



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Strong called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gary gave the prayer. Mr. Strong called for roll call. Members of the Cicero Town Council were present or absent as follows

Present: Chad Amos
Chad Blueher
Jerry Cook
Chris Lutz
Dan Strong

Absent:

Declare a Quorum Present: President Strong declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer
Jeff Rednour, Police Chief
Lance Overholser, Fire Chief
Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director
Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director
Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent
Aaron Culp, Town Attorney
Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Amos made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Blueher seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Special Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2021, 6:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2021, 7:00 PM

Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the claims dated 8/17/21. Mr. Amos seconded, motion passed.

Council Committee Reports:

1. OTC Report – Mr. Blueher said that not much has changed. He stated that the fall festival is still on for 9/18 and Meticulous Landscape will be starting work on the gathering place soon.
2. EDC Report – Mr. Amos had nothing to report.
3. SWU Management Board Report – President Freeman said that he has no new information at this time.

Legal Counsel Report – Mr. Culp gave a brief history concerning Wellworth Drive for Mr. Blueher’s benefit. After discussion, Mr. Lutz and Mr. Cook recused themselves from

voting. Mr. Amos stated that they are pleased with the prerequisites; but, suggested that Mr. Culp continue to work with the homeowner's association for further clarification.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report – President Strong said that there's not a lot to report at this time.

Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant –

1. Tamarack – Section 4: Watermain installation, drainage and grading work continues.
2. Auburn Estates – Section 1: Watermain installation, miscellaneous drainage and grading work continues.
3. Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant –
 - a. We have met with the plant folks and finalized the project scope. Design agreement preparation is underway while preliminary engineering tasks continue. Other sludge dewatering equipment demo is scheduled for the week of 9/27 unless a time frees up sooner.
 - b. Awaiting approval to drill test holes on the second property.

Old Business:

1. Transfer of Funds – Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 08-17-2021-1. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Laptops – Chief Overholser presented the idea of new laptops for the council at the 081221 staff meeting and stated that he has a quote of \$5,234.35 from Dell. President Strong confirmed that laptops for the council were a need, not a want. Afterwards, Mr. Blueher made a motion for Chief Overholser to purchase them. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.
2. Baseball Fields N/R Funds – After discussion, Mr. Blueher made a motion to allow Mr. Hunter to use N/R Cicero Sports Complex Funds for repairs and maintenance items which Mr. Hunter presented at the 081221 staff meeting. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.
3. Golf Cart Fees – Chief Rednour presented a rate increase for golf cart inspections. Mr. Amos asked that Chief Rednour work with Mr. Culp to revise the ordinance and bring it back to the council for consideration and vote.
4. Police Uniforms – Mr. Amos made a motion to approve up to \$19,000.00 for a new police uniform style which Chief Rednour presented at the 081221 staff meeting. Mr. Blueher seconded, motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Cook voting nay.
5. Budget – Mr. Amos made a motion to allow Ms. Gary to submit the 2022 proposed budget into Gateway. Mr. Blueher seconded, motion passed.
6. Republic Contract – Mr. Amos made a motion to table pending Ms. Gary's contact with Republic for additional requests. Mr. Lutz seconded, motion passed.

Miscellaneous: President Strong stated that Mr. Bryant would like to present a potential grant with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at the next council meeting. He would like to look at the park's five-year master plan as well as a park impact study this fall. There will be more to come.

Comments by Citizens:

1. Mr. Wayne Vogel addressed the council with concerns for citizens ignoring the speed limit and possible solutions for the council to consider. Ms. Giesler did not share the same thought surrounding a ticket quota. In the end, the council thanked Mr. Vogel for attending the meeting and advised that the town is aware of the issue and will continue to work on it.
2. Mr. Lambert gave a status update on BerryComm. Mr. Blueher inquired about the town property agreement with BerryComm. Mr. Lambert advised that they are working on the legal agreement and should have that completed by Friday.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Amos made the motion. Mr. Blueher seconded, motion passed.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Signatures of Cicero Town Council

Dan Strong, President

Chad B. Amos

Chad M. Blueher

Jerry G. Cook

Christopher J. Lutz

Attested: _____
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on September 7, 2021, at 7:00 PM at Red Bridge Community Building.