

AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2017

7:00pm

Avon Town Hall

6570 E US Hwy 36, Avon, Indiana

Call to Order was made by Council President Aaron Tevebaugh.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Treasurer, Sharon Howell. Council members present were Marcus Turner, Steve Eisenbarth, Aaron Tevebaugh, Beverley Austin and Greg Zusan. Tom Klein, Town Manager and Mitchell Ray, Town Attorney, was also present.

Proclamation

Tom Klein read a proclamation for the Daughters of American Revolution proclaiming the week of September 17 to the 23rd as Constitution Week. This marks the 230th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Consent Agenda

08/24/17 - Minutes

08/31/17 – Check Register

Encroachment Agreement with WCCD for White Lick Creek Trail 2b and 4

Council member Turner made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Council member Eisenbarth seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for
5-for, 0-against, Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Jarod Turner, 864 Beechwood Centre Road. He spoke at a previous meeting about AJAA. He requested financial assistance from the Town for the children of Avon. He distributed a memo to Council with estimated figures.

Council Comment/Liaison Reports

Dispatch Board held first meeting of the year. The radio system is up and running.

Ribbon cutting at Washington Township Government Center

Legislative update

Collaboration meeting was held

Civil forfeiture

Ivy Tech has a new GED program that is offered for free

Trail and Roads update

Update on Pecar Park

New Business

Public Hearing: 2018 Budget

The public hearing was opened and closed at 7:23 with no one coming forward.

Contract for Construction Engineer: White Lick Creek Trail Phase 2b

The White Lick Creek Trail phase 2b is a federal aid project. The Town's share of the construction engineering will be paid from the Recreation Impact Fees and are budgeted for in the 2018 budget.

Staff recommends the Town Council approve the contract with CHA for not to exceed \$174,997.85 for construction engineering for the White Lick Creek Trail phase 2b. Council member Austin

made a motion to approve the contract with CHA not to exceed \$174,997.85. Council member Turner seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth- abstain, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for 4-for, 0-against, 1-abstain. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Policy on Council Work Sessions with Developers

Jodi Dickey, Planning and Building Director presented the following different options for consideration:

Option 1:

Inform developers that the town has an approved process for rezoning petitions. This process is to file for Plan Commission review, public hearing, and recommendation. After receiving the recommendation, the petition will then come to the Town Council for a decision.

Option 2:

Allow developers to present their proposal at a regular town council meeting during the public comment period.

Option3:

Allow developers to request a work session prior to filing for Plan Commission review for any rezone petition. Council may make the determination, on a case by case basis, whether or not to hold such a work session.

Option 4:

Require developers to introduce their proposal at an initial council meeting prior to the Plan Commission hearing. The developer must still file his petition according to the regular commission meeting schedule. This allows the council to weigh in on the proposal in a public setting and gives the developer some indication of the relative interest of the council on the petition. After this introduction/first reading, the petition would move to the Plan Commission to continue the usual process.

Discussion was held.

Discussion of Establishing Committee for Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction

The Town Council has expressed interest in forming a Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction Committee. Caitlin Dopher, Economic Development Specialist, presented a review of her memo and recommended an approach utilizing two best practices, Business Retention & Expansion and Economic Gardening.

Resolution

Resolution 2017-26: Authorizing Change in Job Classification: Detective

Chief Stoops requested a change in job classification. Steve Barton has been assigned to the Investigations Division as a Detective which will result in additional pay. Council member Turner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-26 and make it retroactive to 7/1/17. Council member Austin seconded the motion.

M. Turner-for, S. Eisenbarth-for, A. Tevebaugh-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for 5-for, 0-against, Motion carried 5-0.

Legal Counsel Report

Council was updated on Mendenhall property case.

Public Comment

None

Council Calendar

9/26 – Bicentennial Trail Ribbon Cutting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.