

The Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana, met in the meeting room at the Markle Fire Department Building on the 21st day of March 2018, beginning at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the rules of the Council and applicable laws and appropriate notice. Town Council Members present: President Jeff Humbarger, Vice-President Mark Hamilton, and Councilmember Rick Bower. Clerk-Treasurer Carolyn Hamilton and 12 additional people were also in attendance.

President Humbarger called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first order of business was to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from February 21, 2018. Vice President Mark Hamilton moved to approve the minutes. President Jeff Humbarger seconded the motion. Minutes approved 3-0. Minutes signed.

Town Correspondence was a Thank You received from the Michaela Adam's Family. She was the daughter of the former Clerk-Treasurer Shelley Monticue.

President Jeff Humbarger moved to approve the contract with T.M. Wells Consultation. Mr. Tim Wells will be doing work on the fixed assets records for the Town of Markle. The records are not in proper order according to the State Board of Accounts and Mr. Wells will be working with all Town employees to get the correct depreciation, etc. on the items. The Town has been written up every audit for the records not being in proper order. President Humbarger signed the contract. Copy attached to the minutes.

The Markle Chamber of Commerce requested a donation in the amount of \$1,000 for the July 4th block party. After a short discussion President Humbarger moved to donate \$1,000 from the Riverboat Fund to the Chamber. Councilmember Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The Markle Chamber of Commerce also presented a copy of the budget for the block party to Council. Copy attached to the minutes.

The Chamber reported that the road closure for the downtown area was in process and that the liability insurance from Markle Insurance was in place.

Rick Asher gave his monthly written report to Council.

Rick Asher reviewed the contract for W.W. Williams for the amount of \$1,009 for the generators. Any service over and above the contract will be billed accordingly. Copy attached to minutes.

Rick Asher reported that Culy Construction from Winchester, Indiana has found several problems that are causing the I/I problems with the ground water getting into the sewage system. There was a large problem on the west end of Sparks St. where the storm inlets come together. A new plug has been placed and it is now cemented in to avoid further problems in that area. Rick reviewed all the problems they have found to date and the plans to repair the problems. Rick Asher also wants to do more televising; especially noted was the pipe going into the Wastewater treatment plant.

Markle resident, Steve Fisher made the comment that the snow was cleaned up in 6 hours today. A good job was done by the Town employees.

President Humbarger read Ordinance 2018-4, an ordinance to accept the codification of the Town Code from American Legal. President Humbarger opened the floor for questions. President Humbarger then moved to present and consider the ordinance at the meeting of the first reading. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. President Humbarger then moved to approve Ordinance 2018-4. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Ordinance 2018-4 approved 3-0. Ordinance signed. Copy attached to the minutes.

Marshal Markley submitted to Council his written report.

Marshal Markley introduced Cody Jones to the townspeople present. He is the new deputy that will be sworn in on March 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the fire station.

Marshal Markley warned residents to keep their houses and cars locked up, as there have been burglaries in Town. He also asked residents to let him know when they are on vacation so that the Markle Police Dept. can keep their eye on the properties. Marshal Markley also warned drivers to slow down and be aware of children.

President Humbarger welcomed Cody Jones to the Town of Markle employees.

There were no public questions or comments. There was no old business.

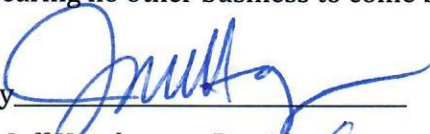
Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton reported a total of 105 vouchers amounting to \$145,923.20. 71 were from the General Fund totaling \$85,491.28. 17 from the Water Utility totaling \$38,875.30 and 17 from the Wastewater Utility totaling \$21,556.62. President Humbarger asked the Councilmembers if they had any questions about the vouchers. Hearing none, Vice President Mark Hamilton moved to approve the vouchers as presented. Councilmember Rick Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Hamilton stated that Mr. Young from the First Merchants Bank had called March 20, 2018 to notify the Town of a rate increase from .9% to 1.1% in all Town checking accounts.

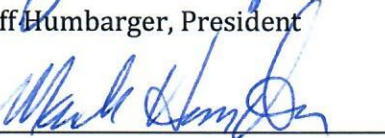
Stephenie attended Clerk-Treasurer's school at Ball State March 11 to March 15. She will be giving Council a report on the school next month.

Today the Town of Markle received legal notice from the DCD attorney that the property at 235 Wilt St. will go to Good Faith Happenings LLC on September 26, 2018 if the Town Council does not file an objection. Councilmembers present thought that was a good thing and have no intention of filing an objection.

Hearing no other business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

By 
Jeff Humbarger, President

By 
Rick Bower, Councilmember

By 
Mark Hamilton, Vice-President

Attest: 
Carolyn Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer