

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 2nd day of February 2021 at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lester Rhoads; Scott Flickner, the newly appointed Town Manager led 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	Doug Castetter
Hope Schneider	
Paul Hamann	

Chris Byrd Town Attorney and Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King attended the meeting.

Paul Hamann made a motion to approve minutes of last regular meeting and Hope Schneider seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Hope Schneider motioned to approve claims and sign bills. Paul Hamann seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Susan Mills, Planning & Zoning, asked the council to approve the zoning change on properties 1601 and 1651 located on Old Hwy 135 from R-1 to B-2. Paul Hamann motioned to approve, and Hope Schneider seconded. The motion carried 3-0/

President Rhoads reported on the financial update from with Baker Tilley training session that was conducted prior to the council meeting. Paul Hamann made the motion to approve a \$20K donation to MainStreet that would be distributed quarterly for the year 2021. Lester Rhoads seconded the motion; the motion carried 3-0

Cedar Hill Cemetery board member, John Daily, addressed the Council about the hourly wage for the cemetery caretaker, Jim Smith. Mr. Daily asked the Council to increase Mr. Smith's hourly rate to \$20/hour verses his current rate of \$15.54/hour. The cemetery has been contributing \$5K to Mr. Smith's annual salary in the form of a bonus from their endowment fund with the Harrison County Community Foundation. Cemetery board members Harlan Fischer and Rhonda Rhoads questioned the Council concerning the foundation endowment, perpetual care, and the cemetery budget. Mrs. Rhoads stated that the cemetery board is responsible for creating the budget, then presenting it to the Town Council for approval. Mr. Smith spoke on behalf of himself, stating that he is always on call and in nineteen years he has yet to have a full week vacation. Clerk Treasurer, Treggie King, stated Mr. Smith received a 3% salary increase like other town employees. She also said that she has been submitting a budget for the cemetery attempting to make sure that the fund could cash flow; however, the cemetery has been made aware that the cash balance has been in steady decline. The 2020 budget indicated the Cemetery would have a budget shortfall and the town was made aware of the shortfall. Realizing that

the 2021 budget expenses exceeded revenues, Mr. Smith was given a 3% raise per request of the Council. Various opinions and ideas were exchanged about how to fund the Cemetery since the salary expenses exceed their revenue. This conversation will continue in the attempt to find a resolution.

Jim Koerber, a MainStreet member, addressed the Council regarding the Town's Comprehensive Plan that was adopted by the town in 2015. Mr. Koerber said MainStreet was mentioned multiple times throughout the comprehensive plan discussing goals and how MainStreet would help the town accomplish those goals. Mr. Koerber asked local businesswoman, Jenny Capelle, to say a few words to the Council on behalf of MainStreet. Ms. Capelle said Main Street helps the downtown merchants with resources and planning events which helps bring customers to downtown. Ms. Capelle pointed out that the \$20K the Council had just approved for Main Street would not cover Angel Frizzell's salary and asked the Council if the town would not fund MainStreet, who would? Paul Hamann stated Main Street has other financial resources including revenues from the JJ Bulleit building. Mr. Koerber commented that revenues from the JJ Bulleit will help with funding, but Main Street will never be self-funded. He disagreed with statements from a previous meeting where Treggie King stated the former Council agreed to help finish funding the Bulleit Building so Main Street had the ability to self-fund. In summary, Main Street requested the Town's support beyond the \$20k donation. President Rhoads advised the Main Street members the Town has negotiated a fiscal contract with the Wheatley Group to handle the downtown economic district and additional funding would not be available.

Town Manager, Scott Flickner provided information regarding the Rice Island retaining wall on Chestnut Street. He received a quote of \$37,500.00 from Fulkerson Contracting who could meet the urgency and time frame of this project. Hope Schneider made the motion to approve the contract to construct the wall in front of the playground. Paul Hamann seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Under other business, the Town Manager announced the town received the IPEP Grant in the amount of \$11,500. Mr. Flickner stated the grant money will be used to purchase safety equipment for each department.

Angel Frizzell provided updated the following information to the Council: The convenient store on Chestnut Street is being remodeled, Town Square Gallery and the clothing store "DaDa" is going out of business; however, two new stores will be opening soon. She again asked the Town Council to be Main Street's partner.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Hamann and seconded by Hope Schneider.

DATED: *February 16, 2021*

SIGNED: *Dave Rhoads*

ATTEST: *T.M. King*