

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

AUGUST 13, 2021

7:00 PM

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Council Members: Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Fry, Amanda Lyles, Jim Caldwell, and Dale Thompson

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Others in attendance: Dan Bewley, Lisa Henry, Jeff Hopper, Keith Cromwell, Gary Ladd, Cory from Zionsville Town Council attended, and Shaun Hitch.

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Sheriff Mike Nielson – Jail Expansion – Tabled

Councilman Caldwell discussed what the Commissioners wanted in the new jail. Councilman Thompson stated he would not pay an additional tax rate to pay for this.

CT Johnson stated that Boone County has one of the lowest taxing rates in the state. CT had questioned the Commissioners with the inflated cost of building materials, if this had a bearing on the \$46,000,000.00 cost of the project and the costs were. The Commissioners wanted this project to go through due to current low interest rates. President Fry stated she wanted all the Commissioners at a meeting to discuss what they are wanting.

Gary Ladd, Ladd Engineering – Update on WWTP:

Mr. Ladd stated that the work was almost done on the oxidation ditch, and the bearings were bad in the shaft. The part for this was ordered and taken care of. The end of week the

oxidation ditch should be working. Painting will be done on the oxidation ditch components and replace the walkway and railings on oxidation ditch and complete change order work. The main lift station is still waiting on pumps and a panel to be completed. Completion should be done this week. Work has been done on the AMP with CT providing a lot of information for completion.

Discussion ensued. CT stated the last IDEM inspection had no violations.

Jeff Hopper questioned the water lines being changed from 1" to 3" and Mr. Ladd stated he would check into that.

Mr. Ladd moved onto CCMG paperwork for East Wall Street. The Responsible Bidder for the project was Baumgartner Asphalt Services at \$116,698.25 with a bid alternate of \$5210.00. Baumgartner also included a voluntary deduct of \$15.00 per ton if recycled asphalt is used. Mr. Ladd's specific specification requested virgin materials as he had heard of issues from other communities with these materials being used. If virgin materials are used, would be a deduct of \$3825.00. The INDOT amount was \$156,520.00 would be reduced with Baumgartner's bid.

Councilman Thompson questioned if additions could be made to the project with the difference of bid/award and Mr. Ladd advised no. He stated he would rather estimate high than low.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Baumgartner's BID to do work for the CCMG with an alternate bid for a total of \$121,908.25 and authorization for President Fry to sign the Notice of Award Agreement and Motion to Proceed. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the invoices and payment from SRF for \$3,515.00 and authorization for President Fry to sign. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2021. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for August 9, 2021, in the amount of \$117,599.16. Councilwoman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Park - Dan Bewley Presented:

Mr. Bewley stated an off-road race was held. He questioned how much one gallon cost and CT stated that a 2000 gallon minimum was around \$46.00 to \$48.00.

The playground equipment was ripped out but not removed. Councilwoman Lyles stated it was being worked on and Councilman Caldwell stated it was a hazard and needed to be removed.

Old light pole would be used for fencing around race tracks. DC trees gave a quote for \$2500.00 to remove trees.

The dumpster was delivered.

EDC Day of Service is scheduled for 10-08-2021.

Councilman Caldwell stated the park should request Becky Lanes resignation.

CT Johnson stated that budgets needed to be projected out with cost figures of what each project will be as tax dollars go to support the park.

CT stressed that she needed to know what the priorities are for the park. She had received a quote on concrete pads wanted under the benches and for the dumpster. She questioned if the 2 x 8 pads were a priority, as she felt tree removal was more of a priority.

Discussion of park parking lot paving ensued.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve a concrete pad for the trash dumpster at the park for \$1500.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

UMAC – President Fry read report:

For July, total gallons pumped was 968,000 gallons and billed consumption was for 624,262, for a loss of 343,738 gallons. The numbers are not daily consecutive numbers. If there was a leak, usage would stay high every day. Per the utility office, no billing errors were occurring. Mr. Elless is reaching out to Alliance to check for leaks and UMAC will continue to look for reasons of the discrepancy. There were no violations on the last IDEM inspection. All generators have been serviced and are working, and work will be done to keep mice out of generators.

President Fry expressed something needed to be done about the water differences.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:

Work completed in July was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, check for septic issues, mowing, checked a septic lid, checked for leaks and septic pumping.

IMPA – President Fry read report:

In July 5 service requests were completed. 4 Work orders were placed for Mr. Riffy to increase AMP service. Meter was upgraded for new service. Mr. Snodgrass requested access to the solar park for pictures, and this request was turned over for IMPA to review. No poles were replaced and there were no outages in July.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Councilman Caldwell stated IMPA is experimenting with different processes to produce electricity. Testing on wind turbine and batteries at solar parks to reduce carbon emissions.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the third quarter tracking factor at -.001055. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Bill Castrodale has been working with Deputy Kellogg on meter transition.

Councilman Caldwell stated that additional repeaters might need to be placed.

Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:

For the month of July, the fire department had 6 EMS, 1 MVA, 1 Cancelled EMS, 2 Public Assists.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

M. Thomas stated there were 3 runs in July. One was for dirt bikes and 4 wheelers racing down South Street. One was an accidental call, and one was a Jamestown officer responding to a medical run. He feels medical runs, the police won't reply due to COVID.

Work has been done by Reserve Bewley checking in on shut-ins; there are currently 5 and possibly 6 to check on. A suggestion for medical alerts for elderly residents was discussed. The Marshall hopes to send at least one time a week.

CT questioned if churches could help? Marshall Thomas advised yes.

Marshall Thomas tries to handle runs and be proactive and not reactive.

There was no report for RV from county.

Deputy Hitch was waived on police academy and has been a reserve since 2008. Deputy Hitch will be interviewed and will be going through additional training to be an FTO (Field Training Officer). M. Thomas wants to partner with Whitestown on their FTO program.

President Fry stated she would be willing to help a resident with their laundry and to put her in contact with that resident.

Discussion ensued.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No concerns were presented for the fund or appropriation report. Sewer was in a positive cash balance of \$3201.96. Councilman Caldwell questioned CT Johnson on where funds were in 2016. She advised to the best of her recollections; Park Fund was in a deficit of \$-17,000.00, Water was \$-80,000.00 and Sewer was approximately, \$-135,000.00 and total in the bank was \$124,000.00 total was in the bank. Park is +\$29,502.00, Water \$81,827.97, and Sewer is out of the hole and in the bank is now \$1.3 million.

CT read excerpt from Representative Brown on the surplus in budget that will be refunded in state taxes.

CT explained the TRECS program.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of August 2021, in the amount of \$-660.32. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT will be reviewing purchasing tablet for TUNet and Council.

CT discussed SERVline and questioned what information would be sent to the residents.

OCRA is no longer funding water or sewer projects; however, SWIF funding to go towards a second oxidation ditch for growth and suggested this project to the Council.

The Electric Rate Study is being conducted and will be placing an add for a public hearing and an ordinance needs to be drafted; work is being done for the AMP for SRF; work is being done on the ADA Transitions Plan; Utility Policies is being done; Budget and Audit are being done.

Old Business:

New Business:

Billing Disputes:

Request to Speak:

None presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:09.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 (Budget Hearing) at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. (if the county returns in an orange status, the TC Meeting will be held by Zoom and Council will meet at 112 N. Main Street.