

AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2010

7:00pm

Avon Town Council Chamber
6570 E US Hwy 36, Avon, Indiana

Call to Order was given by Council President Greg Zusan.

Invocation was given by Pastor Greg Lex of Eagle Church at Avon

Roll Call was taken by Clerk-Treasurer, Sharon Howell. Council members present were Nikki Gordy, Beverley Austin, and Greg Zusan. Tom Klein, Town Manager and Dan Taylor, Town Attorney was also present.

Police Officer Awards

Chief Miller presented awards to Officer Fite and Officer Grismore for their hard work and dedication in solving a case involving drug dealing resulting in arrest.

Consent Agenda

Council member Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included:

6-24-10 Council Meeting Minutes

7-30-10 Check Register

Introduction: Ordinance 2010-10: Amending School Zone Ordinance

200 North/Dan Jones LPA Agreement with State

Council Member Gordy seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-absent, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-absent

3-for, 0-against, 2-absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

There was no one coming forward from the public to comment.

Council Comment

There were no council comments.

Reports

2010 Initiatives

Council was provided a summary of initiatives and their status. A follow-up report to be provided in October.

Indianapolis Water Sale to Citizen's Gas

The City –County Council has approved the sale of Indianapolis Water to Citizen's Gas. The Town will need to speak with the County Assessor to ensure that the water lines within the Town of Avon are assessed and that property taxes are collected. Dan Taylor is reviewing the agreement with the City. Banning Engineering is developing a scope of services to review the feasibility of purchasing the water lines from Citizen's Gas.

New Business

Opticom Agreement With the State for US 36/Dan Jones Intersection

The Town is proposing to install Opticom on the signals at Lowe's Road/Dan Jones Rd and US 36/Dan Jones Road. This would allow emergency vehicles to more safely travel through these intersections on emergency runs. The agreement is required because INDOT does not want to be responsible for the installation and maintenance of Opticom on their signals. The agreement makes the Town responsible for the installation and maintenance cost. The maintenance cost

will be added to the Town's existing signal maintenance contract and is expected to be \$500 a year or less. Council member Austin made a motion to approve the contract with INDOT for the installation of Emergency Vehicle Preemption subject to approval by the Town attorney. Motion was seconded by Council member Gordy. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-absent, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-absent 3-for, 0-against, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Authorization to Seek Proposals for Economic Development Consulting

The Redevelopment Commission has made a recommendation that the Town hire an economic development consultant to assist in developing a strategy for attracting new businesses and retaining/expanding existing businesses. The Commission recommended that the consultant coordinate the development of a document that identifies the economic development tools from the Town. Council member Gordy made a motion to give staff the authorization to seek proposals for economic development consulting. Motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-absent, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-absent 3-for, 0-against, 2-absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Authorization to Extend Internship

Al Salzman requested the extension of internship for Joe Smoker until the end of the year. The balance of the year Joe will focus on completing the IAA Small-Area Plan and beginning the 100 South Industrial Small-Area Plan. His performance has been exceptional and his contribution has multiplied the effectiveness of the rest of the planning and building staff. Motion was made by Council member Gordy to extend the internship for Joe Smoker until the end of the year. Motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-absent, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-absent 3-for, 0-against, 2-absent. Motion carried 3-0.

2011 Budget

Greg Guerrattaz of Financial Solutions Group presented information on estimated income tax revenues from EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) and estimated revenues from CAGIT (County Adjusted Growth Income Tax). Estimated 2011 CAGIT revenue decrease in 2011 is 92,902. EDIT estimated decrease in 2011 is 32,689. Other miscellaneous income also is decreasing. Mr. Guerrettaz recommends no new hires. 2011 Budget amounts were given for all Town funds.

Legal Counsel Report

Dan Taylor updated the Council on legal issues.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public coming forward for comment.

Adjournment