

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m.

Additional Appropriations

Councilor Sells opened the floor for the public hearing concerning additional appropriations for the Animal Control Fund in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). There being no one to speak for or against, Councilor Sells closed the floor to the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting @ 6:31 p.m.
Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Pledge – Tom Sells, Council President
Moment of Silence – Tom Sells, Council President

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

The Clerk-Treasurer's roll call showed all City Council Members present.

District 1	Councilor Larry Lennington
District 2	Councilor Tom Sells
District 3	Councilor Ron Loyd
District 4	Councilor Leesa Friend
At Large	Councilor Jason Allen

Additional Officials Present:

Bob McCoy, Mayor Elect, Jim Nunez Jr., Council Member Elect, Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Dwayne Wiggans, Fire Chief; Jon Reed, Police Chief and Greg Beumer, Executive Director of Randolph County Economic Development Corporation

Citizens Present:

Lynn Humphrey and Rick Sanders

Media Present:

Bill Richmond (Star 98.3 Radio)
Kate Thornburg (News-Gazette Newspaper)

Council Member Issues and Concerns

There being no Council Members Issues and Concerns the floor was closed.

Public Concerns

Councilor Sells opened the floor for public concerns.

Rick Sanders, owner of Sanders Service, 210 N Main Street, asked where Council is at on the forgivable loan he is asking for. Councilor Sells stated he did not think the Council was proceeding on that. Mr. Sanders asked if Council was denying him the loan. Councilor Loyd stated that was his understanding that it just somehow fell off the table. Councilor Allen said there hasn't been any discussion about the loan since the last time Mr. Sanders and Mr. Waters were present at a Council meeting. At that time Council agreed to not move forward with the loan. Councilor Friend stated no decision was ever made because of lack of information to make a sound decision. Mr. Sanders believe everyone has received the information. Councilor Sells was not in favor of a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) loan. Mr. Sanders was not asking for it all at once. Councilor Sells remembered a partial payment may be considered. Councilor Lennington stated they should let the new Council do it. Clerk-Treasurer read the minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting where no action was taken. Councilor Friend reminded Mr. Sanders vehicles remain located outside of Mr. Sanders fence. Mr. Sanders does not want anything setting outside of the fence; however, he is overloaded with paperwork. The Redevelopment Commission granted Mr. Sanders funding for a roof in the amount of \$3,500.00 for his property located at 201 N Main Street. Councilor Friend and Councilor Lennington reminded Mr. Sanders that when he purchased the properties located at 201 N Main Street and 119 W Martin Street, several years ago, he promised to maintain the properties. Councilor Loyd moved to table Mr. Sanders request for a forgivable loan. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Apex Ag Solutions, LLC

Attorney Cockerill advised the Council to motion to proceed with the loan agreement documents for Apex Ag Solutions, LLC.

Councilor Friend made a motion to move forward with APEX loan agreement documents and give Mayor Byrum permission to move forward with presenting the amended EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) plan to the Randolph County EDIT Board. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Attorney Cockerill explained the EDIT plan must be amended and approved by the EDIT board and a loan closing would be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2019-25

Clerk-Treasurer Haney presented "A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF WINCHESTER INDIANA RESOLUTION FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO VARIOUS FUNDS". The additional appropriation is for the Animal Shelter in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)

Council Friend moved to read Resolution No. 2019-25 by title only. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilor Lennington casting the negative vote. Attorney Cockerill read Resolution No. 2019-25 by title only. Councilor Loyd motioned to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2019-25. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilor Lennington casting the negative vote. Thus, it becomes Resolution No. 2019-25.

Attorney Cockerill will not be at the Council meeting scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Friend moved to adjourn. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The December 2, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney