

WESTFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, August 13, 2007

The Westfield Town Council met in regular session Monday, August 13, 2007 at the Westfield Town Hall. Members present were Jack Hart, Bob Smith, Bob Horkay, John Dipple, Ron Thomas, Andy Cook and Joe Plankis. Also present were Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer, acting Town Manager, Bruce Hauk and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. President Andy Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Cook stated there were changes to the Agenda. Resolution 07-14 Westfield Washington Schools Voluntary Contribution, our Policies and Procedures Manual and the Carmel/Westfield Sewer Agreement would be continued.

Approval of Minutes:

Jack Hart made a motion to approve July 9, 2007 as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Guests:

Sharon Williams asked questions regarding the water and where it is coming from and how much will be used and will it lower the aquifer.

President Cook spoke regarding the Town Seal that was given to the Town by Mic Mead.

Mic Mead thanked the Town for accepting his work and explained how he made the Seal and the meaning behind each symbol.

Mic Mead's Acceptance Statement:

I want to thank the Town Council for accepting my gift. Having you accept my work is a proud moment for me.

The production of my 3-dimensional interpretation of our Town Flag, which was designed in 1979 by 2 school girls, has been a labor of love for me.

I present it to you to display as long as it serves the City.

If ever you want copies, changes, or an all new design for that matter, I'll provide it at your pleasure.

I see that Ronda Ferrel is here. I want to give special thanks to her, as well as to Ben Maurer, the owner and chief executive at Westfield's Century Marble. In her roll, Ronda arranged for the company to supply, at considerable expense, the materials for making the mold, then the labor and material for the final cast.

I have been asked to describe the process, so I'll simply say that I worked through a year's time in oil clay. Then the making of the mold was a rush of mixing & pouring. Our friend Bill Bangs, who wanted so to love his community, lent his hands & back for that.

Now, as to the symbolism of the details;

the 1st settlers were believed to have arrived here in 1832, so in 1834, when Westfield was laid out, America's abolition movement was well under way. The "underground railroad", after all, was NOT about trains, but the tracks were chosen to illustrate the network of "conductors" at safe stops through Indiana, Ohio & Pennsylvania. It's about humans & abolition- mostly eighteen year old male slaves, told by their mothers to run, when they can, to freedom in Canada. "Follow the North Star", she would say, and get help where lanterns are hung-out to locate the "conductors".

Many were transported by day, hidden within a load of hay, at risk because of the bounty hunters. Westfield is proud to have our founders dedicated to this brave humanism.

The cross, of course, is a historic symbol of the faith of the "Westfield Meeting" (Friends or "Quakers, if you will) that landed on our site when they no longer could tolerate living in a slave state.

The book & lamp illustrate our community's dedication to education.

There is no higher calling than PUBLIC SERVICE- so the border reminds us of that, but the focus of public servants, must be on the community's future.

The word FUTURE at the top, reminds us of the long term affect of the actions of our public servants.

Thank you for giving me this time.

Claims:

Ron Thomas made a motion to approve claims as presented. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Town Manager Report:

None

Old Business:

**Ordinance 07-07 Eagletown PUD – Wilfong & Kreutz Land Development
First Reading – April 9, 2007
APC Public Hearing - May 29, 2007
Second Reading**

Jon Dobosiewicz gave a brief presentation of this request and the changes.

John Dipple made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-07 with all the commitments approved by the Plan Commission. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-1; (R. Thomas). Motion carried.

**Ordinance 07-14 Amendment to Ordinance 03-24 & 06-44 (Water Availability Fees)
First Reading- July 9, 2007
Second Reading
Public Hearing**

Kurt Wanninger presented this item stating this is an increase to the Availability Fees from \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00. Kurt explained these fees are used for infrastructure improvements and reimbursements to Developers.

Public Hearing opened 7:26 pm

None

Public Hearing closed 7:27 pm

Jack Hart made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-14 as presented. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

President Cook reintroduced this item and reopened the Public Hearing at 8:40 pm.

Sharon Williams regarding these fees applied to just the new homes or to the older homes also and the affects of these fees.

Public Hearing closed 8:40 pm.

Policies and Procedures Manual

First reading – July 11, 2007

Second Reading

Back to the Council in September.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy

First Reading – June 11, 2007

Second Reading

Kurt Wanninger presented this item and stated he had met with HOA members and discussed traffic calming measurers in their neighborhoods and how these could be implemented through an Ordinance.

John Dipple stated this policy should help with the traffic problem and if needed would be revisited for amendments.

Council agreed to approve this Traffic Calming Policy unanimously.

Right –of-Way Signs

First Reading – June 11, 2007

Second Reading

Al Salzman stated that staff did initiate modification to our Sign Ordinance that would permit with certain limitations various signs and there would be a process and standards for the signs that could be posted.

Regulatory Changes/Council Introduction:

Council Consideration

**Re-zone Request – 16025 Springmill Road
Peacock Springmill, LLC**

Brian Tuoly requesting the Council to postpone this item until after the 161st Street Special Study could be done.

Mark Chrisofferson HOA President spoke on behalf of Mulberry Farms for record purposes that the residents are opposed to development on the SE corner of Springmill and the SW corner also.

New Business:

**Ordinance 07-15 Amendment to Ordinance 07-09 (US 31 Corridor Protection)
First Reading**

President Cook explained this Amendment would require developers to conference with the Town and INDOT due to the upcoming improvements to US 31 and US 32.

Joe Plankis made a motion to suspend the rules to approve Ordinance 07-15 on first reading. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

John Dipple made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-15 as presented. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 07-16 Amendment to Ordinance 06-58 (Salary Ordinance)
First Reading**

Bruce Hauk explained this amendment to the salary ordinance is due to a few Departmental changes and the need to amend the previous salary ordinance.

This item will come back to the Council in September for a second reading.

**Ordinance 07-17 Vacating of Easement
First Reading**

Kurt Wanninger presented this item stating this Ordinance would allow the Town to vacate a Sanitary Sewer Easement and Telecommunications Easement purchased in August 2006 due to changes in the locations of these easements through the property involved.

John Dipple made a motion to suspend the rules to approve Ordinance 07-17 on first reading. Bob Smith seconded. Vote; Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Joe Plankis made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-17 as presented. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0 Motion carried.

**Resolution 07-14 Westfield Washington Schools Voluntary Contribution
(Continued from 07-09-2007)**

Continued to September meeting.

Westfield Washington – Schools Resource Officer

Bryan Foster presented this item stating this is a standard agreement between the Westfield Police Department and the Westfield School Corporation. This agreement will allow the Westfield Police Department to initiate a School Resource Officer program in our school system.

John Dipple made a motion to approve this item with the Town Manager to sign agreement. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

2008 Budget Introduction

Bruce Hauk gave a brief presentation of the proposed 2008 Budget.

Carmel/Westfield Sewer Agreement

Back to the Council in September.

161st Street & Springmill Special Study

President Cook stated this area of town has been a real vocal point of controversy in the past. Andy also stated in working with the Community Development Department and the public he would like to propose to the Town Council to develop a special study regarding this area. This would include Public Hearings and suggestions from residents as to what to do with the remaining corners.

Andy explained that due to the history of the area he feels the Town should take a proactive approach and say what we would accept on those 3 corners.

Joe Plankis agreed and suggested doing the whole 161st Street Corridor to Oak Ridge Road.

Ron Thomas stated he believed Oak Road should be addressed as a separate issue.

John Dipple agreed with Ron stating this could affect our Thoroughfare Plan.

Al Salzman stated this study is to build a consensus between the property owners and the Town.

Consent Agenda:

Release of Performance Bonds –

Oak Ridge Crossing Sec. 2 Streets

Viking Meadows – Viking Meadows Sanitary Sewer Intereptor

Viking Meadows – Valley View Sec. 2- Water, Storm Sewer

Viking Meadows – Valley View Sec. 2- Stone Base, Asphalt Base & Binder and Curbs

Viking Meadows – Valley View Sec 2. – Erosion Control

Maple Knoll Sec. 3 – Water, Sanitary, Sewer, Streets

Kurt Wanninger stated all specifications have been satisfied.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve the release of Consent Agenda items as presented. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Release of Maintenance Bonds

None

Reimbursement Agreement

None

Change Orders

Cherry Tree Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Line Expansion Change Orders

Change Order 1 - \$31,988.00

Change Order 2 - \$59,626.00

Change Order 3 - \$9,421.00

Kurt Wanninger explained during the course of this project there were some changes that needed to be made.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve the change orders as presented. John Dipple seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Andy Cook touched on these issues:

1. Water Issues/Westfield in good shape
2. Sewer Interceptor Project underway
3. Westfield News Project/ 3 editions out
4. First 1,250 feet of the Monon Trail is finished
5. Soon approaching making an offer for a new Community Development Director
6. Economic Development efforts/Joe Plankis working diligently on this

Council Member Comments:

None

Adjourn:

Bob Smith made a motion to adjourn. Bob Horkey seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0.
Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President