

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
February 1st, 2024
6:30 pm

PRESENT: Councilman LaFoone, Councilman Cook, President Newburn, Vice President Mayo, Clerk/Treasurer Ebert & Attorney Shoffner.

ABSENT: None: Councilman Oehmen

GUESTS: Emily Newburn, Acken Reyes, Taylor Bachman, Jeff Rough (Bakertilly), Chuck Jonas, Chuck Mack, Dwayne Tate, Andrew & Gabrielle from Commonwealth.

Call To Order:

- President Newburn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Roll Call:

- Councilman LaFoone-Here, Councilman Cook-Here, President Newburn –Here, Councilman Oehmen - Absent, Vice President Mayo-Here, A quorum is present.

Appointments Needed

- None

Correspondence

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of January 4th, 2024 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – No Report
- BZA – No Report
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – No Report
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner –Councilman Mayo reported 10 Contractor Registrations for a total of \$750.00 and 1 Accessory Building for a total of \$785.00 for a grand total of \$1,535.00.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she had attending the Full Commissions meeting where she was approved to be the next NIRPC Commissioner for the Town of Wanatah.
- Other –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she attended a Clerk Treasurers Boot Camp in Indianapolis on January 16th, 2023.
 - She also gave everyone an updated copy of the Commissions & Boards listing along with their meeting notices.

Public Works

- Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Mayo for the purchase of a new town truck, not to exceed \$75,000.
- Chuck Mack gave an updated Community Crossings report. The streets that will be repaired will be Carrie, Condon, Cross and First Street for a 25% match.
- Discussion was held between the Council and Commonwealth regarding the new Wastewater project. Councilman Cook showed great concern for the fact that after all this time, that we still don't know what we are building yet, not sure of the cost, what the additional rates to residents will be, etc. Chuck Mack reported that he had received a breakdown sheet for the Asset Management Program (AMP) and has a better understanding of what Commonwealth is doing. After further discussion, the Council has decided to table this until further discussion. They are going to have a Public Meeting to be held on February 22nd, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall where they will decide on how they would like to move forward.

New Business

- Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to approve a pre-payment to Goetz Landscaping for a 3% discount in the amount of a \$20.10 savings.
- Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to do a reading for Ordinance 02-2024 -Open Burning
- Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Mayo to do a reading for Ordinance 03-2024 –Accumulation of Trash & Debris

Unfinished Business

- None

Financial Report and Claims Approval

- Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman LaFoone to approve the claims as presented. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- None

Public Comment

- Assistant Fire Chief-Dwayne Tate presented their 2023 Status Report recapping information such as Calls, New Officers, Goals, future budget plans, etc.

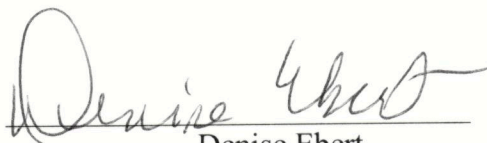
Adjournment

President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook. A vote was taken.
All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer

