

March 26, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Middlebury met in a special session and via Zoom at the Town Hall, Middlebury, IN at 2:00pm, March 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Council President Miranda Cripe.

Upon the roll call, the following members of the Council were present: Jeremy Yahwak, Miranda Cripe, Dan Shoup and Chuck Teall. Scott Miller was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Mary Cripe, Attorney Craig Buche and Deputy Clerk Sue Yoder.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Yahwak announced that the Town of Middlebury received grant funding in the amount of \$5,514.00 from the Indiana Department of Health for the Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Project grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Craig Buche introduced Resolution 2021-02 – A Resolution of the Town of Middlebury Authorizing Contingent Special Purchase for the Preservation of the 2021 Middlebury Southwest Quadrant Project. This proposed resolution is for the special purchase authorization by the Town Council to purchase the PVC pipe materials for the Southwest Quadrant Infrastructure Project, since the availability of PVC pipe is in very short supply. With this current situation, it constitutes an emergency condition with a threat to the public health, welfare, or safety in the event the Southwest Quadrant Infrastructure Project would be delayed or in jeopardy by the PVC pipe shortage. This resolution protects Selge Construction when they purchase the PVC pipe materials now, especially if the contract is not awarded for the Southwest Quadrant Infrastructure Project. The Town commits to purchase the PVC pipe materials at cost up to a maximum of \$120,000.00, up to July 1, 2021. Selge Construction will have until July 15, 2021 to submit an invoice to the Town. Councilman Teall made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02, and Councilman Yahwak seconded the motion. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Mary Cripe explained that the Town needs to acquire six (6) utility easements for the construction of the Southwest Quadrant Infrastructure Project. Five (5) of the easements were needed along Claire Lane, where the culvert pipe connects the ponds on the north and south side. These easements have been secured. There is one more easement required from Middlebury Community Schools for the construction of the water main along CR 35 and representatives from SRF have approved this easement being secured at the next School Board meeting, which is after the closing on April 9. These easements were accepted with the Town Manager's signature, and we are requesting the Town Council's ratification of acceptance. Councilman Yahwak made a motion to ratify the acceptance of the five easements, and Councilman Teall seconded the motion. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

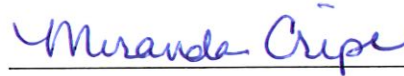
Mary Cripe explained the need for a Second Addendum to the Contractor Agreement with TDI Technologies d/b/a Teledata, Inc. This addendum will extend the contract completion from March 31, 2021 to April 30, 2021. Councilman Yahwak made a motion to approve the Second Addendum to the Contractor Agreement with Teledata, Inc., and Councilman Teall seconded the motion. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Town Marshal Kevin Miller explained that Deputy Austin Miller submitted his resignation and asked to return to a volunteer Reserve Deputy. After Deputy Miller's resignation notice, Marshal Miller was approached by two reserve officers about the position and interviewed both officers. Marshal Miller requested the approval of hiring Jorden Snyder as a full-time Deputy, and the approval of appointing Austin Miller as a Reserve Deputy. Councilman Teall made a motion to approve the hiring of Jorden Snyder as a full-time Deputy and appointing Austin Miller as a Reserve Deputy; Councilman Yahwak seconded the motion. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:


Westlake Estates Annexation Community Meeting No. 1 on March 29 at 6pm at Town Hall
Westlake Estates Annexation Community Meeting No. 2 on March 31 at 3pm at Town Hall
Westlake Estates Annexation Community Meeting No. 3 on April 3 at 10am at Town Hall
Town Council Meeting on April 5 at 6pm at Town Hall

Meeting was adjourned.



Miranda Cripe, President, Town Council

ATTEST:



Peggy A. Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer

This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in person or engage in remote real-time electronic observation.