Minutes of April 9th, 2024 Wakarusa Town Council Meeting

PRESENT: Rocco Rigsby, Carl Gilbert, Annette Brown, Randall Mitschelen, Phil Klotz – Town Council, Holly Landis – Town Manager, Katie Fromer – Clerk-Treasurer, Charlie Zercher – Town Attorney

President Rigsby called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 5th, 2024 Council meeting. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

Councilman Rigsby welcomed any visitors who wished to address the Council. There were none.

Adam Coleson from Elkhart County presented Ordinance 2024-3 a zoning amendment. Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve the rezoning change from GPUD R-1 & R2 to A1 for the property north of Kemar. Councilwoman Brown seconds. Approved.

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve the Outdoor Seating Agreement with Cheesy Smiles, LLC (Cook's Pizza). Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve pay application #6 in the amount of \$69,495.36 from Rieth-Riely for the Sunset-Washington road project. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve pay application #7 in the amount of \$149,319.53 from Rieth-Riely for the Sunset-Washington road project which includes the completion of the project. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to accept the letter from Rieth-Riley to fix the drainage issue on the Sunset Cul-De-Sac with the agreement that Riely-Riley will cover 50% of the estimated cost of \$28,000. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 Dormant Funds. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2024-2 on the first reading. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-2 a Salary Ordinance amendment. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Council reviewed the 2023 TIF Management Report for the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to accept the annual Humane Society Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$7,260. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

Councilman Mitschelen made a motion to sign the support letter from Vibrant Communities of Elkhart County, along with other participating Elkhart County Communities, to OCRA signifying our interest to be considered for Stellar Pathways grant opportunities. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

The Council reviewed Department Reports.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve the claims and adjourn the meeting. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Next Work Session: May 6th, 2024 Next Council Meeting: May 7th, 2024

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer