

The Town of Cloverdale met on Jan 10th 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at 154 S. Main St. Cloverdale, Ind. This is a regular meeting President Coweta Patton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Attendance was called. Coweta Patton, Cindy Holland, Larry Fidler and Gary Bennington, along with Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Galloway and Attorney Allan Yackey. Don Sublett was absent

A quorum being established, the meeting proceeded as follows.

Nomination for President: Motion was made by Cindy for Coweta 2nd by Larry. Vote unanimous
Nomination for Vice President: Motion was made by Gary for Larry 2nd by Cindy. Vote unanimous

Let it be shown that Coweta Patton is President and Larry Fidler Vice President for 2017.

Addition or Deletion to the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Cindy and 2nd by Larry
Vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes for Dec 29th Year-end Meeting. Motion was made by Gary and 2nd by Cindy.
Vote was unanimous.

Approval of Claims/Transfer

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| General | \$128,434.18 | motion Larry | 2nd Cindy |
| Water | \$15,968.18 | motion Gary | 2nd Cindy |
| Wastewater | \$279,858.92 transfer from 452 SRF bond \$237,771.35 | motion Larry | 2nd Cindy |
| Payroll #1 | \$12,965.11 | motion Gary | 2nd Larry |

All votes were unanimous

Communications;

Marshal: Luke finished his first week back and he back on rotation.

Clerk Treasurer: nothing at this time

Utility Manager: 98 work orders. Another water line break on Cemetery road this is the 5th time since Nov 2014. Kristy Jerrell is looking into a grant to replace that water line. We are looking at Sept. to get the grant paper work in and start work April 2018. We replaced another Fire Hydrant on Lazy River Place and Play way they were marked as not working when we maintained the Hydrants. The Town will have a special meeting on the 24th of January to open bids for the ultra violet lights at the waste water plant at 7:00 pm here at the Town hall.

Redevelopment: President Coweta reappoints the Redevelopment Commission and the first meeting will be on the 25th of January. Wayne Galloway, Matt Nichols, Andrea Nichols, Emma Hoffman and Alissa Atwell.

Building Inspector: monthly report given to Clerk and on the web site. Soul Harvest has release there Architect. Wayne and I have been spending a lot of time helping them out. Year-end report is also on the web site. Note: on the unsafe building investigated one was torn down on Boone St. The permanent Grease trap for Lou’s Dinner is here and will be install when weather permits. Shan has bought Karen’s café and Jims Place. Karen’s will be a tavern and Jims will be storage and package sales facility.

Park Board: nothing at this time

Plan/BZA: nothing at this time.

Old Business

Ordinance 2016-22 an Ordinance amending the Cloverdale Planning and Zoning Ordinance by amending the zoning map this is the second reading and was survey with the proper property description.

Motion to approve was made by Larry and 2nd by Gary. Vote was unanimous

New Business:

Nothing at this time

Jackie Hoffa came to the council in support of making Charlie Hallam Marshal. Jackie told the council she works at the school and see Charlie and Chewy and the relationship between the students and the police as a positive thing, and feels Charlie has earned the right to be Marshal after 20 years working with the Town. She presented a question to the Council “Why are we searching for a Town Marshal when we have a Town Marshal in Charlie”. President Coweta told Ms. Hoffa all answers to questions will be address after everyone has spoken.

Chasity Sanders also spoke in support of Charlie. Chasity worked in the emergency medical field for the past four years. Chasity also was a reserve officer for a while and Charlie trained her, and Charlie deserves that position more than anybody.

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Dale Monett again came before the Council in support for Charlie Hallam. We have a 20 year vet that has been through a lot and Loves this Town. Dale has seen the Fire Department and the Police work together. My son Jonas had issues with the police as a young child and Charlie would sit on my floor, and work with him and with that encounter Jonas has a lot of respect for police today. Dale asked "What is the best for this Town"? I don't understand why you look somewhere else when we have the best right in front of you"? It is wrong in his opinion.

Scott Haywood takes this personal this council squanders money on this (hiring Phil Parker to vet out application for a Marshal) When we have Charlie a 20 year vet. This Council was elected to appoint a Marshal and represent this town. You have taken this personal and dismissed Charlie and it is wrong. You have other officers willing to come to this community because of Charlie Hallam; He is the best kept secret. Let's face it bringing outside help to vet is not good. Don Pearson, Jon Chadd and Mike Clark all no longer here all in the last 10 year. Charlie is still here. Charlie is well known by our citizens and other Law Enforcement. He has great respect from our schools which includes teachers and students.


This Town Board not willing to give Hallam a chance to prove himself as a Chief is wrong.
Jake Day has lived in Cloverdale for 15 years and in town limits for 5 years. "This town is growing and I like living here". I am speaking for Town Citizens that know Charlie and I have heard some don't like him but if you're enforcing the law you are not going to be liked by all. Code of ethic and integrity is what Charlie has. Charlie has invested in us and we need to invest in him. He protects us. We would like to see another full time police officer and at least 4 to 5 reserves. We should be staff and not depend on the County or the state which is a time thing and may be the difference of 10 or more minutes for response time.

Dan Moon I have had a business here for 36 years as the Town Barber. We are short handed by two police officers. We are the largest Town in Putnam County and we have the Interstate also that carries tons of drugs. Dan told the Council that Charlie is very qualified to fill the position. Dan asked the Council "What is wrong with our police department today"? I have also heard the Comp time is out of control and if you hire two more officers that would clear up that issue. "How long will it take to get the police department staffed"?

Phil Parker addressed the audience and explained who he was and his qualification in vetting applicants for the Marshal Position. He told the audience that if Charlie wanted to be Marshal he must apply for it, and in past conservation with Charlie he will be putting in his application. In that same conservation with Charlie they both agreed that the police departments in some ways are in a good position, but in other ways they need help, and in a few they are critical issues that need to be addressed immediately. The leaders of Cloverdale approached the sheriff and asked what they should look for in a Marshal, What would make a good Marshal and how should they go about doing this task in a fair way. Phil is not from Putnam County and has no ties that would make him bias. Phil is hired to collect the applicants and score them. Then he will bring before the council all the application and the Council will then pick the best qualified person for the position. There are many aspects to this position that the citizens don't see that is just as important at what the citizens see on the street. In terms of policy and how the police are being managed. I will look at what experience they have managing administrative department that follow case law, federal guidelines and State Law. Who has the experience? Who has the ability? It may very well be Charlie I will not know until I review all applicants, but I will tell you this it will be fair unbiased, and I will do my best to present to this council the best person for the job. I am here to help whoever is in that Marshal position to give them the best administrative foundation for the Cloverdale Police Department for many years to come. I see my position working here being two years may be less, but I will not leave unless the council does not want me anymore or I have finished the job I was hire to do. Not a minute more.

No more Comments from the audience:

Coweta Adjourn the meeting at time 7:45 p.m.


Coweta Patton President of the Town Council

Attest


Cheryl Galloway Clerk treasurer