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Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Avenue, Corydon, Indiana on the 17th day of November 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, and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Paul Hamann.

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

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| Present: | Absent: |
| Lester Rhoads | |
| Paul Hamann | |
| Tyson Uhl | |
| Hope Schneider | |
| Doug Castetter | |

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

Tyson Uhl made a motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting and Hope Schneider seconded the motion with an approval vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamann made a motion to approve claims and sign bills. Tyson Uhl seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Town Attorney Chris Byrd stated the zoning change ordinance 2020, regarding use of recreational vehicles and trailers, was not ready for adoption, but was to be the first reading so the Council can act at the next meeting.

Doug Castetter made the motion to approve Town Officer Hardin Ellis bond renewal #32S55398 from 11/20/2020 to 11/20/2021. Hope Schneider seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

The offices above the Town Hall were being considered for rent by the new Harrison County Public Defenders, however, the lawyers found alternative space to rent and were no longer interested. Mr. Byrd said with Mr. Chastain passing and Mr. Dillman soon to retire this was being considered because of his extra available space. President Rhoads suggested something could be worked out and he asked Mr. Byrd to provide any ideas that could help the situation.

Jill Saegesser from The Wheatley Group reported new developments with Amendment 5 for the Urban Trail from HMB. INDOT indicated to Ms. Saegesser they would participate 80% of reasonable costs regarding the modification of the Urban Trail if the procurement process could be verified. Kathy McKalip from INDOT indicated the costs from the modifications from HMB were significantly higher than anticipated and Ms. McKalip encouraged Ms. Saegesser that the Town consider a different engineering firm to finish the Urban Trail. The Town would need to start over and there would be some costs involved, but environmental studies and permits had not all been completed by the current engineering firm and permits had expired. Ms. Saegesser relayed the message from Ms. McKalip that if the Town wanted to go through the RFP process (request for proposal) again, select a contractor the Town had faith in that INDOT would participate with 80% of the costs. An RFP from INDOT allows pre-certified contractors to bid on the project. At this point, the \$500k investment due to routes being changed multiple times by the previous Council and a poor working relationship with HMB, it was acknowledged that the new Town Council needed to submit their "OWN" route. Councilman Doug Castetter asked the Council to have ideas for this revised route at the next

meeting on December 1st. Ms. Saegesser conveyed to the Council she would not accept Amendment 5 with HMB. She reminded the Council that they still have \$2.5 million set aside from Stellar. President Rhoads asked Ms. Saegesser to express the Town's interest to Ms. McKalip at INDOT. Ms. Saegesser also volunteered to see if INDOT could help with cross walks and suggested after the Thanksgiving holiday that the Council return with a firm plan.

The Council decided to postpone a letter to the owners of 110 Poplar Street for the unnecessary trash in the front yard. Councilman Paul Hamann stated he drives by it every day and some of the items have been cleaned up.

Pay request #3 for Striegel Design in the amount of \$214,889.80 for the completion of the WWTP phosphorus removal building was approved and seconded by Hope Schneider and Paul Hamann, with the vote carrying 5-0. Clerk-Treasurer Treggie King advised the Council the money would come out of the sewer bond.

Paul Hamann asked for a progress update on 457 Ridley Street that needs either immediate repair or demolition. The property has been mowed but according to Larry Crawford, Indiana Licensed Home Inspector, #H100500163 hired by the Town on September 12, 2020, he deemed it is an unsafe building and must be torn down. Mr. Byrd stated that per state statute, notice must be given to the property owner before the Town takes any action to repair or demolish the building and if the Town incurs any such cost, then that cost may be attached as a lien on the property. Paul Hamann made the motion to start the process by notifying the owner by letter to either demolish the house or repair it. Hope Schneider seconded and the motion which passed 5-0. The notice is to be hand delivered by the Corydon Police Department.

The sidewalk in front of the playground at Rice Island was not part of the original process because it was part of a secondary project that would have been completed at the same time as Rice Island, therefore, it has been determined that installation could take up to a year for completion. This will now become a standalone project and quotes along with an INDOT permit will be required order to install a new sidewalk. President Rhoads also suggested the Council take note of the curb by the front of the restroom area. Ms. Saegesser advised the Council that the property has not been subdivided by Primavera at the present time.

Angel Frizzell from Mainstreet provided updates for events happening in the next few weeks. Light Up will be virtual due to the COVID restrictions put in place by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. Ms. Frizzell suggested people follow on Facebook as the Light Up will be filmed starting at 6:30 pm. Santa will also be in attendance. Times and places will be updated on many Facebook pages. A scavenger hunt titled "Christmas Pickle" will be from Black Friday, November 27th through Christmas Eve, December 24th. This will take place in the local shops in downtown Corydon. Shoppers to find a certain ornament, take a picture with it, and post it on the Mainstreet website. An entry can earn the shopper a \$25.00 gift card or product. Light up may have food trucks in various places. Ms. Frizzell also reported vandalism has taken place in some of the tree lights.

Ms. Frizzell stated the Corydon Mainstreet is still an accredited Mainstreet according to OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) and this will help in additional funding and grants. Many new air B & B's are opening in the Corydon area, with locations at 601 N. Capitol Avenue, 417 E. Chestnut Street, and 112 W. Walnut Street. A couple businesses have also opened in the downtown area. The Christmas parade has been canceled but the trackless train rides will be still be happening on the Saturday of Light Up. Ms. Frizzell asked the Council if they had made any decisions regarding funding Mainstreet and stated that other Mainstreet organizations in have some sort of funding help from their local governments. The Council has asked for financial statements from Mainstreet but have not received that information at this point.

President Rhoads stated there was no response for the Santa Run, so it has been canceled.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon a motion made by Tyson Uhl and seconded by Hope Schneider the meeting adjourned.

Date: 12/1/2020

Signed: *Auterhood*

Attest: *Triggie King*