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TOWN OF ADVANCE
SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES
LOCATION: ADVANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 28, 2017
7:00 PM

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Council Members: Matt Johnson, Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshall: Brad Thomas

Attendees:

Council Members: Matt Johnson President, Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, and Jim Caldwell

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others Present:

Jeff Hopper and David Gregory

President Johnson called to order the Special Meeting at 19:01.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Clerk –

CT Johnson advised of ads placed.

REACH Alert cards were mailed to all residents.

CT Johnson had issues with her bond. Travelers issued a 3 year bond and CT sent documentation that SBOA required a yearly bond and it was being reissued.

Park Department would have a meeting on January 2nd to sign the Resolution regarding the sale of the Library meeting.

CT needed approval to move funds from LIT Public Safety Deputy to Fire to pay the remainder of the Fire Contract fees.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to move funds from LIT Public Safety Deputy to LIT Public Safety Fire. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson stated that in 2016 the funds for the Town was \$157,000 and the funds as of December 28, 2017 were over half a million and that should speak highly of the Council.

President Johnson the Water Utility made \$36,000, the Electric Utility made \$88,000 and Sewer lost \$12,000.

Engineering services that were not expected were over \$8000.00. But overall, the utilities were doing ok. But President Johnson and CT Johnson would review records to make sure all was appropriated properly and what expenses were covered. Discussion ensued regarding utility costs. President Johnson stated the sewer utility needed to be reviewed closely to find where costs were.

President Johnson discussed the Deputy going to full-time. After review, it didn't seem cost effective to have her go to full-time, but would be re-evaluated at the end of next year. The Deputy's duties would be increased to doing all meter reads and rechecks. President Johnson put in a clothing allowance for the deputy to buy clothing for the winter months. Much filing needing to be completed in the Clerk's office and the deputy might have increased hours to get office cleaned up but not a full-time status.

Councilman Caldwell read Salary Ordinance 2017-13.

Councilwoman Fry suspended the rules of consideration and to pass the Ordinance on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed. President Johnson abstained.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to accept Salary Ordinance 2017-03 with amendments to language being changed from bi-weekly to every two weeks. And also amend the Council and Park payments of the fourth quarter to be paid in December to meet the budget. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in Favor, motion passed. President Johnson abstained.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the Attorney Contract for 2018. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Johnson explained changes to General Labor Contract that they will be doing disconnects and reconnects and backup for meter reads. E-verify language needed to be a part of all utility contracts.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the General Labor Contract from Hopper Excavating for the years January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding a part-time laborer to do odd jobs for the Town. Councilman Caldwell suggested that this person report to the Clerk for work needed being done. An add needed to be run for this position.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Water/Wastewater Contract for 2018 from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to approve the Electric Contract but will be signed at a later date, because IMPA has the original copy, effective January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the Fire Contract from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Caldwell abstained.

President Johnson read Resolution 2017-02.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to suspend the Rules and consider the Resolution on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-02. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Amending the Town Employee Handbook was tabled for the January Meeting.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to appoint Matt Johnson as Town Council President. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Fry made a motion to accept the Deputy-Clerk Bond for 2018. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson questioned if the Council would want to pursue a blanket bond for the Town. The Council requested CT find out more information such as cost, etc.

Discussed was held in regards to the Boone County EDC benefitting Advance. Councilwoman Fry expressed concerns and how it would help the Town. President Johnson stated a meeting

was held and feels bringing the EDC on would be worth a try in 2018 and could only help the growth of the Town.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the EDC Contract for 2018 for \$1000.00. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Johnson challenged the Council that the time is present to think about where the Town wants to be in growth through annexation. Discussion ensued regarding annexing to Interstate 74.

Councilman Caldwell requested the CT contact the director of the EDC to come speak at the March Town Council Meeting.

Discussion began regarding the easement with Batts and INDOT. Mr. Batts did not want a ROW on the property and would work out with INDOT.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the 1st Quarter IMPA Tracker for 2018. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:10. Councilwoman Fry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President