## Public Hearing -Vacating Alleyway March 12th, 2018

Council President Greg Redden called the public hearing to order at 6:30 pm. Other councilpersons present were Andy Lemon, David Gomes, Darryl Kepley and Keith Johnson. Also present was clerk Jack Travillian, town attorney Heather Peters along with several concerned citizens.

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The purpose of this meeting was Ordinance 2018-TO-006 – Vacating Alleyway between lots 70 and 71 on Floyd County, Indiana Plat No. 92.

Citizen Jerry Tush commented that he has been using the alleyway for over 60 years and it will limit access to his property and create dangerous condition when leaving his address.

Councilman Kepley questioned how this would benefit town. He noted that no one has given him a reasonable purpose for the vacating. And noted that future expansion may be hinder by the closure.

Citizen Pearce noted that delivering propane gas to properties would require the delivery truck to back out into traffic along highway 150, which could cause hazardous conditions.

Citizen Bill Burkhart noted he had been on emergency runs with both fire department and police department and believes closure could cause public traffic concerns.

Citizen Judy Rumbley has used the alleyway recently and noted that she got stuck and had to use 4-wheel drive to get out. She request the town make improvements and keep the alleyway open.

Councilman Gomes asked if the town could open the unimproved alleyway down to West 2<sup>nd</sup> street due to concerns for safety due to the 90 degree turn. Councilman Lemon noted that if the town improved the alleyway and named it we would increase funding from the State of Indiana.

Motion was made to decline Ordinance 2018-TO-006 by Councilman Kepley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Johnson. The ordinance was denied by 4-1 with President Redden being the one vote for closing the alleyway.

GREG REDDEN - PRESIDENT

JACK TRÁVILLIAN CLERK / TREASURER