

**HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL
HEBRON UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2008**

The Hebron Town Council and Hebron Utility Regulatory Commission Meeting October 21, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Ensign. In attendance was Councilmen Peter Breuckman, Jeffery Grogan; Councilwomen Joyce Kaczmariski and Donald Ensign; Clerk-Treasurer Terri Waywood; Town Marshall Steve Sibbrell; Attorney Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Recording Secretary Joanne Garrett-Hansen. Councilwoman Kelly Teel was absent. Public Works Director Steve Martin was not in attendance as he was attending a seminar. Also, in attendance was Jim Burge Porter County Councilman.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, on motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 4-0, the minutes of the September 16, 2008 Special Meeting and October 8, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Docket - President Ensign read the docket totals for October 21, 2008: Total Disbursed \$1,345,012.37; Transfers \$1,039,452.22; and Net Disbursed \$305,560.15. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved the docket.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood reported that she held off a little bit with putting money into CD because of the stock market being down. She further noted that she has now deposited \$400,000.00 from major moves funds and \$300,000.00 from the general fund into CDs at the interest rate of 3%. She further reported that the Town received the third tax collection and she was able to put \$41,738.18 into the General Fund and \$2,004.76 into CCD. She noted that the Council will be conducting a public hearing on October 27th at 7:00 on the Additional Appropriations for 2008 budget.

Utility Adjustments - None

Old Business - None

New Business

Resolution 2008-10-21- Transfer of Appropriations - President Ensign read the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski and duly carried 4-0, the Resolution 2008-10-21 was passed and adopted.

Ordinance 2008-10-21 - Corrected Storm Water User Fees - President Ensign noted that this Ordinance corrects an Ordinance previously approved by the Council. He noted that the previous Ordinance had a typo. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan, and duly carried 4-0, Ordinance 2008-10-21 was passed and adopted.

President Ensign recognized Jim Burge, Porter County Commission. Mr. Ensign thanked

Mr. Burge for his assistance in resolving the drainage issue in Town. Commissioner Burge thanked the Town for participating in the League of Councils. He noted that the next meeting will be held in January 2009 and at the request of Commissioner Harper the main topic of this meeting will be drainage. He further noted that the tax process is moving along and the Commission is looking into hiring a consultant to help with this issue.

Out of Town Function Requests - On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved the requests from Brandon Carden and Larry Worley to attend the seminar in Logansport; and Steve Martin and Larry Melvin to attend the Indiana Rural Water Seminar in Columbus, Indiana.

Well Bids - Lift Station Pump Bids - President Ensign read the following bids for two (2) chopper pumps: \$51,960.00 from JM Valve, Quality Repair Service \$21,747.00 and from Vaugh \$19,960.00. President Ensign reported that Public Works Director Steve Martin recommends accepting the bid from Vaugh. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman, and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved the purchase of the pumps from Vaugh at the cost of \$19,960.00. Councilman Breuckman stated that the funds would come from the bond money.

Well No. 4 and Well No. 7 are in need of inspection and repairs. President Ensign stated that few bids were received: Peerless \$40,388.00 (Well No. 4 and Well No. 7 and other repairs); Joe Don Construction (Well No 4 only) \$38,500.00 and Dean Well Drilling (Well No. 4 only \$39,000.00). He noted that Peerless is the lowest bidder. Clerk-Treasurer Waywood stated there were not enough funds left entirely from the bond to pay this bill and she suggested that the balance could come from the River Boat Funds. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski, and duly carried 4-0, the Council accepted Peerless' bid.

Parking Lot Seal Bids - President Ensign noted that these seal bids were for the parking area by the recycled containers, lot behind Country Kitchen and the fire station. He noted that the fire station lot was paved last fall. Discussion ensued. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan, this matter was tabled until next year.

Health Insurance for Tom Kennedy - President Ensign announced that Tom Kennedy wants to cancel his health insurance with Star Mark and to take out the same insurance that is currently provided to Attorney Fitzgerald, United World Life Insurance Company with Mutual of Omaha. Mr. Ensign stated that this coverage would include Mrs. Kennedy and would result in a saving to the Town in the amount of \$675.45. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved this request.

Fire Department Contract - Attorney Fitzgerald stated that the Contract is what the Council proposed with salaries remaining the same and funds for 2009 will be \$20,000.00. Attorney Fitzgerald recommended that the Council accept this Contract. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 4-0, the Council

approved this Contract.

Recycling Contract - On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved the Recycling Contract (\$1.00 per year) which provides for the leasing of the existing location thereby giving the Company some authority over the usage.

Bowling Alley Road Paving Payment - President Ensign noted that the Town worked out a deal with the Porter County Highway Department in the County would have the paving done although it is the Town's responsibility to pave this road. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved the payment of \$12,523.94 to Porter County. It was noted that the funds will come from the Local Road & Street fund. Councilman Grogan noted that with the paving of this road, the Council has now paved 28 roads/streets.

Beautification Committee - President Ensign announced that during the recent storms the garbage cans on Main Street were filling up with rain and it is the recommendation of the Public Works Department and the Beautification Committee that lids are purchased to help alleviate this problem. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved \$1,583.00 for the purchase of these lids. The funds will come from the Beautification Fund. President Ensign announced that the next meeting is set for Wednesday night and that a representative from a company in Jonesboro will be here to discuss Christmas decorations and banners. President Ensign stated that hopefully we can have a lighting ceremony and he asked for volunteers to man this committee.

Tax Anticipation Warrant - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood asked for Council approval to pay off this Warrant on December 31, 2008. She noted that there is \$400,000.00 in the general fund now and she noted that this will save the Town approximately \$15,000.00. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 4-0, this request was approved.

Department Reports

Parks - Mike Spicer reported that the Park Board met with the Developer of Brook wood and they agreed to accept lot 101 for the Brookwood part which will be located by the new entrance. Mr. Spicer noted that area will allow for a better parking area.

President Ensign stated that a citizen has offered to donate some property to the Park Department and that Attorney Fitzgerald is looking into the matter.

Mr. Spicer noted that the Stage Coach Inn did not qualify for a painting grant, but he stated that the Board would wait until next year to get bids. It was noted that the Inn is in really bad shape and there is potential of losing some of the boards. Crim Custom is preparing a bid.

Mr. Spicer noted that the existing paint was tested for lead and the test came back okay.

Police Department

Calls - During the month of September the Department handled the following: 50 citations, 152 warnings, 105 citizen assists and 56 assist other jurisdictions.

Chief Sibbrell reported that the Department had some issues with their Nextel and Nextel gave the Department free phones and two months of free service. These phones are used by the Police only.

The Chief reported that Officer Manda elected not to take the insurance and the Chief asked for permission to reinstate Officer McKamey and to provide him with insurance effective November 1st. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski and duly carried 4-0, this request was granted.

Chief Sibbrell asked for permission to promote Tony Fensel to acting Corporal, but not removed from probationary status. He noted that Mr. Fensel is a probationary officer and that he still has six months of probation remaining. The matter died for lack of a motion.

Fire Department

Mark Hoagland noted that following stat for September: 34 calls, 23 EMT assists, three fire alarms, two wrecks and a gas leak. Mr. Hoagland thanked the Police Department and Public Works for their assistance during the gas leak and the closing of the roads.

Garage Doors - On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 4-0, the Council approved the purchase of garage doors from A-1 Garage at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 with the funds coming from CCI.

Hebron Redevelopment Commission - No report

Attorney Report - Attorney Fitzgerald reported that INDOT authorized Walsh & Kelly to direct Hawk Electric to put in the final drops for the street lights. He noted that this cost is \$28,000.00. He further announced that Walgreens has agreed to pave Casey Street at their expense.

Public Works - It was noted that Roger Garrett resigned effective October 17th.

Clerk-Treasurer Waywood asked from approval to transfer \$2300.00 from Waste Water Surplus to Waste Water Operating. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 4-0, this request was approved.

Public comments -

Norma Woods asked for an explanation of her water bill noting that last month her bill was \$280.00 (14,000 gallons) and that this month the bill is \$187,99 (9,000 gallons). Discussion ensued. President Ensign said someone would come out and look at the problem.

There being no further business before the Council, on motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Waywood, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Donald Ensign, President