

**TOWN OF MEDARYVILLE
MONTHLY MEETING
June 20, 2018**

The Town of Medaryville met in regular session on June 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm with the following members present:

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| Robert Schultz | Council President |
| Suzanna Wilcoxon | Council Vice President |
| Raymond Saltsman Sr. | Council Member |
| Judy Harwood | Clerk Treasurer |
| Jackie Hines | Deputy Clerk |
| Keith Hauptli | Maintenance Supervisor |
| Amber Lapaich | Town Attorney |
| David Combs | Chief Town Marshal |

Minutes:

The public reading of the minutes was waived this month; copies of the minutes were made available for the Council and the public to read prior to the meeting and also available on the Town's website (medaryville.net). Copies are on file in the Clerk Treasurer's office.

Council Minutes

Council Member Wilcoxon made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018 Council Meeting, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Claims:

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to approve claims as presented for May, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Utility Report:

No adjustments

Request for waiver

The tabled request by Pulaski County Building Inspector Doug Hoover of a lien on property that the County acquired as part of the Blight Elimination Program was once again discussed and was discovered it was to be released.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to waive in the amount of \$190.50 for parcel 66-13-04-235-003.00-019, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Town Marshal:

Stats were submitted

Town Marshal Combs advised the Council court dates have been scheduled for ordinance violations. He presented to the Council a quote for a Setina Aluminum Push Bumper for the Police vehicle that can be transferable for one vehicle to another and is made to protect fenders, grille and headlights.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to purchase and install the Setina Push Bumper at the cost of \$489.99 from the Public Safety LOIT fund, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Maintenance:

Council Members discussed amending the weed and grass ordinance to reduce the number of days for an owner to remove weed and grass and rank vegetation from 10 (ten) days to 5 (five) days.

During the discussion Council President Schultz and Council Member Saltsman Sr. voiced their dismay for hanging door tags as a warning for those whose utilities are about to be shut off. Both Council Members want to research the issue of warnings and requested Town Attorney Lapaich to check if it is required.

Amendment to weed and grass ordinance

Council Member Wilcoxon read **Ordinance 2018-06-01, Amending Ordinance #2013-09-01 Entitled “Removal of Weeds, Grass, and Rank Vegetation” to Reduce the Number of Days for an Owner to Cure a Violation from TEN days to Five days.**

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to accept the first reading of **Ordinance 2018-06-01, Amending Ordinance #2013-09-01 Entitled “Removal of Weeds, Grass, and Rank Vegetation” to Reduce the Number of Days for an Owner to Cure a Violation from TEN days to Five days**, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to suspend Robert Rules of Order to read by title only for the second and thirds readings, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Council Member Wilcoxon read **Ordinance 2018-06-01, Amending Ordinance #2013-09-01 Entitled “Removal of Weeds, Grass, and Rank Vegetation” to Reduce the Number of Days for an Owner to Cure a Violation from TEN days to Five days** by title only.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to accept the second reading of **Ordinance 2018-06-01, Amending Ordinance #2013-09-01 Entitled “Removal of Weeds, Grass, and Rank Vegetation” to Reduce the Number of Days for an Owner to Cure a Violation from TEN days to Five days**, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Council Member Wilcoxon read **Ordinance 2018-06-01, Amending Ordinance #2013-09-01 Entitled “Removal of Weeds, Grass, and Rank Vegetation” to Reduce the Number of Days for an Owner to Cure a Violation from TEN days to Five days** by title only.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to accept the third reading of **Ordinance 2018-06-01, Amending Ordinance #2013-09-01 Entitled “Removal of Weeds, Grass, and Rank Vegetation” to Reduce the Number of Days for an Owner to Cure a Violation from TEN days to Five days**, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Quote for #2 Well cleaning

Maintenance Supervisor Hauptli presented to the council a proposal for pulling the pump out of Well #2, inspecting and rebuilding the pump and cleaning the well. Within the cost of \$2,900 they will pull the pump from the well and visually inspect pumping equipment for noticeable issues, transport pumping equipment to shop for cleaning and detailed inspection, provide a report with recommendation for repairs or replacements, and then to install the pumping equipment, and an additional of two passing bacteriological water samples.

To perform the cleaning the Council was to decide to perform AirBurst at the price of \$4,000 or Chemical cleaning, option one at the cost of \$5,575, option two at the cost of \$7300 with and additional prior video at the cost of \$500 and a post-video at \$500.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to hire Ortman Drilling & Water Services to pull the #2 well with an airburst cleaning at the cost of \$6,900 and if repairs need to be done they will submit an additional quote, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Old Business:

Noise Ordinance

Council Member Wilcoxon read **Ordinance 2018-07-01 Prohibiting Unreasonable Noises in the Town of Medaryville**

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Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

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Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

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Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Unsafe building letter/Lapaich

Town Attorney Amber Lapaich presented to the Council a letter she drafted in regards to an unsafe building at 203 N.U.S.421. Council President Schultz recommended for the sentence regarding the roof to be omitted because the roof is caving in and the cement blocks are coming apart.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to approve for the letter to be sent after the corrections have been made, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Announcement of bids

The lot the town purchased last year from St. Henry Catholic Church-Diocese of Lafayette was placed for bid. One bid was received from Michael Sitterly for \$2,025.

Council Member Wilcoxon made the motion to accept the bid of \$2,025 lot 71, parcel 66-13-04-231-013.000-019, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.

Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

New Business

Council President Schultz brought up the topic of adding an additional charge for future maintenance and projects for the water tower and system. Clerk Treasurer Harwood She informed the council there is a replacement fund that receives \$1000 a month for replacement of equipment, she recommended the future budget could be adjusted and transfer into a construction fund and start saving for the future projects.

Council President Schultz wants to collect new funds not use the current funding. Town Attorney Lapaich advised a rate study should be completed to determine if the rates should increase. She also advised if the town was sued would have nothing to prove the increase was warranted. The estimated cost of a rate study can be anywhere from \$11,000 to \$15,000 and Clerk Treasurer Harwood recommended the town wait there may be a rate study required for the new water tower project.

After discussion ensued regarding protecting the storm water drains from grass clippings Council Member Saltsman Sr. wanted to remind the town residents to not blow grass clippings into the streets. He also suggested the town needs to address where trees or bushes are blocking stop signs or oncoming traffic need to be removed.

Council President Schultz voiced his concern about dilapidated buildings that he considers hazardous can be demolished and if the Town can do anything on this matter. Town Attorney

Lapaich said the Town does have alternatives, such as the unsafe building act. The Town can change the building authority ordinance from the county to the Town that would allow the Town to demolish buildings and issue building permits. If the Town changes the enforcement official ordinance, the Council will have to determine who will be the building inspector and a board will have to be created to oversee any building hearings. She reminded the Council that ultimately the Town will pay for the demolition and it becomes a lien on the property.

Council President Schultz also addressed why Indiana law does not allow junk vehicles to be removed. Chief Town Marshal Combs replied the department can take care of the vehicles, the Town's ordinance mimics state statute the issue that we have is the 20 day period. It's inoperable and in the same position (meaning the same spot) we can remove the vehicle but at some point the vehicle is moved the vehicle cannot be towed.

With nothing further to discuss, Council Member Wilcoxon made a motion to adjourn the June 2018 monthly Town Council meeting, second by Council Member Saltsman Sr.
Motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes 0 no.

Robert Schultz, Council President

Suzanna Wilcoxon, Council Vice President

Raymond Saltsman Sr., Council Member

Attest: Clerk Treasurer, Judy Harwood