

## TOWN OF WOLCOTT COUNCIL MEETING

The Council of the Town of Wolcott met Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in the Community Room of the Wolcott Town Hall for its regular stated meeting. Present were Vice President Jon H. Evans, Council members Richard A. Lynn, Fred A. Young and Michael A. Yelton, Clerk-Treasurer Linda S. Bajzatt, Town Attorney Mark Callaway, Wolcott Town Marshal James M. Herre, Wolcott Water/Streets Supt. Robert G. Thomas and Wolcott Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Kenneth Burns. Also present was residents Daryl Orns and James Britt, Tri-County High School student Andrew Rowe, Sarah Cannady, Executive Director of RWCDC, Wolcott Main Street Committee members Margaret Howard and Patricia Thomas, Marc Rape of Strand Associates, Ryan Smith of Butler Fairman Seufert Engineers, and Barbara Lawson of The New Wolcott Enterprise.

Clerk-Treasurer Linda S. Bajzatt administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Council member Michael A. Yelton.

Council Vice President Jon Evans then opened the meeting by asking all present to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Fred Young moved to accept the following minutes and memoranda as read:

- December 20, 2011 Council Meeting
- December 28, 2011 Special Session

Council member Michael Yelton seconded the motion; and the motion passed 3-0.

Council Vice President Jon Evans asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Peggy (Margaret) Howard, representing the Wolcott Main Street Committee, stated that the Committee would like to know what the Town Council's expectations were of the Committee and what projects or endeavor it would like to see tackled by the Committee. Mrs. Howard stated that the Committee has had discussion with Steve Pettit, president of Fowler State Bank, regarding two empty buildings downtown. Mrs. Howard stated that she felt the asking price of old flower shop could be negotiated to something acceptable to the town. Mrs. Howard stated that one of the goals of the Wolcott Main Street Committee is to initiate an incubator program where a new start-up business would be allowed a low rent in the building for a specific amount of time. This would allow the business owner to "test the waters" before investing too much money or take a loss. Mrs. Howard stated that White County Economic Development Executive Director, Connie Neining, attended last month's meeting, and assisted the Committee with brainstorming for a branding for Wolcott, possible financial assistance, discussion of what the Committee's goals might be, etc.

Council member Michael Yelton stated that the Council had done its due diligence in procuring the Downtown Revitalization grant and the INDOT Transportation Enhancement grant, and that the Council has developed a design for the town along with Butler Fairman & Seufert Engineers. Mr. Yelton explained that the town will be holding a series of meetings to ascertain public input regarding specific design and streetscape. Mrs. Howard asked what role the Council wanted the Committee to have in the Downtown Revitalization project. Council Vice President Jon Evans stated that the meetings will be open to a group of people which certainly includes the Wolcott Main Street Committee.

Council member Michael Yelton stated that the Committee would like to get an inventory of empty buildings as well as occupied buildings, and the conditions of all of the buildings. He explained that in this way, the Council and/or the Committee can promote the empty spaces for rent or sale and give the prospective renter/owner the information they may need for building improvements.

More discussion ensued regarding recruiting volunteers to do some projects such as clean-up around buildings. Mrs. Howard stated that the concrete foundation curb had been removed from the parking lot at Second and Market Street (Tri-County School Administration). She thanked Bob Thomas, Chad Reynolds, Michael Yelton, Deichman Excavation, Xtreme Construction, and Jim Pinkerton for seeing this project through. Council Vice President Jon Evans thanked Peg Howard and Pat Thomas for attending and participating in tonight's meeting, and offered the Council's services if needed for a Committee project.

Sarah Cannady, Executive Director of Remington Wolcott Community Development Corp, stated that the RWCDC is interested in possibly hosting the biathlon race during the Wolcott 4th of July Festival, and was gathering information for this project. Ms. Cannady stated that she will be attending the White County Leadership Program, which will begin February 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cannady stated that she and Andy Goetz have been working on the Wolcott website, but need a banner for the home page, and asked for ideas. Council Vice President Jon Evans thanked Sarah Cannady for all of her efforts and work for the Town of Wolcott and the surrounding communities.

Departmental reports were then given:

Water/Street Supt. Robert Thomas stated that Randy Bonty had installed had ordered two new E-1 pumps, and that they should be installed in the next couple of weeks. Council member Richard Lynn stated that if the new pumps don't work, we should seek out another vendor.

Marc Rape, Strand Associates, stated that all construction work has come to an end, and he expects Deichman's to finish the paving and concrete work and clean-up as soon as possible in the early spring. Mr. Rape stated that there had been a miscommunication with K-IRPC regarding additional observatory construction fees. He has contacted Office of Community & Rural Affairs and will be in contact with K-IRPC shortly. Mr. Rape stated that the observatory construction fees are allowable, per OCRA, and that there is sufficient funding.

Clerk-Treasurer Linda S. Bajzatt presented a letter of invitation to the Council for the official awarding of the Downtown Revitalization grant. The presentation with Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman will begin at 2 pm at the Statehouse on February 10, 2012.

Mark Rape presented Deichman's Pay Request No. 5, which is construction time and materials through January 18, 2012 in the total of \$48,232.21. Council member Fred Young moved to approve Deichman Excavating Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$48,232.21; Council member Michael Yelton seconded the motion; and the motion passed 3-0.

There being no other business, the accounts payable register was approved and signed for the following amounts:

Accounts Payable

General Fund	\$ 7,840.08
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (MVH)	\$ 1,677.33
CCI Fund	\$ 591.39
Water Operating Fund	\$ 5,761.01
Wastewater Operating Fund	\$13,131.10
Ambulance Fund	\$ 48.19
Payroll – PERF W/holding Fund	\$ 2,782.36
Payroll – PERF Corp Pay Fund	\$ 4,400.31
Payroll – Garnishment Fund	\$ 150.00
Payroll – Liberty National Fund	\$ 141.56

for a grand total of \$36,523.33.

Council member Michael Yelton moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council member Fred Young; and the motion passed 3-0.

Not in Attendance  
Marsha L. Mackey, Council President

/s/ Jon H. Evans  
Jon H. Evans, Vice President

/s/ Richard A. Lynn  
Richard A. Lynn, Council Member

/s/ Fred A. Young  
Fred A. Young, Council Member  
Attest:

/s/ Michael A. Yelton  
Michael A. Yelton, Council Member

/s/ Linda S. Bajzatt  
Linda S. Bajzatt, Clerk-Treasurer