendance.

Hope Schneider made a motion to approve minutes of the August 3rd meeting. Paul Hamann seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Harlan Fisher made the motion to approve claims and sign bills; Paul Hamann seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Susan Mill requested approval for amendments to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. Ms. Mills stated the Planning and Zoning Board amended the definitions of skilled nursing home, rehabilitation, convalescent homes, and amended the 30' setbacks for property within the town limits to be changed to 20' after the public meeting the Planning and Zoning Board held. Harlan Fisher made the motion to approve, Paul Hamann seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

President Rhoads announced the COVID relief checks for the downtown businesses were ready for pick up. He announced this was the second round of grant money that the Town had acquired for downtown merchants, making a grand total of \$500K that has been awarded to the downtown Corydon Merchants in 2021. The Council has been diligent in their support of the downtown merchants and acknowledges their assets.

Jerry Sweeten told the Council about the removal of two of the three dams located in Corydon. The two that have been removed were owned by the Town and the third is privately owned. Mr. Sweeten presented a video explaining the process of removal and the statistics on fisheries scores which have greatly improved. Mr. Sweeten informed the Council that he has been in touch with Mr. Gupta, owner of the third dam in Corydon which can be seen from the North Bridge. He advised Mr. Gupta that the old dams are very dangerous and has been given permission from Mr. Gupta to explore the possibilities of removing the third dam by the North Bridge, after realizing he would be required to carry a million-

dollar insurance policy. Mr. Gupta lives in Florida and has to consider the liabilities he would carry. Mr. Rhoads commented the dam was thought to be historic and owned by the Town, however, research found that the dam was privately owned. Mr. Sweeten thanked the Town for their assistance and cooperation in the process of removing the two dams.

Katie Butt Beckort, owner of Butt Drugs, requested approval to close Poplar Street from Capitol Ave. to Mulberry St. for the Car Show they are sponsoring on August 21st at 2pm – 6pm. Ms. Beckort asked the Town to close the street at 8am so the food vendors and cars will have time to set up. Hope Schneider made the motion to approve the street closure, Doug Castetter seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Vera and Autumn, representatives of the Corydon Gamers Association requested approval for roadblock fundraiser on September 18th at the intersection by Walgreen's. Vera explained the Corydon Gamers Association is an organization that helps individuals develop social skills through therapy groups, board games and video games. The organization has a suicide hotline that someone in need can call 24-7. Paul Hamann made the motion to approve the roadblock, Lester Rhoads seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The Corydon Gamers also asked for 1% of the American Rescue Plan that the Town will be receiving from the Federal Government. Mr. Rhoads stated that the Town as of today, has not received American Rescue monies. Mr. Rhoads said he thinks the rescue money is only to be used for infrastructure. Mr. Rhoads is going to ask the town attorney about the guidelines on the use of the money.

The Council discussed the 50-year-old parking issues in downtown Corydon. Lester Rhoads stated the Town Street Superintendent kept the 2-hour parking signs when they were taken down in 2015 by Main Street and previous Council. Suggestions were made that the public parking signs need to be larger, more visible, parking spaces to be marked clearly, that 2-hour parking be enforced, and violators needed higher fines. Mr. Rhoads is reviewing an electronic device that would help with monitoring parked vehicles in 2-hour parking spaces. Cory Williams and Angel Frizzell both commented that merchants are in favor of 2-hour parking vs. restricted parking. Susan Mills stated the Town has an ordinance on parking violation fees that could be amended by the Council. Lester Rhoads made the motion to approve placing 2-hour parking signs downtown and reevaluating restricted parking signs until end of the year. Hope Schneider seconded the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Harlan Fisher made the motion to approve Mac Brothers quotes of \$13,570 for the flat roof and \$11,100 for the shingle roof on the new Town Hall. This will also include removal of the unused air conditioners on the roof. Doug Castetter seconded; motion passed 5-0.

Harlan Fisher made the motion to approve cost sharing with the South Harrison School Corporation for Officer Pirtle's SRO (school resource officer) training. The Town would be responsible for Officer Pirtle's hotel and meals in the amount of \$670.00. The billable training request provided by Mark Eastridge was \$1,469.70. Paul Hamann seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Doug Castetter made the motion to approve sending certified weed letter to the owner of 457 Ridley St. Harlan Fisher seconded the motion; carried 5-0.

Jim Koerber, Vice President of Main Street, presented the Council with a formal request for \$50K to fund Main Street for 2022. President Rhoads stated that a prior meeting with the Town's accounting firm, proposed omitting another project or projects be cut from the 2022 budget if this request were to be granted. Mr. Rhoads explained the River Boat revenue has significantly decreased over the last few years. The River Boat revenue accounts for the Town's 20% portion of the 80/20 INDOT infrastructure grants have been used to make significant repairs and update. Doug Castetter commented we need to be good stewards of our money and look at what benefits the Town could provide next year verses a \$2.5 million infrastructure project that will be a benefit the town for the next 40 years by paying only 20 cents of each dollar invested. Treggie King, Clerk Treasurer, commented that Corydon's tax base is roughly 63% at or below poverty level, so the tax money received by the Town cannot be compared with the tax base of other large municipal Towns. Ms. King also explained the Town had committed the large amount of money toward Main Street in a short period of time. Had that not been the case, the Town

might be able to commit \$50K. Mr. Koerber asked if the \$50K could be taken from riverboat revenue. Ms. King restated that the riverboat revenue is budgeted for the INDOT Grant match money for infrastructure. Several comments were made from the audience in favor of the Town donating \$50K to Main Street. Mr. Koeber commented that without the donation from the Town, some of the Main Street events would have to be cut. Missi Bush, a Main Street board member, stated that Main Street in the past did not communicate well with the Town and now Main Street has vowed to do better. Ms. Bush spoke in favor of the Town funding Main Street the \$50K and was backed by several attendees that spoke to support Main Street. Jenny Capelle, Angel Frizzell, Cory Williams, and Gary Robertson were in support \$50K funding for Main Street. Council member Paul Hamann commented he would like to give some amount of money to Main Street. President Lester Rhoads ended the discussion by stating he would talk to the Town's accounting firm to see if there is any room in the 2022 budget.

Lester Rhoads told the Council seventeen trees are yet to be planted at Rice Island. Mr. Rhoads stated the trees will cost the town between \$250-\$300 each. These trees were part of the Town's agreement with DNR before Rice Island could be constructed.

Town Manager Scott Flickner asks the Council to approve paid leave for employees that are quarantined because of COVID. Doug Castetter made the motion to approve the paid leave with the stipulation it can only be used once. Hope Schneider seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Under old business, Scott Flickner informed the Council the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Town and Tyson has been signed and returned. Mr. Flickner stated the MOU with the Town and South Harrison School Corporation has also been signed and returned. Mr. Flickner updated the Council on the slow progress with the generator projects in the Water Department. The specified generators are on back order. Mr. Flickner reported Best Equipment delivered the garbage truck for the Street Department.

Hope Schneider made the motion to adjust the salary ordinance for the clerks with a .50 cent raise retroactive to this meeting date. Paul Hamann seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Barbara Best asked the Council if the Town is involved with a project on N. Capitol Ave and Lester Rhoads explained N. Capitol Ave is strictly a state project.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and upon a motion made by Doug Castetter and seconded by Paul Hamann, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: *September 10, 2021*

SIGNED: *Lester Rhoads*

ATTEST: *J.M. King*