

Yorktown Council Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2008 @ 5:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Rick Glaub, Mike Beeman, Steve Lowry, Larry Crouch, and Bob Flanagan.

Mike Beeman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and claim docket. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Comments from the floor: No comments from the floor.

Public Hearing-Additional Appropriations-2008 GO Bond Proceeds: Pete Olson explained that the additional appropriation is to spend the money for the bond for park and field operations building. Hod Chambers asked what the interest was going to cost for the GO Bond. Clerk-Treasurer Beth stated that the town would pay over a million dollars in interest over 20 years.

Old Business:

Ordinance #605 establishing procedures for granting of residential tax abatement in Yorktown: Pete Olson explained that the expiration of the ordinance was in 1 year not 3 years as amended in ordinance. Town Attorney Steve Murphy explained that the ordinance doesn't mean everyone is eligible for the abatement. Mike Beeman made a motion to waive rules and read by title only. Rick Glaub seconded the motion. Pete Olson read by title only twice. Larry Crouch stated that he could not support the abatement. He explained that Borg Warner is shutting down is going to effect the township, school, and etc. Rick Glaub stated that it is the worst housing crunch in a long time. TK Constructors had already went through 2 lay offs and many of the layoffs are residents in town. Larry Crouch stated that the 500-600 jobs in Warner Gear are more than TK's layoffs. There are hundreds of people losing their homes. Hod Chambers felt that if they could afford new homes they could afford the taxes. Oakley Wright asked how many homes are for sale in Yorktown now. Patrick from Ideal Homes stated that he was not from Yorktown, but knows that Yorktown is strong because of the new development. Sharon Cheslick stated that there are 3 homes in her neighborhood alone that are under foreclosure. Encouraging an abatement is just offering homes to people that can't afford them. Mike Beeman stated that the town had been studying abatements for three months. Mike Beeman believes this will promote people to move to Yorktown. Bob Flanagan stated that he had several phone calls and feels that this is not the time to do the abatement. Beth Neff stated that the money will have to be made up somewhere else. The school tax rate is 66% of your tax bill. The proposal of abatements is premature because we need to see what the economy is going to do. Ideal housing stated that it won't hurt Yorktown because the town wasn't getting the money now. Steve Lowry stated there will be money coming into Yorktown immediately by the sales of the home though the water and sewer revenues. Roll Call Vote: Rick Glaub yes, Mike Beeman yes, Bob Flanagan no, Larry Crouch no, and Steve Lowry yes.

Ordinance #606 Ordinance establishing Promotional Business: Pete Olson said Tim Kelty requested this be tabled. Mike Beeman made the motion to table. Rick Glaub seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Ordinance #607 Appropriation of 2008 General Obligation Bond Proceeds: Pete Olson explained that this is to pay for the Park and Operations building. Mike Beeman made a motion to suspend rules and read by title only. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. Pete Olson read by title only twice. Mike Beeman made the motion to accept Ordinance #607. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Consideration of request for partial reimbursement for Chase Trail sewer costs to TK Construction: Mike Beeman made a motion to table consideration of request for partial reimbursement for Chase Trail sewer costs TK Construction. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Request for authorization to hire part time building commissioner/zoning administrator: Pete Olson recommended subject to be tabled. Mike Beeman made a motion to table. Rick Glaub seconded the motion. Larry Crouch asked how long this we are going to table this. All councilmen voted in favor.

New Business

Resolution #2008-Transfer of Funds: Beth Neff explained the transfers. There were no utilities budgeted park and the Police Department is over in certain appropriations. Bob Flanagan made a motion to accept resolution #2008-Transfer of Funds. Mike Beeman seconded the motion.

Resolution/Action related to INDOT 32 Widening: Pete Olson explained the meeting held by INDOT and changes to Resolution. Pete Olson explained that from Nebo to Sarasota is going to be 5 lanes with no median. From Sarasota to Andrews is going to be a four lane road with a median that has cuts. It will be a 3 lane road from Andrews to Tiger Dr. with no median. Jack Spears the state has already engineered 5 lanes no median and won't do engineer changes. Steve Lowry said we should re-endorse what we said. Steve Lowry opposed to it because if there is developing property. Rick Glaub explained the draft. Larry Crouch said it is very workable. Pete Olson recommended that the council make a motion on the resolution. Mike Beeman made a motion to adopt. Larry Crouch seconded the motion. Steve Lowry told Pete to have Tim Kelty to draw up the plans.

Ordinance #609 regarding tuition and training costs for employees: Pete Olson explained that Sandy Masters has retired and we no longer have a welder revision needed to be made supervisor can do that if they get a C or above we would reimburse them. Steve Murphy read ordinance and is fine. Mike Beeman made a motion to introduce ordinance #609 regarding tuition and training costs for employees. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. Rick Glaub asks what happens when we them to school and then they leave. Bob Flanagan said he didn't see any difference than when we pay for the

Police going to school. Rick Glaub made a motion to accept ordinance #609. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Consideration of proposal from Wabash Scientific for two annexations: Wabash Scientific is doing the fiscal plan for the two annexations for Laurel Meadows and Yorkchester. Mike Beeman made a motion to accept. Rick Glaub seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor. There will be an update to Town's cost.

Consideration of hiring police officer: Todd St. John explained that he had 37 applicants and through elimination he had narrowed it down to 3 applicants. Michael Keller was the most qualified applicant. He explained that he is doing online classes with the University of Phoenix. Mike Beeman made a motion to accept new officer. Rick Glaub seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor. He will be starting March 27th. He will be going to the academy in the fall.

Consideration of Contract for Mowing Cemetery: Pete Olson explained RAM mowing's proposal for maintaining the cemetery. Bob Flanagan made a motion to accept. Mike Beeman seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Water/Wastewater Dept.

Consideration of proposal for engineering services for creation of Storm Water District. Pete Olson said that they have met with several engineering firms to help manage storm water management. Pete Olson explained after talking with three different engineering firms that RGW had worked with us on MS4 in the past. Scott Dompke provided the most favorable bids. He said this would be a great establishment for economic gain. Pete Olson explained that when we fix storm sewer we pay out of street and sewer. Residents aren't on WWTP the people aren't paying for it. Tim Kelty explained that all residents would pay for it because they all would be serviced for it. Larry Crouch made a motion to accept proposal of \$25,000 to put together. Bob Flanagan seconded the motion. All councilmen voted in favor.

Consideration of proposal for next phase of infrastructure GPS location for GIS:

Pete Olson requested to table. Mike Beeman made a motion to table. Rick Glaub seconded the motion.

Departmental Reports

1. Field Operations Manager

Water, Sewer, Street, Park

1. Fireworks Festival

Pete Olson said the annual Fireworks festival will be July 5th fireworks will be at 10 PM. There will be a few bands and food vendors. It will be scaled back compared to last year because of Summer Heat.

2. Summer Heat Update

Pete Olson explained they are still moving forward with plans. The Town will be helping to retain trash from park.

3. Sandy's retirement party

The party will be this Thursday March 20th, 2008 for cake and appetizers.

2. Town Manager
 - Police, Building/Zoning, other
 1. Interlocal MS4 agreement
Wasn't discussed.
 2. Furnishings for Field operations facilities
Wasn't discussed.
 3. Sports Complex update
Wasn't discussed.

Comments from Town Council Members

Rick Glaub talked about the development in Cammack and Mr. Howe's accomplishment.

Mike Beeman said he has gotten calls about pot holes on Pete Street. He also wanted to know who you call for volunteering information at Summer Heat. Pete Olson said they needed to contract Christie Sheridan for volunteer information.

Bob Flanagan said he has gotten phone calls on how well the plowing and pavement patching is.

Larry Crouch said he is still putting together pictures on flooding. Mutual Federal has pictures as well. Larry Crouch said he is trying to get grants for it.

Steve Lowry asked Pete Olson if it was possible for the Fire Department to spray the sheets after the bad weather is finished. Pete said he was getting street sweeper out and shouldn't need Fire Department, but will look into it.

Beth Neff explained that board members signed the wrong ordinance has correct ordinance for them to sign.

Next Regular meeting-Scheduled for April 21, 2008 @ 5:30 P.M.

Mike Beeman made a motion to Adjourn. Rick Glaub seconded.

Council President

Clerk-Treasurer