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## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 17, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2011 in the Council Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Council President Tim Mundell. Roll call showed that Council Members Bill Harrison, Lisa Hicks, Jim Mundell and Betty Riley were all present. Also present was counsel for the council, Joel Harvey. Tim led those present in the recitation of the Pledge to the flag. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

1. Council President Tim Mundell opened the Public Hearing as advertised, for the additional appropriations request in the amount of \$56,240. The breakdown of the request showed Civic Center \$7000, C.C.D. \$3000, Rainy Day Fund \$26823 and Riverboat Fund \$19,417. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed. Tim presented Resolution 05-17-2011-1, a Resolution approving additional appropriations to certain funds, as previously mentioned and made a motion that council approve the resolution. Jim seconded. Tim, Jim, Betty and Lisa voted yea. Bill voted nay. Motion carried.

2. Chris Oakes from Pavement Solutions, Inc. presented council quotes for repair of certain streets in Middletown obtained from LICA Construction Corporation in the amount of \$45,050.00. Additional information was requested by council before any action will be taken on this matter.

3. Tim proposed Ordinance 05-17-2011-2, an ordinance establishing a reconnection fee for Middletown Utility Services. The proposal establishes a fee of \$20 to any customer that is shut off for nonpayment of their bill. This fee is in addition to any amount of the past due bill that must be paid to restore service. Bill made a motion that council approves the proposed ordinance. Jim seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Tim made a motion to suspend the rules. Jim seconded. Council voted 5:0 to suspend. Jim moved to pass on second reading. Tim seconded. All voted to pass. Jim moved to pass ordinance 05-17-2011 on its third reading. Betty seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. The ordinance is effective immediately.

4. A proposed Ordinance 05-17-2011-1 was brought to council. Ordinance 05-17-2011-1 is an ordinance changing the parking on parts of Columbia Avenue. Tim made the motion to pass ordinance 05-17-2011-1 on its first reading. Bill seconded. All voted in favor. Bill made a motion to suspend the rules. Tim seconded. All voted in favor. Bill moved to pass ordinance 05-17-2011-1 on its second reading by name and number. Tim seconded. Tim, Bill, Betty and Lisa voted yea. Jim voted nay. Motion carried. Betty made a motion to pass ordinance 05-17-2011-1 on its third and final reading by name and number. Tim seconded. Tim, Betty, Bill and Lisa voted yea. Jim voted nay. Motion carried.

5. The next item of discussion was the utility office drive-up window driveway. Customers often have to back up and then proceed to get in close proximity to the window. Discussion followed on removing part of the landscaped area to the east of the drive allowing the drive to be widened to the east. Tracy stated that the utility crew could perform the task and get it done before the first of June. Tim made a motion to allow the utility crew to proceed with the project. Betty seconded. Jim, Tim, Bill and Betty voted in favor. Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

6. Council President Mundell furnished council with copies of a proposed 2012 Budget for their comments and consideration.




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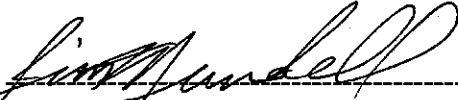
7. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison discussed the issue of unmown properties in the Town of Middletown. Consent was given for Joel Harvey to prepare a sample policy to deal with this. He will present at next meeting. Tracy next recommended council hire Christopher Jackson to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Treva Pugsley from the utility crew. She recommended he be hired at a starting rate of \$9.19 per hour. Tim made a motion to hire Chris Jackson at a starting rate of \$9.19 per hour. Betty seconded. Betty, Jim and Tim voted yea. Lisa and Bill voted nay. Motion carried. Tracy also recommended that Carl Spears and Sam Hersberger each be raised to the next level on the salary schedule. This would pay Carl \$10.43 per hour and Sam \$10.03 per hour. Tim so moved. Betty seconded. Bill, Betty and Tim voted yea. Lisa and Jim voted nay. Motion carried.

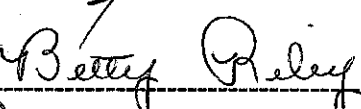
8. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson informed council that the remainder of the funds had been posted back to the Electric Deposit Register as required by State Board of Accounts. All utility fund deposit registers are now in compliance. Hanson informed that the Lion's Club had asked permission to conduct the Fair as in years past. The parade will be on Tuesday and the fire works on Thursday. Jim Mundell moved council allow the fair as in the past. Tim seconded. All voted in favor. Hanson reminded that Ordinance 05-03-2011-1 an ordinance establishing a procedure for the pickup of dogs within the Town of Middletown was ready for its third reading. Tim made a motion to pass Ordinance 05-03-2011-1 on its third reading. Betty seconded. Betty, Tim and Jim voted yea. Bill and Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

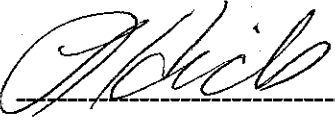
9. The issue of pole lights on private property that are not being billed was brought to the table. Council discussion followed. Lisa made a motion to have the Clerk-Treasurer send letters to those who have such lights and allow them to decide whether or not they wish to keep the lights and be billed at the current rate or have the lights disconnected. Tim seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

  
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William Harrison

  
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Jim Mundell

  
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Betty Riley

  
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James E. Hanson  
Clerk-Treasurer