

Executive Session
Corydon Town Council
October 14, 2019

The Corydon Town Council met in Executive Session on Monday, October 14, 2019. Members present were President Eva L. North, Roger McGraw, Mark L. Parks, Chris Mattingly, Rachael Baelz, Chris Byrd, Treggie King and Rand Heazlitt.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Eva L. North.

A discussion was held to discuss personnel issues pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1

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The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Av, Corydon, Indiana on the 14th day of October, 2019 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 Eva North, who presided and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Council.

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

Present:	Absent:
Eva North	
Mark L. Parks	
Roger L. McGraw	
Chris Mattingly	
Rachael Bealz	

Town Attorney Chris Byrd, Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King, & Town Manager Rand Heazlitt also attended the meeting.

Mark Parks made a motion to approve minutes of the Sept. 23, 2019 meeting and the Special meeting held on October 7, 2019. Rachael Bealz seconded the motion with an approval vote of 5-0.

Chris Mattingly made the motion to approve claims and sign bills. Roger McGraw seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mark Parks made the motion to approve and adopt the 2020 Budget and Chris Mattingly seconded. The motion carried 5-0

Roger McGraw made the motion to approve a bond for the Cedar Hill Cemetery secretary, Bette Purucker from 11/1/2019 to 11/1/2020. Rachael Bealz seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Rand Heazlitt recommended the council approve Change Order #4 on WWTP #2 Phosphorus Removal Project from \$418,512.72 to \$421,694.72 which included the addition of concrete supports (\$2,125.00)

and a pressure reducing valve (\$1,057.00). Mark Parks made the motion to approve the change order and Chris Mattingly seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

Mr. Hezlitt recommended approval of Midwestern Change Order #4 on WWTP #2 Phosphorus Removal Project which would extend the contract for 60 days. Mr. Hezlitt stated this is required to allow DEQ to re-program the control center. Mark Parks asked if payment would be withheld until this is finished and he stated some money would be withheld. Rachael Baelz made a motion to approve, Roger McGraw seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Mark Parks made the motion to approve Presbyterian Church Proclamation - Resolution 2019-02 in which the Town of Corydon recognizes the 200th anniversary of the Corydon Presbyterian Church which is the oldest continuing congregation in Corydon. President Eva North will present the Proclamation on Sunday, October 20th 3pm at the Presbyterian Church. Roger McGraw seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Rachael Baelz made the motion to set Trick or Treat night for October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. Chris Mattingly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Roger McGraw made a motion to change the council meeting night on Monday, November 11th to Tuesday November 12th due to closure for Veteran's Day. Rachael Baelz seconded; the motion carried 5-0.

The Town Manager addressed the council with the proposed ordinances for the water and sewer rate increase. He stated after the public hearing most residents agreed that the rates should be increased but thought the increase should be over an extended period of time. He presented the council with a staged water and sewer increase to be implemented over the next three years. The first year would include a 45% increase, 15% increase second year and a 5% increase the third year. The out of town surcharge of 15% would also be staggered to 7.5% the first year and 7.5% the following year. The water increase would be effective on January 2020 billing and sewer increase would be implemented on the July billing. The out of Town surcharge would also follow the same time lines.

Rachael Baelz questioned Mr. Hezlitt if a cost of service survey had been taken into consideration before we raise rates. Mr. Hezlitt stated that the survey would take a considerable amount of time and money and it was already very apparent that Corydon's rates are much lower compared to surrounding areas. He said the costs of the planned projects have been estimated; therefore the amount money that we have to raise for the bonds has already been established. If the rates had already been changed it still would not change the estimate or information that been collected. Ms. Baelz also questioned the need of charging the out of town residents a surcharge. Mr. Hezlitt stated several reasons for the surcharge. The first reason was out of sewage drainage system flows downhill and the volume and quantity put tremendous pressure on old infrastructure. Geographically, there is a disproportional amount of sewage comings from outside the Town of Corydon as opposed to the needs of the in town residents. The second explanation was the taxpayers of the town of Corydon, totally paid for the water and sewer lines inside the town as well as the necessary structures built outside of the town limits in order to accommodate the flow as population and businesses outside the town limits increased. He described that additional employees are required to handle the out of town lines and maintenance. He suggested that you might be able to eliminate 50% of the town's employees if it weren't for the out of town maintenance on the lines, particularly at the sewer plant. Ms. Baelz asked why the town always uses Midwestern and if other engineering firms are ever used. Mr. Hezlitt stated that other engineer firms are used occasionally but Midwestern has been with the town for about 50 years. Mr. Hezlitt also stated that Midwestern did not identify all the needed projects; they sat down with the entire department heads along with engineering firms to come up with what infrastructure improvements were required. Mr. Hezlitt also explained that 85% of the bond money has to be spent within the first 3 years and when the bonds are secured, the town will immediately start bidding out the projects. The bonds allow the town to go ahead and start on the projects and the town would get better pricing quotes at the end of the year.

Rand Hezlitt recommended the council consider the staggered rate increase on the water rates. Chris Mattingly made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-5 water rates; Mark Parks seconded the motion and it passed with a 4-1 vote. Rachael Baelz opposed.

Roger McGraw made the motion to approve Ordinance 2015-6 to amend the sewer rates. Chris Mattingly seconded motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Rachael Baelz opposed.

Mark Parks made the motion to approve the 2019-7 Water Bond Ordinance and Chris Mattingly seconded the motion that carried 4-1. Rachael Baelz opposed.

Chris Mattingly made the motion to approve the 2019-8 Sewer Bond Ordinance. Roger McGraw seconded the motion that carried 4-1. Rachael Baelz opposed.

Mr. Hezlitt provided updated information on the sale of the old Town Hall. The sale price was \$182,000 and Mr. Hezlitt asked the council to approve the sale. The purchaser paid the buyer's premium. Mark Parks made the motion to approve the sale and Rachael Baelz seconded. This motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Hezlitt gave updates on the dam removal project that was completed by the DNR. A significant part of the first dam has almost been removed. The removal of the dams by the DNR and IDEM preservation groups significantly reduced the liability of the Town. This project was completed at no cost to the Town.

He reported he had completed a walk through of the chemical injection building and has a punch list of a few repairs. The town was also awarded \$144,126.45 from the Community Crossing Grant to pave more streets after filing a comprehensive replacement schedule.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon a motion made by Rachael Baelz, and seconded by Roger McGraw, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: *October 28, 2019*

SIGNED: *Joan North*

ATTEST: *J. M. King*