MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2018

The Middletown Town Council met on May 15, 2018 in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Town Council President Jake Smith leading those present in the pledge to the flag. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was present. Council Members Jake Smith, Steve Holmes, Dave Wagner, Donita Chambless, and Gary Kendall were present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Joyce Minnick addressed the Council on the problems she has had with her neighbor's barking dogs. She suggested the town adopt a more stringent ordinance against barking dogs, such as the one Pendleton has. She suggested the ordinance should specify the duration of barking that is a disturbance and the fine should be substantial enough to make dog owners take the ordinance seriously. The Town Council President directed the Town Attorney to study the Pendleton ordinance and the Middletown ordinance and draft a proposed update for the next meeting.

2. Jim Richey, of the Middletown Lions Club, reported that the Lions Club Fair would be the week of June 4 through June 9. He requested that the Lions Club be given permission to hold their annual parade on Tuesday, June 5. The Council granted permission by consensus.

3. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign a contract with Kenna Consulting to provide administration for the 2018 Sewer Plant Update Project. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. The Council continued debate on overtime rules for the 2019 Salary Ordinance. The Town Council President instructed the Town Attorney to create wording for the benefits section of the employee manual to specify that paid-time-off would count toward the 40 hours worked threshold in determining overtime. This wording will be included in the proposed 2019 Salary Ordinance to be voted on at the next meeting.

5. Dave Wagner moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay Chandler's Excavating up to $35,000 for the first payment on the Columbia Avenue Fire Hydrant Project, provided there is sign-off from the town's engineers, Butler-Fairman-Seufert, and the Utilities Superintendent. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Gary Kendall moved to authorize the Utilities Superintendent to hire up to 4 summer help employees. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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