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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 7, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on December 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room in the municipal building at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that Council President Jake Smith and Council members Lisa Hicks, Jim Mundell, Tim Mundell and Dan Fountain were all present. Dave Copenhaver was present as legal counsel for the town. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

1. For good news, Jake again reminded all that the annual Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

2. Utility Superintendent Rick Hines raised the issue of holiday pay for the utility department during the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday period. Per the salary ordinance, each employee should be paid for 8 hours per designated holiday. Jake made a motion that the utility plant employees work until 1:00 P.M. on the Wednesday before Christmas and on the Wednesday before New Year's Day for the 2010 holiday period. Lisa seconded the motion. Three members voted yea. Two voted nay. Motion carried.

3. Ron Koons reported that problems with cable reception here in town were problems that are currently being felt nationwide with Comcast. They are aware of the problems and are working on them.

4. Fire Chief Brian Rednour asked if council had any information on the formation of fire districts or fire territories. He stated that same had been established in neighboring areas and wondered if Middletown should be considering the formation of a district or territory here. Dave Copenhaver will research and present council with information at the next meeting.

5. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson related to council that a letter had been received from Collection Specialists asking the utility department to allow transferring certain accounts over to its Special Services division. In doing so, it would allow Special Services, Inc. to add fees and litigate under the Town of Middletown's name, thus creating a greater amount of leverage on monies collected and increase profit for the town. Consent was given. In another matter, Hanson asked council to approve the Energy Cost Adjustment presented by IMPA effective January 1, 2011. This change will decrease the cost of electricity sold in the amount of \$0.002768 per kilowatt hour. Consent was given for President Jake Smith to sign the adjustment documents.

6. Ordinance 11-02-2010, an ordinance establishing a fire protection surcharge for the use of services rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Middletown had its third reading by name and number only. Dan Fountain made the motion to pass Ordinance 11-02-2010 on its third reading. Lisa seconded the motion. Dan, Jake and Lisa voted yea. Jim and Tim voted nay. Motion carried.

7. The next item brought to the table was Ordinance 11-16-2010, Middletown 2010 and 2011 Salary Ordinance. Since there were many items to be amended in the original presentation, Jim Mundell moved to table the proposal until a later date to allow time to make the necessary changes. Tim seconded. Jim and Tim voted yea. Lisa, Dan and Jake voted nay. Motion defeated. After many changes made to the original document, Dan made the motion to adopt the ordinance with the changes proposed during the meeting. Lisa seconded. Lisa, Dan and Jake voted yea. Jim and Tim voted nay. Motion to pass Ordinance 11-16-2011 on second reading carried.

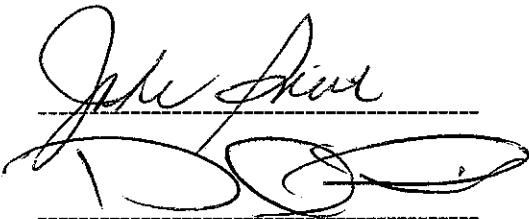
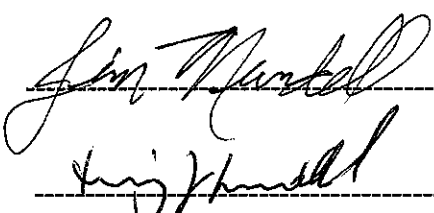
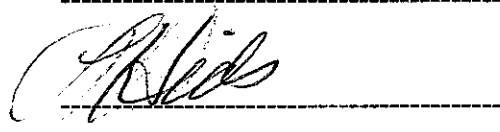
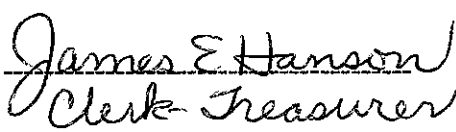


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8. Council member Dan Fountain presented information about requests he had received for designated handicapped parking spaces in the downtown area. Also it was suggested that parking on Locust Street and 5th Street downtown be limited to 2 hours. Dave Copenhaver will prepare ordinances for council to consider at the next meeting.

9. Council President Jake Smith stated that Kent Russell asked for clarification on the duties of the ordinance enforcement officer. Jake requested the record state that the ordinance officer receives his guidance from the police chief. Also the officer will have computer access and access to storage files. The code officer has the authority to pursue his cases in the New Castle City Court.

10. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

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