

**CLOVERDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

The Cloverdale Town Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the Town Hall; 154 S. Main Street; Cloverdale, IN 46120.

Dan Moon led a prayer.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Rick Dearwester called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Larry Fidler, Cindy Holland, Greg Jay, Brandon Tancak and Rick Dearwester. Also present were Police Sergeant Adam Hull, Town Manager Jason Hartman, Town Attorney Richard Shagley. Clerk Treasurer Kelly Maners and Town Marshal Steve Hibler were absent.

President Dearwester introduced Brandon Tancak as the newly appointed Councilmember to replace recently deceased Gary Bennington.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** John Berry accepted a plaque on behalf of the Gary Bennington Family in recognition of Gary's service on the Cloverdale Town Council. A duplicate plaque will be hung at the Town Hall.

**ADDITION OR DELETION TO AGENDA:** President Dearwester requested to remove the Vehicle Lease and Employee Handbook from the agenda. Councilmember Fidler motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Jay seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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Councilmember Holland motioned to approve. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS:**

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| General: \$111,028.96   | Motion: Councilmember Jay     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Councilmember Fidler |
| Water: \$62,849.61      | Motion: Councilmember Holland | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Councilmember Jay    |
| Wastewater: \$75,092.77 | Motion: Councilmember Holland | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Councilmember Fidler |
| Payroll: \$49,860.30    | Motion: Councilmember Holland | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Councilmember Jay    |

All motions were carried by unanimous vote.

**TOWN MARSHAL:** Sergeant Hull presented Council with a monthly report of the Police Department.

- a. **PORTABLE RADIOS:** The Police Department is requesting to purchase two new portable radios to replace older existing ones that are no longer working.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Chief Shephard was unable to attend.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- a. **DOE CREEK MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PLAN:** Construction has begun.

Ordinances 2022-5 and 2022-6 and Resolution 2022-2 were introduced to clarify Tap Fees, Access Fees and Connection Fees. A Special Meeting was set for Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to discuss this further.

- b. **WATER PER:** Eric Smith with HWC Engineering presented the results of the Preliminary Engineering Report to Council. He suggested four projects. Three projects would be replacing/repairing existing problem areas around town. The final project would be near 1-70 to get the town ready for expansion. The total estimated cost is \$3.88 million.
- c. **WASTEWATER PER:** Eric Smith continued his presentation with the Wastewater PER. A small amount of work was suggested on a couple of lift stations. Five areas around the town were looked at to make some repairs to address inflow and infiltration issues. The majority of the report was focused on the Wastewater treatment plant where several suggestions were made for repairs and/or replacement of depreciated equipment. The total estimated cost is \$2.5 million. A motion was made to accept the plans presented for both reports and move forward to submit the projects for financing by Councilmember Jay. It was seconded by Councilmember Holland. The motion carried by unanimous vote. HWC will submit the projects by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- d. **TREE REMOVAL:** Town Manager Hartman will get updated quotes for tree removal. This was a tabled agenda item from last year.
- e. **UTILITY VEHICLES:** Town Manager Hartman is still working on this.

A quote was presented to Council with the recommendation for annual service on the new Kaiser blowers. The quote was from BL Anderson for \$2,360. A motion was made to “go ahead and get them serviced” by Councilmember Fidler and seconded by Councilmember Jay. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

An offer was received for the property at 335 Someday Way. Town Manager Hartman was to counteroffer.

A note was made that the Redevelopment Commission is in the process of selling the old water tower site.

At this point in the meeting Attorney Shagley brought up the outstanding MacAllister Claim. It was negotiated down to about \$16,600. Councilmember Jay made a motion to pay the invoices negotiated by Attorney Shagley and Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**CLERK TREASURER:**

- a. **REVENUE REPORTS:** A monthly Revenue Report was presented to Council.
- b. **APPROPRIATION REPORT:** A monthly Appropriation Report was presented to Council.
- c. **WATER AND SEWER BUGDET:** A monthly detailed report on the Water and Wastewater Enterprises was presented to Council.
- d. **CLAIMS:** This was discussed previously in the meeting.

**PLANNING/BZA:** There were no meetings to report. Town Manager Hartman participated in a meeting with the County regarding the zoning code updates. The Town will be allowed to be part of the County wide updates.

**PARK BOARD:** John Berry thanked the Town for the help getting a new flag put up. He also wanted to make the town aware of a hornet's nest that was discovered in a tree at the park near the restrooms. Special thanks were also given to Rod Garrett and Ron Jones for their help at the park.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **ORDINANCE 2022-1 Additional Appropriation:** The ordinance was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **STARDUST HILLS HOA:** David Fish reported that the dam in Stardust was repaired. He also wanted to bring up the pothole situation and ditch cleanouts in Stardust.
- b. **EDGE 21-BETH HAMILTON AND BRITTANY HALTOM:** Edge 21 is a non-profit in Putnam County. They work with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars to help students meet goals and attend college. They are looking for new Success Coaches to mentor students for the upcoming school year. Anyone interested can go to [www.Edge21.org](http://www.Edge21.org) to sign up or for more information.
- c. **FARM GROUND LEASE:** This was tabled until the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **TOWN HALL SECURITY SYSTEM:** Marshal Hibler was not present to report on this.
- b. **GUARD RAILS:** Nothing new to report.
- c. **ZONING CODE, ORDINANCE CONTRACT AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:** Nothing new to report.

President Dearwester announced the Farmer's Market would be opening in May.

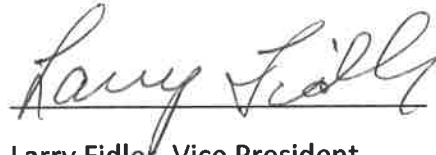
- d. **OPPORTUNITY ZONE UPDATE:** The prospectus is complete. Council received a copy via email. This will be used to attract new business to this area.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Don Gedert inquired further about potholes in Stardust.

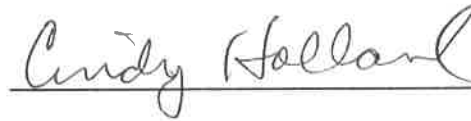
**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by President Dearwester at 8:17 p.m.



Rick Dearwester, Town Council President



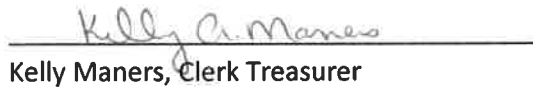
Larry Fidler, Vice President



Cindy Holland



Greg Jay



Kelly Maners, Clerk Treasurer



Brandon Tancak