# SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

#### TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

#### 118 E FRONT ST

## SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

#### SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

#### 6:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Council President Brock Waterson at 6:30 pm. Members present were as follows: Council President Brock Waterson, Vice President Trey Weber, Councilman Randy Cokl, Town Attorney Greg Hockemeyer, Utility Supervisor Kent Slater, and Clerk-Treasurer Alyssa Knepple. Town Marshal Chad Schipper was not in attendance.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2026 BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING:** The budget adoption meeting was opened at 6:31 pm. There were no comments or discussions about the budget. Councilman Weber made a motion to accept the 2026 Budget Ordinance 2025-9-9. Councilman Cokl seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

#### **ADJUSTMENTS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**DLZ:** Mike Duffy from DLZ came to give the Council an update on the current CCMG project, the new requirements to apply moving forward, and updates for the Towns' ADA and Title 6 plans.

- The new match is 20% of the total amount. That would make the match \$250,000 for South Whitley for a \$1 million funded CCMG cycle.
- The current CCMG project for Mulberry Street is moving right along. There haven't been a lot of setbacks and
  API said they are about 2 weeks away from laying concrete. The minor issues the Council had with some of the
  finished product for the 2023 CCMG (Maple Street project) have been addressed, and API will be making those
  repairs when the concrete is in Town. These will fix the issues with portions of the sidewalks, approaches, and
  ADA ramps.
- The Title 6 and ADA plans need to be up to date for DLZ to apply for future CCMG grants. Councilman Cokl made
  a motion to allow the Council President to sign those documents outside of a public meeting. Councilman Weber
  seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
- Kent discussed the water line problem on Wayne Street and wants to add a replacement to the 2025 CCMG project that will start in 2026. The current main water line down Wayne Street is a 2-inch line that supplies 7 homes. Because of the size and depth of the line, it has frozen and been repaired in the past two winters and the residents complain of low water pressure. Councilman Weber made a motion to allow DLZ to add water line replacement plans to the 2025 CCMG project that the Town will pay for outside of CCMG funding. Councilman Cokl seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2025-8-26-1: COMMERCIAL RECORD REQUESTS:** Councilman Weber made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-8-26-1 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilman Cokl seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

**ORDINANCE 2025-8-26-2: CLERK-TREASURER CLAIMS PREAPPROVAL:** Councilman Cokl made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-8-26-2 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilman Weber seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

## **COUNCILMAN TOPICS**

**STATE STREET PROPERTIES:** Mr. McCarty has finished replacing all the windows in the Front and Back of the buildings. Mr. Reed is also working hard on remodeling the Green Parrot building for his business and is hoping to be done soon.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

PARK BOARD - RANDY SIMPSON: Not present

WASTE WATER/UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER: Nothing to present

TOWN MARSHAL - CHAD SCHIPPER: Not present

**TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER: Nothing to present** 

CLERK-TREASURER - ALYSSA KNEPPLE:

- An additional appropriation is going to be presented and voted on at the next meeting and has been published
  in the paper to inform the public. This additional appropriation is needed to pay API for the first portion of
  CCMG 2024-1.
- Baker Tilly has finished the rate study for South Whitley. Mrs. Knepple will be meeting with them to go over
  their findings before presenting to the Council. There was some confusion about some of the electric portions of
  utilities, therefore, the presentation will be at the meeting on September 23, 2025.

### **APPROVALS:**

**APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 26, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Councilman Cokl made a motion to accept the August 26, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Councilman Weber seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, APV's TOTALING \$ 156,254.89: Councilman Weber made a motion to accept the September 9, 2025, APV's totaling \$156,254.89. Councilman Weber seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, TOTALING \$ 13,942.17:** Councilman Weber made a motion to accept payroll for the week ending September 1, 2025, totaling \$13,942.17. Councilman Cokl seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, \$ 12,807.93:** Councilman Weber made a motion to accept payroll for the week ending September 8, 2025, totaling \$12,807.93. Councilman Weber seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

ADJOURN at: Meeting was adjourned by Council President at 6:49 pm.

# **APPROVALS:**

BROCK WATERSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TREY WEBER VICE PRESIDENT

RANDY COKL COUNCILMAN ATTEST:

ALYSSA KNEPPLE CLERK-TREASURER