

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Regular meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Pledge – Mayor Byrum
Moment of Silence – Mayor Byrum

Mayor Byrum called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney, recorded the minutes.

The Clerk-Treasurer’s roll call showed four City Council Members present.

District 1	Councilor Larry Lennington
District 2	Councilor Tom Sells
District 3	Councilor Ron Loyd (absent)
District 4	Councilor Leesa Friend
At Large	Councilor Missy Williams

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Jon Reed, Police Chief and Dwayne Wiggans, Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

Joan Ashley, Chris Peacock, Kristopher Bilbrey, Jordan Winkle, Brody Tarter, Jason Allen, Jim Nunez Jr., Lynn Humphrey, Kate Thornburg and Nile Thornburg

Media Present:

Bill Richmond, News Gazette and Star 98.3

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Williams moved to approve the meeting minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion passed 4 -0.

Committee Reports

Blight Committee

Councilor Williams reported the property on North East Street has a lot of trash in the backyard. She wanted to know if there was any way the City could clear the trash and bill the homeowner. Attorney Cockerill said the City would need the homeowner’s permission to remove the trash from the property. Mayor Byrum was concerned that others would then expect the same service. Cockerill said the case hasn’t showed up in the e-filing system yet, so as of Monday the homeowners had not yet been served. He also reported the homeowners of the property on West South Street had not been served. Councilor Williams said a church group offered to go clean up the trash, but the homeowner would not allow it. Mayor Byrum was concerned about what could happen if a member of the department gets hurt while on that property. Cockerill said that the City really needs a court order to remove anything from someone’s property without their explicit permission. It is possible for the City to get a court order.

Councilor Williams suggested the City hire a service. Mayor Byrum said he would feel comfortable sending City employees as long as there was a court order. Cockerill said he was just waiting for that order.

Councilor Williams presented Andi James, 327 S Main Street, to the council. Ms. James purchased the property (333 S Main Street) next to her and attempted to have the house torn down. They were originally quoted Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to tear it down, but they discovered asbestos, so now the cost would be Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000). Councilor Williams pointed out that if Ms. James hadn't purchased the house it would have come to the blight committee. Councilor Williams asked the Council if they were willing to use some funds to pay the additional Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000) required for demolition. She thought the City would have to pay Culy's for the demolition, because no one else would be able to handle that kind of job. She asked Clerk Treasurer Haney if the funds could come from CCI (Cumulative Capital Improvement) Fund. Clerk Treasurer Haney said that they could. She explained that is the fund the City uses for all blight committee demolitions. The balance in the CCI fund is Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000). Councilor Sells asked Ms. James if she requested any other quotes. She said that Culy's were the only local people that could do it. They quoted the price at Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,450). Councilor Sells asked if there was any record of that property being cited for nuisance or other violations. Ms. James said that the officers she spoke to when she purchased the house said it had been cited multiple times. Councilor Williams could think of three specific examples. Mayor Byrum asked Ms. James if she was aware of the City's demolition assistance program. She said she applied for it and turned her paperwork into Mayor Byrum at a Council meeting. He explained that those papers actually go to the Clerk's office and apologized for failing to follow up. Ms. James said she had been told the maximum for the demolition assistance program was One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Clerk Treasurer Haney said the maximum is actually Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000); however funding is for supplies, such as a dumpster. Labor is not included. Ms. James explained that they have been trying to close and lock the house, but people break in and steal. Councilor Sells asked that Ms. James fill out the demolition assistance paperwork and then come back to the Council after that first step was taken. Councilor Friend asked the council what kind of precedence this would be setting for other citizens and cautioned the Council that they must budget CCI to take care of other blighted homes. Ms. James said that without financial assistance from the City she will not be able to afford to demolish the house, and it will continue to be blight on the community. Brody Tarter, a member of the blight committee, reminded the council that there was once a house on High Street in horrible condition and the committee decided to bail out the homeowner and the City took it over. The owner basically gave the property to the city. He is concerned that if the committee keeps taking properties or assisting to pay for things on properties that they will set precedence they're unable to keep up with. He requested the Council hold to the existing ordinances. Councilor Friend said she feels the Council should hold off on making a decision until they understand all of the option. Councilor Williams made a motion to allot half of the cost, up to Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), for Ms. James to tear down the property. Councilor Lennington seconded. Clerk Treasurer Haney asked if Ms. James had ever asked the church to donate to the cost of demolition because it benefits the whole neighborhood. Ms. James said none of her neighbors were interested in assisting because they had looked into buying it in the past and did not because of the price. Mayor Byrum called for a roll call vote. Councilor Lennington voted yes. Councilor Friend voted no. Councilor Sells voted yes. Councilor Williams voted yes. Motion carried 3-1. Cockerill told Ms. James she will need to bring her receipts to the City.

Council Members' Issues and Concerns

Councilor Williams told the Council the Union City was awarded funding for their Backstay Lofts project. She spoke with Monty Poling to see how he was able to secure so many grants. He says he uses a consultant for grant writing only when they have a specific project. He said they use Keene Consulting.

She recommended that perhaps the City look into getting a grant writer to get grants for things like the Winchester House. She said that some grant writing consultants charge 10% of the grant's worth while others charge a set fee. Councilor Friend recommended looking into different types of grants before hiring a consultant. Councilor Sells said the City previously hired a group out of Indianapolis on retainer, but it seemed like every grant they went after the City was not awarded. He said he would be for it if they found someone with a proven track record.

Councilor Lennington asked if the City planned to do any more paving this year since the City was not awarded the Community Crossing Grant. Mayor Byrum said they would apply again in January. He reminded the Council they budgeted Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to go towards Community Crossing Grant/paving in 2019, so even if they were not awarded any additional money in that round, the City will still have the starting amount they budgeted to use for paving. Councilor Lennington asked if he should tell the residents on Maple Street that they shouldn't expect the streets to be paved until 2019. Mayor Byrum confirmed that was the case and said Maple and Sixth Street were top priority for paving in 2019. There won't be any paving on the South side of Winchester because of the work that the Indiana American Water Utility Company plans to do.

Councilor Williams presented Jordan Winkle to answer questions about the technical classes at the Winchester Community high school. Mr. Winkle told the Council about the new welding lab and the state of the art equipment they were able to use to make various marketable products. The raw materials for this lab are not cheap, so the high school has been brainstorming ways to make this class sustainable. They also plan to do a press conference to announce the new precision machinery that will be purchased with the One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) donated by Larry Fast. This machinery will allow students to produce machine product that can be sold to factories in this community. In order for the welding lab to create products to sell, the school will need one more piece of machinery to fabricate custom parts for people in the community. In addition to this, students in advanced manufacturing welding lab, and soon to be precision machine lab, will be able to get credits from Ivy Tech for free. The high school plans to open up this program to other county schools. Schools that have been sending their students to Muncie Area Career Center for welding will receive a discount when they switch to Winchester. At the end of the program students can take a test to get accredited to work on these machines and immediately enter the work force after graduation. For a long time the high school has focused on sending students to four year institutions, but there is a large student population with no interest in that path. Mr. Winkle said the high school's goal is to create opportunity for these students to become skilled laborers and make a good living. The high school would like to request some funding to assist with the purchase of this final piece of machinery for the welding lab. Mr. Winkle explained the school incurs a lot of hidden costs. For example, the precision machinery was a gift, but the school now pays Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) on their electric bill to run those machines. They will also have to alter the shop room to accommodate the new machines. Mayor Byrum told Mr. Winkle that an allocation for Work Force Training is an approved part of the City's EDIT budget. Councilor Williams asked if this lab would be open for adults in the community to take classes in the evening. Mr. Winkle said this is a possibility; currently the school's welding instructor teaches morning classes in Kokomo and has plans to retire from that job this year. The high school plans to offer him a full time position at Winchester so he can continue to teach their students as well as offer classes for adults at night. Adults in these classes will be able to earn the same certifications as the students. This instructor used to teach at Ivy Tech, so he is a great asset. Councilor Friend asked for specifics regarding the products this class will be able to make and who might buy the products. Mr. Winkle said they could make signs, gates, and other custom products. The school plans to have some of the business classes, specifically agriculture business do the marketing for these products. They will go to community members, make fliers, and get active on social media. Mr. Clawson, the manufacturing teacher, has already reached out to some

factories in town and there has been interest. They said when the machinery is set up they are willing to do a trial run and purchase some parts from the school. Councilor Friend asked if the school had reached out to any local factories to ask them to help offset some of the school's costs since they will benefit from the improvement of the workforce in the area. Mr. Winkle said they reached out to Randolph County Economic Development Board and that the new welding instructor will have a set time in his new school day to go out and make connections with businesses. As of right now, he was unsure if anyone had been in contact with local business and factories to ask for contributions. Councilor Friend asked if any of the other county schools had offered contributions since this lab will be open to their students. Mr. Winkle said they charge those schools a student fee. If those students were to go to Muncie Area Career Center it would cost around Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500). The high school will be charging Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). We are saving the other schools money, but we are charging them. Councilor Friend asked the average class size. Mr. Winkle said that there are currently Twelve (12) students signed up for the class this semester and next. The goal is to be able to sustain four classes, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, in the future as the program expands. Councilor Lennington said he first felt that the Sixty Three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000) the City gave to the school from the TIF fund was enough, but after he spoke to Superintendent Abraham, he realized that this program is already giving Seventy Four (74) students the chance to have a successful future without going to college. He now feels it is well worth the money. Councilor Lennington made a motion to approve the claim. Councilor Williams seconded. Motion carried 4-0 Mr. Winkle said that any member of the Council was welcome to come out and tour the facility.

Fountain Park Cemetery Board

Jim Nunez reported another successful month at the cemetery. There were two side windows broken on one of the crypts. They are planning to replace them with Plexiglas. They accepted a bid from Mr. Bickel. They also plan to replace the two front windows on the crypt, so there will be another bid for that job. This crypt will hold the time capsules from the Bicentennial.

Mr. Nunez also reported that Pat Knasinski spoke to the Cemetery Board about the Winchester Alumni Association.

Larry Preston is One Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$133) short on funding his project to put in a sidewalk around the columbarium. The cemetery plans to go ahead and pay that remaining balance to have the sidewalk put in, and as they receive donations they will repay themselves. Any additional donations will be put in a reserve fund for columbarium upkeep.

The cemetery board also plans to put up a rules and regulations sign similar to the one in Union City. There will be one at each entrance.

The Bobcat machinery needs new forks. The Board first checked prices locally, but the local vendors' forks were for straw and they needed forks for heavy weights, a bid was received and accepted. Funding will be proved through donations.

Councilor Lennington asked if the Board was still planning to open Two (2) new sections. Mr. Nunez confirmed that they will be opening new section on the south side to square off the cemetery and change the drive to enable driving all the way around the cemetery. This drive and the new entrance will make it easier access for cement trucks.

WCCPC (Winchester Community Cultural Preservation Committee)

Jim Nunez is on the committee to provide electricity for the Santa House and Bicentennial Plaza. He is asking the City to partner with WCCPC to pay the bill to install that electric. Current partners include the WCCPC, the City, Main Street Farmers Market, and the Randolph County Tourism Bureau. The total bill is One Thousand Fifty Seven Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$1,057.14). The cost for each partner would be Two Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$264.30). This new installation is located on the

southwest corner of the square and includes Twenty (20) and Thirty (30) amp breakers that are controlled by the courthouse. This new system will be a benefit to the community, especially during events and festivals. This year it's been used for the Wick's Car Show and Farmer's Market. The total cost for materials and labor was One Thousand Fifty Seven Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$1,057.14). Mr. Nunez requested a donation from the City for Two Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$264.30). Councilor Friend made a motion to pay the claim out of mayor's promotional. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Bicentennial Committee

Jim Nunez said the committee is waiting to receive time capsules from the County and City. Mr. Nunez and Councilor Friend met and discussed putting in Newspapers from every day of this year. Those will be bagged and placed in the crypt with the time capsules. AEP (American Electric Power) is also donating an old electrical meter.

Economic Development Committee-Marketing

Jim Nunez reported the Now Entering Winchester project was held last Saturday from 8:30am-7pm. There were twenty Six (26) scheduled story tellers and Twenty Five (25) were in attendance. This event was done through WIPB (Public Broadcasting system). It will be published sometime in February or March as part of their public fundraising drive.

The Winchester Lighted Christmas Parade will be held on December 6 at 7pm. This will be the third annual year for this parade.

Councilor Williams reported that the Randolph County Historical Society and Museum has been cleaned up very nicely and is worth a visit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beeson Community Building

Councilor Lennington reported that his team decided there needed to be some improvements on the inside of the Beeson Community Building. They would like to install a new refrigerator, a new stove, a new double sink, new counter tops, and new cabinets underneath the sink. Jason Detro offered an estimate of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000). Councilor Williams made a motion to approve the request to upgrade the Beeson Community Building for up to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000). Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Beeson Farm

Chris Peacock provided the Council a summary of the 2018 calendar year that included crop yields and an aerial photo of the farm. This year saw the completion of the tile project. Eighteen (18) inch tile was placed throughout the farm. There were also photos of cover crops that were used to help hold the soil, improve root penetration, and help drainage. The farm's tenant, Al Growth, is very good at utilizing cover crops. This year was an ideal crop year. The farm has One Hundred Seventy Eight (178) tillable acres. The lease type is cash flex lease. The base cash rent is Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$225) per acre which adds up to total cash rent of Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$39,174.74) per year. This year's production was two Hundred Fifty Eight Point Six (258.6) bushels per acre, which is probably a record for Beeson Farm. There was also a record flex payment this year that amounted to Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$16,491.00).

Wind turbine income was (\$11,725). Gross income off Beeson Farm was Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$67,391). Gross income per acre was Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$315). Mr. Peacock said the flex lease looked great this year, but it has been challenging in the past. Councilor Friend asked how much longer they will receive an income off the wind turbine. Mr. Peacock said it would be another Ten (10) years and also mentioned the escalation clause which increased the amount they will be paid over the years. They also cover damage made to the farm.

In light of the increased income made by the farm this year, Mr. Peacock asked the Council if they would consider giving more money towards repairs and maintenance on the farm. They are currently allotted Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) a year. This year with the wet spring there were no projects. Mr. Peacock would like to install some tile to address a few wet pockets. He proposed bumping the maintenance budget up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) this year. The tenant is willing to do the tile work and the City will oversee it. Councilor Friend asked which of the three proposed project was most important: the tile project, perimeter fence project, or working with a surveyor on trees. Mr. Peacock said the perimeter fence would be first priority with drainage as a close second. He said there were Three (3) trees on 300 S that needed to be cut down so their roots would not get into the new tile. That should be something the county surveyor should want to do, so it should not be a cost to the farm. Councilor Lennington asked if those three projects could be completed for Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). Mr. Peacock said that will not cover it all, but it would be a start. Councilor Lennington asked how much the three projects would cost. Mr. Peacock had not run the numbers yet, but said he could get back to the Council. Councilor Friend asked Mr. Peacock to get back to them with the total estimated price. In the meantime Councilor Sells made a motion to increase the Beeson Farm maintenance budget from Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2019 fiscal year. Councilor Williams seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Peacock thanked the Council for their willingness to invest in the farm. He also told the Council his daughter, Lauren Peacock, was joining their team.

EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax)Expenditures

Mayor Byrum reminded the Council that the EDIT budget for 2019 needs additional expenditures according to the new budget. He asked if they would like to form a committee to decide how the money is spent. He suggested the committee may be composed of him, a Council member or two, and some appointments. This committee would then recommend something to the Council for approval. Councilor Williams asked if they could just set a budget meeting for the Council to determine the expenditures, but Mayor Byrum explained that new expenditure requests come in throughout the year. He told the Council they already approved Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the 2019 budget, but this committee would recommend expenditures to the Council. The Council would then have to conduct a public hearing and a resolution. Councilor Friend expressed willingness to sit on the committee. Councilor Lennington thought a committee was a good idea to relieve some pressure from the mayor. Having two Council members on the EDIT committee would mean it would only need one more vote to be passed by the Council. Attorney Cockerill reminded the Council that they cannot change the statute. It would still come as an executive order from the Mayor's office to the EDIT board. Councilor Lennington feels the committee is a good idea to give the Council more of a say, and he volunteered to be on the committee. Mayor Byrum said he would bring additional recommendations of citizens to sit on the committee to the next meeting.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Clerk Treasurer Haney reported the accounts payable for the end of October amount to Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (\$54,632.36). The accounts payable vouchers for November 1-14 Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars Sixty Nine Cents

(\$80,225.69). Payroll amounts to One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Seventy Six Cents (\$137,284.76). Total accounts payable equal Five Hundred Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Eighty One Cents (\$572,142.81).

Councilor Friend had a question about the claim for the Volunteers of America (VOA) for Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for Economic Development Incentive. She wanted to know why the City was giving the VOA that money when they are not fully staffed or fully occupied. Mayor Byrum pointed out that few businesses are never fully staffed or at maximum capacity. He believes the jobs they've created and continue to create are good paying jobs. Councilor Friend asked the Mayor about the waiting list of over One Hundred (100) women that was previously mentioned. She wanted to know why the VOA wasn't fully occupied and how they planned to become fully occupied to reach the One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) for Randolph County. Mayor Byrum said that the VOA is currently hiring. Councilor Lennington said that the Winchester House currently has Eighteen (18) residents and that the Seventy Five Thousand Dollar (\$75,000) request was to train the workers. Councilor Friend felt the City had given them enough money already to succeed and pay off the City's loans. Mayor Byrum informed the Council that the City has contributed around One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$107,778) thus far. The Randolph County Commissioners has contributed One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$118,000) and the State has contributed Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$815,000) for a total of One Million Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,040,000) which is Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$59,000) less than the One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000) the Council approved. In the end with the money the City will get back over the years, they will be making money, not losing it. Even if the Winchester House closes this year, the IHCDCA will forgive Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) of that loan. Mayor Byrum also said the building would sell for far more than the price at which the City purchased it. Councilor Friend asked how much the City was giving to Casey's or O'Reily's to come to Winchester and bring jobs. The City did not give them any incentive. Councilor Friend feels the City is giving so much to the VOA that they have no money to bring in other businesses. Mayor Byrum said that was untrue because there was still over Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in the EDIT fund. Councilor Friend replied by pointing out that the mayor already has a great deal of that money earmarked for other projects, and according to his plan there will only be around Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) left at the end of the year. Mayor Byrum said the amount leftover would be higher than that. Mayor Byrum said that in 2016 the fund started with Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000). Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) was awarded to Tractor Supply Company. They paid about Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per job. The VOA incentive only paid Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000) per job. Councilor Friend said according to the EDIT plan dated June of 2018, if the City spent everything on the plan they would be left with Sixty Four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000). Mayor Byrum pointed out that according to this plan he expected the City to pay Two Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Dollars (\$299,000), but they ended up paying only One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$107,778). So we have actually spent One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) less. Councilor Friend said that Mayor Byrum should not say we have Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) in EDIT because according to the EDIT budget from November 14, 2018 there will only be One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000) left at the end of 2019. Mayor Byrum told Councilor Friend that there is a chance a lot of that money will not be spent, because the budget saves money for things that may never occur. Attorney Cockerill told the Council that the EDIT plan must account for Seventy Five Percent (75%) of the revenue. Whether or not you have an Economic Development Project, you must save money back for one. Clerk Treasurer Haney reported a current EDIT balance of five Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$580,000). Mayor Byrum reminded the Council that none of that money can be spent unless the Council approves it. Councilor Friend felt that there were many established businesses in Winchester that would like money for Economic Development instead of spending it all on the VOA. Mayor Byrum told Councilor Friend to have said businesses come

in and make a proposal. Councilor Williams made a motion to pay the claims. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Councilor Friend cast the no vote.

General	6,512.41
MVH	867.72
Ambulance Non Reverting	67.06
Employee Welfare Benefit Plan	45,303.74
Animal Control	778.53
LLECE	40.00
Fire Dept Non Reverting Training	69.46
Dog Park Non-Reverting	870.48
Lights	122.96
General Fund	137,300.23
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	44,846.64
Light Fund	4,932.47
City Court User Fee Fund	798.00
Winchester House Project	19,689.82
Fireman’s Pension Fund	5,201.58
Ambulance Non Reverting Fund	6,599.63
CEDIT Fund	146,466.21
Cumulative Capital Development	351.00
Donation K-9	158.19
Animal Control	152.12
Court Cash Due County	1,179.00
Tomasco Project TIF	10,450.00
Dog Park Non Reverting	1,362.80
Clerk’s Record Perp	738.00

Councilor Lennington expressed concerns about the number of employable adults leaving Winchester. Mayor Byrum reminded him that the Council just approved new machinery that would provide job training for high school students as well as adults. He also pointed out the large number of houses available for rehabilitation. Councilor Friend said she spoke to a family that needed a 3-4 bedroom house and could not find one here, so they were planning to move back to Indianapolis. Mayor Byrum said demand will drive supply. Councilor Sells pointed out there is a housing shortage in all of Indiana.

Mayor Byrum set the next Council Meeting for December 17, 2019. Councilor Williams said she would like to have two Council meetings a month. Councilor Friend agreed and said she was afraid citizens would have concerns for the Council before then. Mayor Byrum felt there would not be enough new business to warrant a meeting. Councilor Friend said she was contacted by a citizen that was concerned there was no time set out in this meeting for citizen concerns. Mayor Byrum said that if a citizen had a concern they could talk to their Councilor before the meetings and that Councilor could talk about it during the councilor’s concerns section. Councilor Friend asked why they could not just have two meetings. Mayor Byrum said that they pay employees overtime for these meetings. Councilor Lennington said that was nothing new and motion for the Council to continue meeting twice a month. Mayor Byrum felt there would be no business to discuss. The Council said they would need to hear back from Mr. Peacock about final costs for the Beeson Farm, the blight committee was waiting on some

people to be served, and the Council would like to hear the final cost on Beeson Clubhouse project. Councilor Sells said that the Council normally has at least one meeting in December to pay claims. Councilor Friend said there was a meeting recently canceled where the Council felt there was business to discuss but Mayor Byrum did not. Councilor Lennington said they were elected to do this job, so they were going to do it twice a month. Mayor Byrum asked if they would like public concerns on the agenda. Councilor Lennington said public concerns were Mayor Byrum's idea. Councilor Friend said she would like to keep public concerns, but addressed those citizens present and encouraged them to move on from topics that had been heavily discussed in the last year. Councilor Lennington made a motion to meet twice a month. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Williams moved to adjourn. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The November 19, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Haney, Clerk-Treasurer