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Streets and Water	583-3430

Councilmen

Kevin Burk	404-1481
Ron Shoup	337-5876
Dirk Studebaker	574-551-2903
Doyle Allison	583-9481
Mac McKinney	583-2821



Daylight Savings Time
begins 2:00 am Sunday March 8th
Don't forget to "Spring Ahead!"



St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17



calendar MARCH 2015

3rd	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
4th	Trash & Recycle
8th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
17th	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
18th	Trash & Recycle

Did you know?

Based on the US Census, there are more Irish people in America than in Ireland. As of 2003, more than 34 million Americans had Irish ancestry. The population of Ireland as of 2013 is just over 4.5 million people.



Welcome in Spring!!!

Friday March 20



Library News



- **Every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:00 am, Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime** - Join us for nursery rhymes, music, stories, and more. This award winning program is designed for ages birth to 3 years and is wonderful tool for early development like fine motor skills, self-confidence, and exposure to new words and sounds.
- **Wednesday, March 4th at 4:00pm Teen Space** A dedicated teen program, the 1st Wednesday of each month, after school. Come and participate in the program. From upcycling books, to creating your own poems, sticky note inspiration, and more. Can't make it to the program? That's ok. The activity will be set up all month long for teens to come in and do it on their own time. No registration required, just show up and bring a friend!
- **Thursday, March 19th at 4:30pm, Mother-Son Date Knight** It will run until 6:30pm, so stop by on your own schedule. It's a dedicated time for mothers & sons (or grandmas) to enjoy & play medieval knight themed games and activities. Sign up online at opl.lib.in.us under the events calendar tab. Questions, contact Lauren (583-2107)
- **Thursday, March 26th at 6:00pm, Pinterest Night!** An adult craft night inspired by projects found on Pinterest. Class space is limited so registration is required. Opl.lib.in.us under the Events Calendar Page.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015, 5:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with all members present.

The reason for the Executive Session was to discuss with an employee the status of continued employment.

Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015, 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present.

The Council held the hearing for disconnects. Resident Ms. Herriott asked Council for a pay agreement. Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council that Ms. Herriott had previously been on a pay agreement within a year; but she did comply with the terms of that agreement. Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the request. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. With no other resident present, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve all others on the disconnect list, for shutoff. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Katy Tolen with the Otterbein PTO was present to discuss the 5K and 1K Runs. She had presented the route at the last meeting but understood the Council had questions. She explained the 1K is for small kids and they would not cross the railroad tracks. The 5k will be for older children and adults and will cross the tracks. The Race will start at 10:00 AM on April 25, 2015. The PTO will have volunteers at each intersection. The Council explained that she would need to contact the County regarding the road on the west end after crossing the tracks, as that is a county road not a town road. Councilman Doyle Allison asked how much liability insurance they had and Attorney Jud Barce stated they should have the town added as an added insured for the event. She will check into this information and get back with the Council. The Town will provide the barricades/cones and Ron Shoup will get vests for the volunteers to use. As long as stipulations discussed are met, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to approve the 5K and 1K runs for April 25, 2015. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sue Haase with London Witte Group was present and went over the Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis with the Council. The Council took the reports under advisement so they have time to digest the information. The council thanked her for her time.

Shannon McLeod with Priority Projects discussed the Street Lighting Project financing. Based on previous discussion she presented Option A, which is \$691,500 with funding coming from the following \$500,000 USDA Loan/ possible grant and \$191,500 coming from local funds. The annual payment would be \$25,080 if the \$500,000 is all from loan without a grant. Option B takes out the Oxford Street Cross Section Improvements which reduces the cost down to \$617,000. The \$500,000 coming from the USDA; but only \$117,000 coming from local funds. Clerk-Treasurer discussed with the Council local funds available. The Council unanimously agreed that they like Option B and that local funds will come from the following \$15,000 from the Riverboat Funds and \$102,000 from the Donation Funds. Shannon will prepare for the public hearing regarding this project for March 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Shannon discussed Brownfields funding and OCRA Clearance Grants, with the Council, regarding the Lutheran Church. She explained that Brownfields funding is a loan and the OCRA Clearance funding is a maximum of \$150,000. But with both programs more environmental studies would have to be done.

Lastly, Shannon discussed with the Council that the WWT Plan is not complete and that she feels we need to ask for an extension because our grant expires March 31, 2015. Engineer Mike Turchi discussed where BF&S is with the study. Shannon suggested a 4 month extension, Mike suggested 6 months but feels they can meet the 4 month extension. The Council unanimously agreed to file the extension requesting an additional 4 months.

Mike Turchi with BF&S discussed the Wellhead Protection Phase II Plan. He needs the town to get volunteers for the Local Planning Team. He suggested our superintendent, town marshal, another employee of Council choosing, someone from the fire department, emergency response and a couple residents. Treeva will see what she can do with locating some volunteers for the team.

Jud Barce, Town Attorney, informed the Council after hearing what Shannon had to say regarding funding options with the Lutheran Church, he isn't sure what to do and he will continue to research.

Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the January 2015 Minutes as presented. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. Kevin Burk read the summary of claims for a total of \$124,924.65. Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Under Department Reports, Kevin started by announcing that Lorean Johnston has given his 2 week notice. Ron Shoup made the motion to accept his resignation. Dirk Studebaker seconded the motion and all were in favor. They requested Treeva to get an advertisement out for a General Laborer with Street, Backhoe, and Utility Maintenance a plus. Kevin discussed with the Council that he feels strongly that we send a letter to Astbury, the company that we contracted WWT and Water services through, regarding them hiring our employee. He will write the letter and send it to everyone for review.

Town Superintendent Billy Walker informed the Council that the snowplow broke. Repairs will cost \$1,700 – 1,900 depending on shipping costs. To purchase a new one would cost \$4,200. Ron Shoup made the motion to have the snowplow repaired at Rowe Truck. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. He informed the Council that the F550 truck needs tires and he will be getting quotes for that. He reminded the Council that he will be starting his WWT Class II Course on Wednesday and it runs for 7 Wednesdays; his concern now is with Lorean leaving no one will be here on Wednesday. The Council agreed he is to continue with his class and that we will figure something out.

Town Marshal George Frantz and Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles had nothing to bring before the Council.

With no other business, Ron Shoup made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2015, 5:30 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with members Ron Shoup, Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison present; member Dirk Studebaker was absent.

The reason for the Emergency meeting was in regards to the WWT Plant and the failure of the plant and possibility of a contamination.

Employee Lorean Johnston explained that due to the conditions of the plant and high flow of the melting snow we have discharged into the ditch at 400 gal a minute for a couple of hours. It was explained that overnight there was a clog and the wet well was full. The contact tank has sludge in the bottom and on the sides and foam on the top. He feels we are in a critical situation.

WWT Operator Billy Walker explained that he had already started correcting the issue and that the plant didn't get in this shape over night.

Engineer Mike Turchi explained to the Council how the plant works. He explained this shouldn't happen but a plant is mechanical and so it does happen. He felt with the information presented, we should not be in violation of our permit yet but that the issues need to be addressed.

ACTION ITEMS:

If that is not fixing the issue quickly enough, he has permission to call in a firm to pump out the digesters and get the solids out of the contact tank as soon as possible.

Other Action items that need addressed immediately are the large potholes on Sixth around Brown Street, Oxford Street between the bridge and the store; and South Main between Sixth and the town limit sign on the south end.

Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015, 6:00 PM

Council Vice-President Ron Shoup called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM with members Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison present; President Kevin Burk and member Dirk Studebaker were absent.

The Council held a Hearing on Disconnects, due to the weather, shut-offs were not able to happen after the last meeting. There were no residents present. Leon McKinney made the motion to approve shut-off for those on the Disconnect List. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ron Shoup read the summary of claims presented for a total of \$59,495.32. Doyle Allison made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council reviewed 3 quotes for the termite treatment at the Community Center. Two were from Fowler Pest Control for a treatment fee of \$1,495 with an annual treatment after that of \$149 or a treatment fee of \$1,695 with an annual fee after that of \$169. The other quote was from Reliable for a treatment fee of \$984 with an annual fee of \$90. Leon McKinney made the motion to accept the quote from Reliable. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council discussed a water leak behind 202 S Main Street. The Council would like the cost of 2 options. The first to intercept and put in a new line in the area of the leak; the second to replace the main line all the way down the alley, because we have had several issues in that area.

Under department reports Town Marshal George Frantz and Town Superintendent Billy Walker were absent. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles wanted to clarify, with being short staffed, that Billy can work overtime as needed for snow removal, training and weekend duties. Outside of that, he needs to contact Council first. The Council unanimously agreed.

Under other business, Ron Shoup wanted to put on the to do list, as soon as spring is here, the need to get the streets swept and the storm drains cleaned before the rains come.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015, 6:30 PM

Vice-President Ron Shoup called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with members Leon McKinney, Dirk Studebaker and Doyle Allison present; President Kevin Burk was absent.

The reason for the Executive Session was to conduct interviews for the open position.

The Council interviewed 5 prospective employees.

Leon McKinney made the motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Registering for Summer Camp

Ages: 5-12~Dates: May 26-August 11, 2015

Registration forms are available at the church or
Online at www.otterbeinumc.org under Sumer Camp

For more information call 765-583-4441

Enrolling for Preschool 2015-2016 School Year

Pre-K Classes for those who will 4 years old by Aug 1, 2015

Preschool Classes for those who will be 3 years old by Aug 1, 2015

Registration forms are available at the church or

Online at www.otterbeinumc.org

For more information contact Amy Rudolph at 765-583-4441

