

**CLOVERDALE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

The Cloverdale Town Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Town Hall; 154 S. Main Street; Cloverdale, IN 46120.

CALL TO ORDER: Brandon Tancak called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Larry Fidler, Greg Jay, Scott Stierwalt and Brandon Tancak. Councilmember Brice Howell was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Richard Shagley, Town Manager Jason Hartman, Town Marshal Adam Hull and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Maners.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: President Tancak requested item 6. e. Macomb Invoice, and item 10. c. Grants/Parking Lot Updates be added to the agenda. He also requested item 10. b. Putnam County Development Center be removed. Councilmember Fidler made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Councilmember Jay seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes February 13, 2024

Councilmember Fidler motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS:

General: \$334,118.93	Motion: Councilmember Jay	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Water: \$46,607.20	Motion: Councilmember Jay	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Wastewater: \$89,948.43	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Payroll: \$55,981.04	Motion: Councilmember Jay	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Macomb Group INV #7026136	Motion: Councilmember Jay	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler

All motions were carried by unanimous vote.

TOWN MARSHAL:

Marshal Hull submitted a monthly report of the Police Department activities.

TOWN MANAGER:

- a. **BEAGLE CLUB ROAD:** Work has resumed. Curbing on the south side of the road was being worked on today.
- b. **I-70 WATER MAIN EXTENSION:** INDOT project has started North of I-70. The easements for the Town's portion of this project are prepared and will be addressed shortly.
- c. **LIEBER/WASTEWATER PROJECT:** Work has been taking place mostly in the Stardust Hills area. Boring for a force main has been underway. Two water lines have been inadvertently hit and repaired. Town Manager Hartman assured the Council this was not uncommon

while boring to get into some utilities. Work has also started on Doe Creek and close to the Feed Center. Town Manager Hartman also encouraged the public to slow down, especially through the Stardust Hills area, while construction is taking place.

- d. **STORM WATER PROJECT:** A bid tabulation was presented from HWC. The bids all came in substantially higher than the engineers' estimates for the project. It was recommended that the scope of the project be reduced. Water Street and Grant Street will be removed from the project. The rebidding process will cost an additional \$2,000.00. President Tancak asked Councilmember Fidler his opinion as President of the Storm Water Board. Councilmember Fidler stated he thought Council should move forward with the rebid. Councilmember Jay motioned to rebid the project with the reduced scope as discussed. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- e. **54 N. LAFAYETTE STREET:** The Town owns this property now. Town Manager Hartman stated two trees might need removed and sidewalk repaired along this property. President Tancak tabled this discussion to next meeting, encouraging Councilmembers to view the property and trees. He also requested comparable quotes for tree and stump removal be ready for next month.

CLERK TREASURER:

- a. **MONTHLY REPORTS:** A monthly Appropriation and Revenue Report, and Water and Sewer Budgets were provided to Council in their packets.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-2 SIGNING AUTHORITY:** Councilmember Fidler made a motion to adopt. It was seconded by Councilmember Stierwalt. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **NORTH MAIN STREET TREES AND SIDEWALKS:** Quotes were obtained for removing seven stumps and also sidewalk repair. The lowest quote for the stump removal was \$1,100.00. The lowest quote for replacing approximately 105 feet of sidewalk was \$4,440.00. Discussion ensued. President Tancak inquired about the funds to pay for this. Clerk Treasurer Maners said funding was not specifically budgeted for this, but some cushion from the General Fund could be used. Councilmember Jay made a motion to go with the low bidder for each project. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Councilmember Fidler abstained.
- b. **ANNEXATION:** Two property owners, Whitaker's Funeral home and the School Corporation, have voluntarily agreed to annexation along with the Beagle Club Road property. Town Manager Hartman is proceeding with the annexation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **BZA APPOINTMENTS:** When the Town joined the Putnam County Plan Commission, it changed the design of the Town's BZA. The Town Council will need to fill a vacancy on the BZA. It was strongly suggested by multiple people that James McKee, as the Town's representative to the Putnam County Plan Commission, fill this role on the BZA as well. Councilmember Jay made a motion to appoint James McKee. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by

unanimous vote. This leaves one additional vacancy on the BZA that is a Council President appointment. One person has expressed interest. President Tancak encouraged any others who might be interested to contact Clerk Treasurer Maners.

- b. **GRANTS/PARKING LOT UPDATE:** Town Manager Hartman stated the Cloverdale Main Street organization, which is separate from the Town, did receive a \$17,000 grant from the Putnam County Community Foundation. This will be used for new trash cans, benches, and decorative flags along Main Street. President Tancak acknowledged this is a group of volunteers who work to put on events and help improve the town.

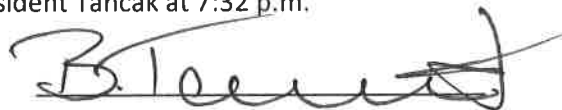
The Town did receive a \$506,250.00 grant from INDOT to replace the regulatory signs in Town. This is the follow up to the sign inventory that was just completed. This project will not take place until 2025.

The Town worked with United Engineers to come up with a new parking lot design. The cost of the project was substantially higher than the Town was expecting. Different options are being explored.

Town Manager Hartman is collecting quotes for the concrete work for the basketball court at the park. That project should be underway this spring. The new court will be a little farther to the west than the current court to provide some additional space between it and the walking path. This will be paid for from the \$20,000.00 grant given to the Town, specifically the Park Board, from the Putnam County Community Foundation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Don Gedert inquired who to appeal to for zoning violations. Town Manager Hartman directed him to Lisa Zeiner with the County.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by President Tancak at 7:32 p.m.

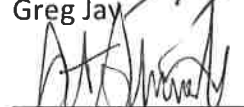

Brandon Tancak, President

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