

CITY OF WINCHESTER  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Regular meeting @ 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Byrum  
Moment of Silence – Mayor Byrum

The roll call showed all Board of Public Works and Safety members present.

Mayor Shon Byrum  
Mr. Bob McCoy  
Mr. Bill Richmond

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Jon Reed, Police Chief, and Chris Martin, Wastewater Superintendent

Citizens Present:

Linda Neudecker, Bill Neudecker, Dalton Brown and Robin McCoy

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Concerns

There being none, the floor was closed.

Sewage Affidavits

Myles McCoy, owner of the property located at 239 Watson, being represented by Robin McCoy, was present to request a sewage affidavit be considered due to the property being rehabilitated within six months. Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the sewage affidavit for 239 Watson. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jodi Edwards, owner of the property located at 434 N Oak, is requesting the property be removed from the billing because the property was condemned by the Randolph County Health department. Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the sewage affidavit for 434 N Oak. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Deborah Hendrix, owner of the property located at 609 High Street, is requesting the property be removed from the billing because the property was damaged by fire and is uninhabitable. Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the sewage affidavit for 609 High Street. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James Woolf, owner of the property located at 966 Short Street, is requesting his property be removed from the billing due to the property is now being used only for storage. Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the sewage affidavit. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Parking at 114 Union Street

Bill Neudecker, owner of the property located at 114 N Union Street, was present to discuss a project on Union Street. Mr. Neudecker said that after the state (Indiana Department of Transportation) worked on the street, it was declared there is no parking on that portion of Union Street which leaves his apartment on Union Street without parking. He said he did not receive any letter or other communication from the state. He proposes putting the sidewalk back three feet. This would require extending the sidewalk another foot in width on the other side to be up to standard. Mr. Neudecker explained that moving back the sidewalk would benefit kids. Mr. McCoy explained Mr. Neudecker's proposal would cause someone making an approach to block the sidewalk. It is especially important that this sidewalk is wide enough, because there are multiple residents in wheel chairs. Superintendent Martin said he would go and look at the area. He said an entire new sidewalk may not need to be poured, but they could cut and reinstall the curb and gutter. Mr. Richmond explained the center line runs down the middle of the street which would not allow room for parking on one side of the street as it should. Mayor Byrum said that the center line was part of the state project. Mr. Richmond motioned to move the curb two feet to the east. Mr. McCoy seconded. Superintendent Martin plans to survey the area to determine if there is enough space and to make sure the water will drain properly. Mayor Byrum wants to be sure the board considers the long term effects this project will have on the neighborhood. He pointed out that there are not parking restrictions to park on the east side, and cars could move around by crossing the center line. Others feared that could be dangerous and also difficult for buses. Motion passed 3-0. Mayor Byrum said the next step would to be to have the city hear bids from contractors.

#### Sidewalk Applications

Tom and Ilona Cockerill submitted a sidewalk improvement application for their property located at 616 S Richmond. Mr. McCoy motioned to grant Tom and Ilona Cockerill permission to begin sidewalk improvement under the Winchester Sidewalk Program. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Rowena Hawley submitted a sidewalk improvement application for a property she owns located at 303 S Main Street. Mr. McCoy motioned to approve the sidewalk request at 303 S Main Street. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#### Waste Water Treatment Plant Report

Mayor Byrum pointed out that since the first and second block of South West streets were paved the sidewalks are in need of being replaced. Mr. McCoy pointed out that the west side of the street has a new sidewalk because the water company made repairs and replaced the sidewalk. Mayor Byrum said there have already been quotes to replace the sidewalks. Superintendent Martin reported that the storm sewer located by the jail crumbled as it was removed. To replace the curb so that it is tall enough when the street is paved will require the street to be milled down. He anticipates the cost of this project

will be higher. For now they will pour just one block. The other side of the street is stubbing out to pick up two blocks to collect the water coming off of Greenville. They expect to receive quotes soon. Superintendent Martin stated they are now working on getting engineers' estimates to replace the sanitary sewer in the Gas Light District before the street is paved.

Mr. McCoy asked about the progress on Short Street. Superintendent Martin needs to contact Jimmy Lee.

Keith Williams was able to repair and reset a power unit located at the plant.

Superintendent Martin emailed the board photos from the flooding caused by heavy rains last week. He also stated the generator worked well during the power outage.

#### Fire Department Report

Mayor Byrum emailed the board the invoice for two paramedics currently in class. The council would need to appropriate money from the ambulance fund to pay the invoice. He said that the hospital is concerned about the shortage of paramedics, so they are working to partner with another agency to provide paramedics.

Mayor Byrum accepted the resignation of Chief Moore effective September 18, 2018 at 7:00 am.

Dwayne Wiggans has stepped forward to be fire chief until further notice.

#### Police Department Report

Chief Reed did not have anything to report. Mr. McCoy said some citizens complained about an unmarked police swerving in and out of traffic and failing to use turn signals. Chief Reed confirmed this car was a police vehicle. Mr. McCoy just wanted to bring this action to the chief's attention.

#### Accounts Payable

Clerk Treasurer Haney reported the accounts payable vouchers for the end of August amount to Eighty Nine Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$89.47) Accounts payable vouchers for September 1-12 amount to Fifty Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and Eight Six Cents(\$50,517.86). Payroll amounts to Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars and Forty One Cents (\$34,484.41). Total accounts payable vouchers are Eight Five Thousand Ninety One Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$85,091,74). Mr. McCoy asked Chris about the polymer chemical purchase. Chris explained it was for weed spray. Mr. McCoy motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Richmond seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#### Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Mr. Richmond moved to adjourn. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The September 17 meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm.

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Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney