

TOWN OF ADVANCE
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2015
7:03 PM

Attendance: Councilman Hill, Councilman Hoskins, and Councilman McKinney present.
Councilman Harris absent. Legal Counsel present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hill announces meeting will be held to Robert's Rules of Order.

- Minutes –
 - Motion made by Councilman McKinney, and seconded by Councilman Hoskins to accept Regular Meeting minutes from 09/14/2015 approved as written. All in favor, motion passed.
- Second Reading – 2016 Budget
 - Councilman Hill opens meeting to Public Hearing, and reads the 2016 Budget Ordinance per request.
 - Clerk-Treasurer states all of this information can be found on the Gateway website, provided by the DLGF.
 - Councilman Hoskins makes a motion to adopt the Resolution for the 2016 Budget, seconded by Councilman McKinney. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Councilman Hoskins makes a motion to close the Public Hearing, and proceed with the Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman McKinney. All in favor, motion passed.
- Aletha Lumpkin – Community Thanksgiving Dinner
 - Will be hosted at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department
 - Free of charge for a traditional Thanksgiving meal – all citizens are welcome
 - Has approval from Heidi Walker with the Board of Health
 - Cochran's Catering will supply the turkey – Mrs. Lumpkin will provide all other items
 - Pick-up and delivery options are available
 - Mailing will be sent out as well as posted fliers
 - Hoping to reach at least 100 people this year
- Utilities - (Nathan Reed, Christopher Shelton)
 - *see attached: Monthly list
 - Provided ordinance from another town on how to change Deputy Clerk to be a Utility Clerk to try and eliminate turn over in that position.
 - Rate study information packet provided by IMPA is supplied to the board. Highly recommended to go through them by the Utilities Department, as that is who the Town's electric power is supplied from.
 - Roger with Astbury speaks on behalf of the cloudy water that some individuals in the Town have seen.

- State has approved 12 inch water main if Town covers expenses – if not it will be 6 inch main throughout.
 - Roger states it is dissolved oxygen in the water that is creating the bubbles in the water. He states Advance has some of the better water, and there is nothing wrong with it. He states it should clear within the next few weeks, however, this is common during this time of year.
 - Councilman McKinney makes a motion to use Patrick Callahan to perform the rate study, seconded by Councilman Hill. Councilman Hoskins votes nay. Motion passed.
 - Councilman Hoskins, suggests to table changing the Deputy Clerk position to a Utility Clerk until Legal Counsel Amy Nooning can take a look at it. Councilman Hill agrees with tabling the change.
- Park – (No one in attendance)
 - Councilman Hoskins spoke to Rachel Cardis with Boone County Area Planning Commission and they want a some money, approximately \$125 to proceed with the park restroom, as well as paperwork needs filled out.
- Library – (No one in attendance)
- Police Department (Marshal Ray Hieston)
 - * see attached: Monthly report
 - Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 31 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Councilman Hoskins, would like to know if anybody is patrolling during the morning hours. Ray Hieston states they don't patrol in the mornings.
 - Councilman Hill states he has received a complaint that the police are not returning phone calls per a citizen.
 - Councilman Hoskins, would like to know who is on duty since they are reporting 319 hours worked per month but he does not see anyone on duty that often. He would like to see more visibility.
 - Ray states a majority of his hours are spent doing reports.
 - Clerk-Treasurer asks if the Town cell phone he uses could be cancelled as it is always shut off. He states he uses it for a camera.
 - Councilman Hill makes a motion to lay off all non-essential employees, which is 2 deputies effective November 1 until December 31, 2015, seconded by Councilman Hoskins. All in favor, motion passed.
- Fire Department (Jim Caldwell)
 - No report
 - States 14 runs in September
- Open –
 - Councilman Hill makes a motion to put a freeze on spending, unless Council approval effective November 1 until December 31, 2015, seconded by Councilman Hoskins. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Councilman Hill reads resignation letter from Clerk-Treasurer, Lisette Pittman, dated October 7, 2015 with leave of office to be effective November 6, 2015.

- Councilman Hill states Legal Counsel has advised him that the Board has to go through the interview process instead of just appointing an individual.
 - Clerk-Treasurer, asks the board to go ahead and bring Shari Johnson in as an employee to start training as Clerk-Treasurer and then be appointed come November.
 - Heated discussion ensues between Clerk-Treasurer, and Councilman Hill in regards to on-boarding Shari Johnson as an employee and then as Clerk-Treasurer. Conference call occurs with Mitch Ripley on I.C. code of how to appoint a new Clerk-Treasurer. Mitch Ripley states that he has not heard of doing interviews for the position, however, he will research the I.C. codes further and will provide a response no sooner than Thursday, October 15. All board members are in agreement with waiting for the response from Mitch Ripley.
 - Council decides to hold a Public Meeting on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Advance Town Hall in regards to the employment of Shari Johnson after they speak with Legal Counsel, Amy Nooning, and after they get the response from Mitch Ripley.
- Claims –
 - Councilman Hill reads letter provided by Suzy Bass in regards to reconciliation she has been doing for the Town.
 - Councilman Hoskins motions to approve claims, seconded by Councilman McKinney. All in favor, motion passed.
 - With no further business to discuss Councilman Hoskins motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman McKinney, all in favor, motion passed at 9:11 p.m. Next regular council meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President