

**HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL
HEBRON UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

The Hebron Town Council and Hebron Utility Regulatory Commission Meeting of September 15, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Ensign. In attendance were Councilmen Jeff Grogan, Pete Breuckman, Donald Ensign and David Peeler; Councilwoman Joyce Kaczmariski; Clerk-Treasurer Terri Waywood; Town Marshall Steve Sibbrell; Public Works Director Steve Martin and Public Works employee Larry Worley; Attorney Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Recording Secretary Joanne Garrett-Hansen.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, on motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, the minutes of for the following meetings were approved as presented: August 18, 2009, August 27, 2009, and August 31, 2009.

Docket - President Ensign read the docket totals for September 15, 2009: Total Disbursed \$908,403.64; Transfers \$515,714.37 and Net Disbursed \$392,689.27. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the docket as presented.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood asked for Council approval to make two (2) disbursements from SRF - \$10,000.00 to the London Witte Group and \$15,000.00 to Petry, Fitzgerald & Less. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, this request was approved. On motion of Councilman Peeler, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the writing of the checks.

Utility Adjustments

C&A Auto - Carey Thalman, owner of C&A Auto explained that his request was due to the fact that he rebuilt the ditch line and added grass to the area. He noted that he watered the grass and, therefore, was requesting a reduction to the sewer portion of the utility bill. Attorney Fitzgerald stated that the state statute speaks in terms of leaks and there has to be a physical reason for the loss of water. Discussion ensued. Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Council to table this request until next month so that he could review the statute.

Amanda Argue - Mrs. Argue stated that a hose got disconnected from a slip and slide from 2:00 p.m. to the next day at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Peeler requested this request be tabled until next meeting.

New Business

Clyde Wolf - Chief Steve Sibbrell informed the Council that Reserve Officer Clyde Wolf was retiring from the Department after twenty (20) years of service. Chief Sibbrell presented

Mr. Wolf with a plaque, his side arm and badge. The Council thanked Mr. Wolf for his years of dedication to the Town.

2010 Budget Hearing - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood noted that this hearing was advertised and she performed the first reading of the 2010 Budget. She noted that 2010 budget was \$50,000.00 higher than the 2009 budget.

Resolution 2009-09-15 - Transfer of Appropriations - Resolution 2009-09-15 was read by President Ensign. On motion of Councilman Peeler, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski and duly carried 5-0, Resolution 2009-09-15 was passed and adopted.

Town Party - October 3rd - President Ensign explained that a celebration was in order for the long awaited completion of the Main Street project. He noted that the Council was working with the Hebron Chamber of Commerce on this project and that Main Street would be closed for the party. He stated that the party would be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and local businesses have been invited to participate in the event. He reported that donations are going to the Hebron Redevelopment Commission's gift fund and any unused funds will be donated to the Downtown Beautification Committee to be used for the beautification of Main Street. Mr. Ensign encouraged everyone to come out and celebrate the opening of Main Street and share in bringing people back to the businesses in the community. Public Works Director Steve Martin announced that Main Street should be officially opened on October 6th.

Schererville Auto Center - Public Works Director Steve Martin reported that Schererville Auto Center built a new building and attached it to the existing building by way of a breeze-way. He stated that they did not install sewer and water lines to the new building. Discussion ensued. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council agreed that Schererville Auto Center must install sewer and water lines in the new building.

2009 Boards and Committee Membership - Attorney Fitzgerald submitted a chart showing current membership for each Town Board of Committee for Council approval. A few changes were indicated. Mr. Fitzgerald also reminded the Council that pursuant to the Town's Ordinance members are to notify the Clerk's office if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Out of Town Function Requests - On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the Out of Town Function Request of Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Brian E. Less to attend the annual IACT seminar being held on December 2nd. This request included tuition and travel costs.

On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approval the Out of Town Function Request of Steve Martin and Larry Worley to attend the Fall Conference being held on October 20th and 21st.

Crestknoll Sidewalks - Councilman Grogan stated that two (2) bids were received for the installation of sidewalks between Birch Drive and Madison Street: Barton Concrete \$11,700.00 and Countryside Builders \$17,600.00. Clerk-Treasurer Waywood informed the Council that Motor Vehicle funds can be used for this project. Discussion ensued. This matter was tabled until a quote is received for a sidewalk at Fir Court.

Department Reports

Parks - No report.

Police Department

Halloween Trick or Treating Hours - Chief Sibbrell requested that Trick or Treating Hours will be the same as County's, October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On motion to Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmarek and duly carried 5-0, this request was approved.

Fire Department - Greg Hoagland announced that the Department had 294 calls for the year and that the Fire Department Open House is scheduled for October 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Hoagland stated that parking lot looks beautiful.

Hebron Redevelopment Commission - President Ensign reported that banners will be placed on the poles prior to the October 3rd party. Jamie Uzelac stated that it was reported at the last Main Street Beautification meeting that the new banner arms are to be strapped on arms. President Ensign stated it was noted that the fixed banner arms are a problem. He further noted that the new arms will be painted flat black to match the existing poles and that the Hebron Redevelopment Commission is paying for the new arms. Councilman Breuckman stated the Hebron Redevelopment Commission is in charge of their own funds and they can determine how the funds are spent.

Public Works - Public Works Director Steve Martin reported that Town will be picking up leaves during the months of October, November and December weather permitting.

Lakes of the Four Seasons (LOFS) Porter County Gate - Attorney Fitzgerald asked for Council permission to write a letter supporting LOFS decision to add a gate on the Porter County side of LOFS. On motion of Councilman Peeler, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved this request.

Public Comments

It was noted that the pedestrian walking signs are not long enough for someone to get across the street before the no walking sign is displayed. President Ensign directed Public Works Director Martin to discuss this issue INDOT.

Areas of Concern -

Quincy Street and Sigler Street - It was noted that there is an uncovered drain at this location which could be dangerous to children. The Public Works Department will look into the matter.

Christian Church Lot - It was reported that the Church lot is in need of repairs. President Ensign stated that this location will be reviewed.

103 Poplar Court - It was reported that this property is abandoned. Attorney Fitzgerald stated that the Building Inspector will look at the property.

Don Fry noted that with the upcoming October 3rd party the Town should be addressing issues at Archie's and DanO's parking areas. Chief Sibbrell stated that these issues have been addressed.

Councilman Grogan asked that a letter be sent to the County Council and Commission inquiring where the Town's tax dollars are and he requested that this letter be read into the County Council and Commission's minutes. Attorney Fitzgerald will draft a letter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Waywood, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Donald Ensign, President