

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

SEPTEMBER 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, Jeff Hopper, Joe Watts, Becky Lane, Ed Charlton, David Gregory and Legal Counsel, Amy Noonung

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Ladd Engineering Report– Update on WWTP and other work in Town, President Fry read:

Items remaining for Graves to complete the WWTP Project. The AMP is being worked on.

A pre-construction meeting was held for the CCMG project. Start of Sidewalks by CC&T is anticipated for 09/22 or 09/23.

ADA Transitions – no work to report.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the invoices and payment from SRF for \$324,256.00 and authorization for President Fry to sign. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Fry opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget.

CT Johnson read the 2022 budget amounts proposed. No comments were presented for the budget. (Resolution 2021-05)

President Fry read Resolution 2021-04: Appropriation Resolution of the Town of Advance's 2021 Budget.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2021-04 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from August 2, 2021, 2021 and the Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2021. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for September 13, 2021, in the amount of \$149,251.21. Councilwoman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Park - Dan Bewley Presented:

Signs and posts were placed. The RC Race Schedule was presented. A Tree removal quote (verbal) was discussed of \$2500.00. The EDC Day of Service is pending approval or being chosen.

Playground equipment sales never returned call. Weeds were sprayed. Quotes for a dumpster pad were presented.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve J & J Concrete quote of \$1800.00 to pour the pad. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The Park Board requested another storage shed for the RC Racers as they have taken over the Town's shed.

Discussion about Halloween ensued. Parking lot paving was completed.

UMAC – President Fry read report:

For August, total gallons pumped was 975,000 gallons and billed consumption was for 670,683, for a loss of 304,317 gallons. President Fry stated these numbers were unacceptable. Alliance of Indiana is scheduled to listen for leaks on the 20th. Water testing is done, and hydrants will be flushed. All systems running well.

Mr. Hopper stated there was a leak at the hydrant at the WWTP. Discussions ensued.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:

Work completed in August was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, check for septic issues, septic pumping, gravel at park spread and delivered, fixed a storm drain, mowing, checked a septic lid, checked for leaks and septic pumping.

IMPA – President Fry read report:

In August, 3 service requests were completed; non-working security light, close out service request from transformer replacement, and removing a service drop.

No poles were replaced and there were no outages.

IMPA Commissioner’s Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Councilman Caldwell stated IMPA is experimenting with different processes to produce electricity to reduce carbon emissions.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the fourth quarter tracking factor at -.001437. Councilwoman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson requested that the previous quarter be listed with the current proposed rate to see changes in the tracking factor. CT stated she would check with IMPA on that.

Councilman Caldwell, CT, and Deputy will be meeting with Anixter representatives about a resolution for poor installation of meters. Councilman Caldwell stated if the proposal was not acceptable, then the matter would be turned over to legal counsel.

Councilman Thompson approved the Hopper invoice of \$1610.50. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:

For the month of August, the fire department had 14 EMS, 3 Fire, 3 MVA, 3 Haz-Mat, and 1 search and rescue.

Councilman Caldwell stated the fire department received a grant from the Federal Fire Fighting in the amount of \$118,836.00 for air packs.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

Runs involved a restraining order, 911 error call, Haz-Mat at Co-Alliance, dog run and a domestic situation (missing child). Discussion ensued regarding missing child. All police department is IDEC certified to run license plates. Discussion of elderly assistance ensued and discussion about creating cellphone pouches. Deputy Hitch passed waiver and working on firearms qualification.

M. Thomas presented an agreement to the Council, not CT or attorney. CT advised neither had received an agreement needed to be reviewed by our attorney. Councilman Caldwell objected

stating it would take 3 or 4 months to get this done and Whitestown attorney drafted. Amy Nooning stated she could at least read the agreement, and this was not acknowledged. President Fry requested a motion. Councilman Caldwell made a motion to accept the agreement with Whitestown. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

M. Thomas asked about items placed in the newsletter and CT stated this information needed to be sent to the Deputy Clerk.

Discussion about holding CPR classes and other programs ensued.

Discussion regarding blocking Wall Street. M. Thomas stated he knew nothing about it and CT Johnson stated Pastor Phelps had already requested to have this done and was told no. Discussion that streets have been blocked in years past for the Labor Day Festival ensued.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to block the street. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Keith Cromwell stated Hopper had barrels.

Legal Counsel stated the agreement on point six, needed to have Whitestown listed as an additional insured. In addition, there is a joint board that oversees the agreement that lists the Town Council President being on that board. The indemnification stated that Advance will not hold Whitestown responsible, and that Advance holds all responsibility.

CT stated that in the future, all agreements and documentation need to be presented to legal counsel and herself prior to the meeting to review all points of the agreement and any items that need to be addressed by the town.

Amy Nooning discussed RVs in town, and Rachel Cardis of the County stated that no residential habitation in an RV is permitted in town per Zoning. The council requested legal counsel to send a letter to the homeowner where RV is parked.

Ed Charlton with WAM –

The back stairs on the Town Building were stained. CT had notified insurance had been cancelled. Mr. Charlton stated he would get the COI to her with the sexual misconduct would be included. The lease renewal is upcoming and will be reviewed in January.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No concerns were presented for the fund or appropriation report.

The audit was completed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of August 2021, in the amount of \$-957.77. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson approved CT's request to travel with the estimated amount of \$889.92. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

SERVline was mailed and tabled. The rate study was completed. Policies are being worked by Gary Ladd. With the upcoming CCMG project, all residents were notified by letter, REACH Alert, and chatters to move vehicles. Brad Bucy will begin construction on town hall, and he requested the office be closed during construction for safety.

The generator quotes were tabled. Councilman Thompson stated there was no listing of a block heater.

Councilman Thompson made a motion for T.M. Wells to update assets for \$1800.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

New Business:

President Fry read Ordinance 2021-05; An Ordinance Establishing Depositories.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2021-05 on its first reading. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

President Fry read Ordinance 2021-06; An Ordinance Setting the Schedule of Rates and Non-recurring Charges for Residential Trash Collection Services.

CT Johnson stated the rate of \$12.75 to cover the heavy trash day.

CT advised that an electric study had not been done since 2017. The rate table was restructured, and security light fees went up slightly. The rate changes will be phased in over two years.

CT Johnson read Ordinance 2021-07; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-1 of the Advance Municipal Code Pertaining to Rate and Charges for Electric Service for Customers of the Advance Municipal Electric Utility of the Town of Advance, Indiana.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Legal Services Contract. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson questioned the rates going down. CT explained that the new study captures funds in the beginning of the table.

Billing Disputes:

President Fry requested a leak adjustment.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Fry water leak of \$406.52. Councilman Caldwell seconded. Councilwoman Lyles voted aye. President Fry abstained.

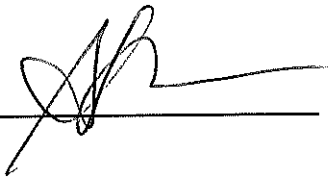
Request to Speak:

Presented prior.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:44.

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Clerk Treasurer



X Melody Fry

President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021 (Budget Adoption) 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.