

# AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 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 Jeremy Dehut of Avon Church of Christ.

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

## **Proclamation**

The Town Council proclaimed September as Youth Soccer Month in the Town of Avon.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

7-22-10 Council Meeting Minutes

8-31-10 Check Register

Releasing Letters of Credit – Whispering Pines

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

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

4-for, 0-against, 1-absent. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Public Comment**

Roger Day representing the Avon Economic Rights Council (businesses with less than 10 employees) commented and/or had questions regarding Political Action Committees, status of SR 267 Bridge, SR 267 zoning south of the railroad tracks, commercial expansion, and Ivy Tech.

## **New Business**

### **Authorization to Proceed with Traffic Calming Studies**

The Town has received inquiries or requests from seven neighborhoods for traffic calming. The Town budgets to do traffic studies and construct anticipated improvements for three neighborhoods per year. Staff received requests from Hollow Brook, Pines of Avon, Harvest Ridge, Ian's Pointe, Glenfield, Westover Woods, and Beechwood Farms Subdivisions. Staff recommended proceeding with completing traffic calming studies for Hollow Brook, Pines of Avon and Harvest Ridge. The contract for engineering to complete the studies was previously approved by the Town Council. Staff's goal is to complete the studies and get the measures installed before the end of the year.

Council member Gordy made a motion to approve the traffic calming studies as presented.

Motion was seconded by Council member Dorton. Roll call vote was taken.

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

4-for, 0-against, 1-absent. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2010-9: Establishing Financial Review Fee**

Ordinance establishes financial review fee which would be paid by the petitioner for such matters as tax abatement, annual review of tax abatement forms, rezoning petitions.

Motion was made by Council member Dorton to approve Ordinance 2010-09: Establishing Financial Review Fee. Motion was seconded by Council member Gordy.

Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-for, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-absent  
4-for, 0-against, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2010-10: Amending School Zone Ordinance

This ordinance establishes speed restriction for school zones to be in force from 7:30am to 4:30pm on all days on which schools are in operation. Motion was made by Council member Austin to approve Ordinance 2010-10 Amending Town Code Regarding School Zones. Council member Dorton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-for, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-for, M. Rogers-absent  
4-for, 0-against, 1-absent. Motion carried.

2011 Budget Discussion

Tom Klein presented. County Council has reviewed and approved the Town of Avon budget for 2011. The County Council noted that growth for Avon budget was 3%, and the County's growth was 2.9%. It will be an easy adjustment to change to 2.9%. The County also requested that Avon continue/and increase contributions to the Hendricks County Communications Center for dispatch services. They requested Avon develop a plan to raise the contribution to the full amount in the next two years. Additional \$20,000 has been budgeted for 2011 from the EDIT fund, but the budget is tight with most of the budget going to public safety.

Discussion was held on dispatch services and how amounts are determined for each of the entities, possible presentation by dispatch center, and lack of contribution by small towns. Discussion was held on contribution to the Hendricks County Economic Development funding. Budgets were reviewed by fund with attention paid to June 2010 actuals. The Town Manager now has account line reflecting the circuit breaker impact. Discussion was held on staffing of the planning and building department. A position in the planning and building department was budgeted for 2010, an employee left and the position was not filled. An intern was brought on in the summer that showed tremendous value. The plan commission has said they see the value of what Joe Smoker did. Because of the volume of work we are seeing out of Joe Smoker, the planning director, Al Salzman is optimistic that the sign ordinance will be completed by the end of 2010. For 2011 the planning and building budget, the 5k for the intern would go away, the long range planning out of EDIT could be reduced by 17k, and then reduce the public works general fund budget by 17k. Council is aware that a vacancy still exists in the town manager's department. Police department budget overtime account line to be reviewed with the Chief and the Town Manager. Dispatch amount out of the general fund is \$57,750. For Parks the bottom line is set and now it is a matter of how money is spent within the programs. Parks is split up between operating, debt, and capital and planning. Public Works is pretty much the same and is split with programs in different funds. Public Works also had a list of unfunded capital improvements presented to the Council. The Town has received an unofficial notice about the CSX dedicated left turn lane construction indicating that the Town will receive a state grant for this project. Street signs standards will be changing. Cities and Towns have four years to replace street signs. EDIT fund activities were reviewed. Some of the budgeted items in EDIT for 2011 include the contribution to the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership of \$21,630, one time salary payment budgeted \$17,000 and election expense. EDIT capital improvements have been reduced to \$68,000. The Redevelopment Commission approved the 2011 TIF fund budget at \$2,158,000. The TIF fund was advertised budget was at 3 million. Discussion was held on holding a work session with the Redevelopment Commission.

### **Legal Counsel Report**

Dan Taylor updated the Council on the Indiana Annexation process for Towns.

### **Public Comment**

Roger Day asked if stimulus money had been applied for any of the road improvements and especially the over pass. Council member Zusan reviewed several of the projects that have been completed with the use of stimulus funds. Mr. Day also commented about bus stops, children walking to school, and the World War II Memorial Park. He requested contact information for the World War Memorial Committee (Paul Morton). Mr. Day commented that he is working on a fundraiser with Troop #309 selling pumpkins and is donating a portion of the proceeds to the World War II Memorial.

### **Adjournment**