

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation @ 6:30 pm.

Mayor Byrum opened the floor to receive public comment for an Additional Appropriation of the C.E.D.I.T. (County Economic Development Income Tax) Fund. The amount of the additional appropriation is Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars.

Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney, explained the amount of the additional appropriation is Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000). Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) of this will be a forgivable loan approved by the City Council and the Mayor for Deep Roots Salon. The additional Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) will be appropriated for the Shovel Ready. The amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) was from a previous additional appropriation.

Council Chamber/City Hall/113 E. Washington Street
Meeting @ 6:33 p.m.

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	
District 4	Councilor Leesa Friend	Absent
At Large	Councilor Jason Allen	

Additional Officials Present:

Dwayne Wiggans, Fire Chief, Mike Burk, Police Shift Sargent, Shean Bosworth, Street and Park Superintendent; Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Chris Martin, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent and Gary Girton, Randolph County Commissioner.

Citizens Present

Michael Kennedy, Roger Miller, Nicki Hess, Kristopher Bilbrey, Joan Ashley, Cheryl Robbins, Deb Henning, Kevin Carreno, Maci Beam, Rick Sanders, Merissa Tippet, Jim Nunez Jr. and Doug Hill.

Media Present:

Bill Richmond (Star 98.3 Radio and News-Gazette Newspaper)

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Lennington moved to approve the meeting minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting. Councilor Loyd seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Issues and Concerns

Councilor Sells made a recommendation that the city council appoint Councilor Jason Allen to the Randolph County Area Planning Commission. Councilor Sells moved to appoint Councilor Allen. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

After asking for other public concerns and receiving no response, Mayor Byrum closed that portion of the meeting.

Fountain Park Cemetery, WCCPC and Randolph County

Jim Nunez Jr., gave a report on the good response to the initiatives at Fountain Park Cemetery. One of the things the Board is excited about is the purchase of a new Bobcat. They had a lot of trouble with the last Bobcat. They borrowed the money off of themselves and are about Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500) from having the Bobcat paid off. A lot more can be done with the new Bobcat including leveling and restructuring the roads, as well as increased functionality in digging and maintaining around graves. Their gravedigger rigged the Bobcat so that they could cut back on manpower while safely digging. In addition, Councilor Lennington, who's on a commission for tree planning, recently approached them to talk about replacing trees in the cemetery because many of them needed to be cut down. They'll speak to local MPs to get grants for replacement trees. He also noted that there are still people who haven't paid for a lot that they own, some dating back to 1995; they're reaching out to those people to settle the back payment. Fountain Park Cemetery is also planning events for Memorial Day on May 27 at 1:00 PM. They're adding a time capsule element, with the ceremony and Memorial Day celebration. They're requesting road grindings to help with muddy trails at the cemetery. On May 18, they're having annual history tours in the cemetery from 9:00-12:00. This will require quite a bit of mowing, and they're asking for donations for flowers.

WCCPC Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 20th at 11:00 AM at the Goodrich Park. This year there will be Three Thousand and Eight Hundred (3,800) eggs. Children from ages One (1) to Twelve (12) are welcome. Hopefully, the police department will do some sort of identification for kids. They also used to sign up kids to play baseball and softball during that time. Walmart helps them out with the prizes

The Wicks' Car Show will be held on June 20 from 8:00-3:00 on the downtown square.

The Randolph Economic Development Corporation asked Mr. Nunez Jr., to announce that the Winchester Phi Delts Fraternity is hosting a Cultivating Community meeting on Saturday, March 23rd. This is a community-wide event for people to share what they "like," "love," and "would like to love" about Winchester.

Randolph County Veterans Services

Michael Kennedy, director of Randolph County Veterans Services, presented the City with a poster listing the Purple Heart recipients for Randolph County. There are Ninety-Two (92) names on the poster. He's been the veteran service officer for Fourteen (14) years and it took Six (6) months to compile this poster. Walmart contributed with the framing and Williams Printing in Farmland contributed with the printing of the poster. He offered a one-time reprint, in a year's time. He presented the presentation to Mayor Byrum, who hung it immediately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2019-5

Proposed Ordinance No. 2019-5 is being presented by Clerk-Treasurer Haney on behalf of United Healthcare Insurance Company, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE WINCHESTER CODE OF ORDINANCES." Councilor Sells motioned that the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-5 for the rewording of the verbiage in the employees benefits section be done by title only. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

It was read for the second time. Councilor Sells motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-5, Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Sells moved to suspend the rules and have the third and final reading of Ordinance No.2019-5 by title only. Motion carried 4-0.

It was read for the third time. Councilor Sells moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-5. Councilor Loyd seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Thus it becomes Ordinance No. 2019-5.

Ordinance No.2019-4

Proposed Ordinance No. 2019-4 was presented and is entitled "AMENDED SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12, SALARY ORDINANCE".

Councilor Sells moved to table the new amendment about non-user credit cards for meals until Councilor Friend is present. Councilor Loyd seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Live Streaming

Councilor Allen contacted Angela Newman, CDO Technologies, and asked her to put together a proposal for an audio/visual stream. He discovered in a Facebook live presentation, the City wouldn't own the right to the video but Facebook would. This means that anyone could edit the video. In addition, the City needs to save the footage for a certain amount of time, under federal law, but they wouldn't own it. Newman's advice was to purchase equipment and set it up on a safe server. The current audio used by the City, BIS quoted the price. The initial cost of the equipment would be Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$9,850). The yearly subscription to store the video and keep it safe would be Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000). At that price, Councilor Allen doesn't know if the Council should look at this again. The audio live

stream currently gets about Forty (40) hits. He says this is not financially feasible or justifiable for that many people. In addition, citizens still have the audio. Newman recommended an upgrade because they have old equipment and the streaming technology is out of date. The equipment upgrades would be approximately Two Thousand and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$2,077). The added audio and visual cost would be Two Thousand Nine hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,950). Currently the maintenance expense is Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$870) yearly to produce audio recordings of the meetings. Councilor Allen recommends doing an audio upgrade so that citizens can hear the meetings soon after they happen. He doesn't believe it's reasonable to do a visual upgrade. Councilor Sells wants to consider the matter, as does Councilor Loyd. This could be budgeted for next year, out of the general maintenance for public buildings. Councilor Allen said he didn't believe there would be an upgrade to the servers. Councilor Loyd moved to table further discussion until a later date. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2019-5

Clerk-Treasurer Haney presented Resolution No. 2019-5 entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR VARIOUS FUNDS". Councilor Sells motioned to read Resolution No. 2019-5 by title only. Councilor Lennington seconded. Councilor Allen chose to abstain because of his relationship with Deep Roots Salon. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilor Allen abstaining.

Reading was completed. Councilor Sells moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-5. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilor Allen abstaining. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2019-5

Goodrich Park Tree Removal

Superintendent Bosworth said Mayor Byrum asked, at the Board of Works Meeting, about the usage of the sidewalk fund, which is funded by the riverboat gambling. He said in 2016, they took down fencing in the North West section of the park so people could walk along the river and use Six (6) or Seven (7) holes of disc golf. The trees back there are dangerous. They counted over Twenty (20) ash, board, or dead trees that need to be removed and this is beyond what the street department is capable of. Disc golf increases the risk of someone getting injured. This costs Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), and Superintendent Bosworth asked if that money could be removed from the sidewalk fund. He said it's a gray area on whether or not the money can be used for that purpose, as there is a walkway along that tree line. It should not be considered building maintenance. The Council determines how that money is dispersed, so the funding could come from anywhere. Generally revenues from the sidewalk fund are utilized for residents to repair their sidewalks. The balance of the fund is currently Sixty-Four Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars (\$64,200). There are Four (4) projects scheduled that have a claim to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from that fund, and an additional sidewalk reimbursement to pay out. That leaves a surplus at the moment. Councilor Loyd asked if the work on the trees is done, which it is. Superintendent Bosworth said that Hunts Tree Service chopped it up, and the city hauled it off. This could be taken from the park, but it limits capital improvements and repairs. In Mayor Byrum's mind, this money belongs to citizens to repair sidewalks. Councilor Allen says he doesn't feel that citizens should maintain the sidewalks because they didn't install

it. Some sidewalks are broken because citizens can't afford to pay for it. It would be nice to use the money to fix the houses where it's bad but the City can't afford it. Mayor Byrum makes the case that a park is a public place and when a city replaces those sidewalks, everyone benefits. Councilor Allen stated that he wants the park to continue to do what it needs to do. Councilor Loyd asked if it had been included in the budget request, which it wasn't. Councilor Loyd moved to approve the Eight Thousand Dollar (\$8,000) payment of the tree removal from Goodrich Park from the sidewalk fund. Councilor Sells seconded.

Clerk-Treasurer Haney stated that Weed Assessment Fund may also be able to pay for the tree removal. The revenues from this come from mowing fees for private spaces. Nothing much has been disbursed from this fund. The current balance is Twenty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$23,293.70). Annual yearly revenue is Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

The motion failed to take it out of the sidewalk, 4-0.

Councilor Loyd moved to approve the Eight Thousand Dollar (\$8,000) payment of the tree removal from Goodrich Park from the Weed Assessment Fund. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Clerk- Treasurer Haney presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers (APV) for the end of February equals Fifty Thousand Five Hundred and One Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$50,501.44).

General	1,933.52
MVH	1,145.48
Ambulance Non-Reverting	67.10
Employees Welfare Benefit Plan	47,354.98
BVP (Bulletproof Vest) Grant	.06
Fire Dept. Donation Walmart	.30

APV for March 1-13 equals Ninety-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$96,869.57).

Win Fire Dept. Prof Dev	15.00
General Fund	72,211.90
Motor Vehicle Highway	2,167.52
Light Fund	5,363.63
City Court User Fee	806.00
Cumulative Capital Improvement	8,000.00
Weed Assessment	783.52
Fireman's Pension	5,201.58
Ambulance Non Reverting	320.51
CEDIT Fund	1,000.00
East US 27 TIF	46.06
Animal Control	228.85
Court Cash Due County	725.00

Payroll equals Twenty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Eight Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$22,208.32). Total APV equals One Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$169,579.33). Councilor Sells moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers. Councilor Loyd seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further information to discuss, Councilor Lennington motioned to adjourn. Councilor Allen Seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The March 18, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney