

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

September 12, 2022

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: Jim Caldwell, Amanda Lyles and Dale Thompson

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Others in attendance: Keith Cromwell, Jeff Hopper, Reserve John Demaree, Deputy Marshall Shaun Hitch, David Lumpkin, Daniel Pratt, Legal Counsel Nooning, and David Gregory.

Councilman Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order - CT Johnson read

Ladd Engineering Report – Engineering Report – No report presented.

The Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-03, Budget Ordinance, was opened by Councilman Caldwell. CT Johnson read tax rates. No comment presented.

The Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-03 was closed, and Public Hearing for Trash Rate Ordinance 2022-04 was opened. CT Johnson read Ord. 2022-04. The Public Hearing was closed.

Legal Counsel Nooning verified that as long as consensus is unanimous, a second reading can be suspended. CT Johnson stated rates have not been rates since 2012.

A question regarding local input was presented by Mr. Gregory. CT advised, discussions regarding this issue of raising trash rates, and ample time has been presented to residents regarding this issue.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2022-04 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Caldwell opened public hearing on Additional Appropriation Resolution 2022-03. No comments were presented. Councilman Caldwell closed the public hearing.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Additional Appropriation Resolution 2022-03 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution 2022-03. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2022. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Legal Counsel advised that the unanimous vote must be by members of the Council that are present.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for September 12, 2021, in the amount of \$109,382.74. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson stated that Todd Caldwell was retiring from SBOA.

Council signed off on reconciliation for August.

Mr. Lumpkin questioned when construction will begin on East Wall Street. CT advised it was usually in late August/September. She stated that the town has 4 months from award announce, to secure a contractor. She explained the benefit of receiving the CCMG grant and money the town saved.

Park – Matt Bowen Present –

Mr. Bowen advised he met with an architect for Community Building and drainage plans need to be done. The Lights in the parking lot have been changed out. More illumination was generated from poles.

The Community Building could be under \$500,000 by changing the scope of the building. CT Johnson stated that a community input meeting needs to happen for the building.

Councilman Caldwell stated paperwork should be updated by January of 2023. Well heads and environmental surveys need to be reviewed/done.

Discussions ensued regarding infrastructure of the park. CT Johnson stated the current budget had to be reduced to appropriate next year's funding for the park.

Councilwoman Lyles questioned where these funds would be generated from. CT advised park funds to come from property taxes.

Discussion regarding grants and skateboard park ensued. The Boone County solid Waste Grant programs were discussed. A comprehensive plan was discussed and funding with the IFA for the next five years was discussed. Legal Counsel was going to verify with the County any plans (comprehensive) that may already be in place.

UMAC – No report presented

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:

Work completed in August was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, septic pumping, jetting a sewer line, spray for weeds and stoned lift station on South St, fiber install for REMC, pick up trash at park, replaced a meter base lid, and mowing.

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming work.

IMPA – President Fry only read July report:

In August, 6 service requests were completed. There was one pole replaced, and there were no outages.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:

IMPA comparatively with Duke and AES are implementing a moderate increase with IMPA and the amount at this time is unsure. The increase will be drastically lower than AES and Duke.

CT Johnson discussed the Cyber assessment and scheduling meetings to go through that process. IMPA is using Advance as a beta test to see how secure our system is, and backup computers need to be purchased.

Discussion regarding generator repair quotes from W.W. Williams, for WWTP Kohler for \$727.50, and Cummins at Water plant for \$813.26.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the W.W. Williams quotes for \$7237.50 and \$813.26. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Caldwell signed the quotes on behalf of the Town.

Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:

For the month of August, the fire department had 1 EMS, 1 person in distress, 1 Cancelled, 2 MVA, and 1 alarm. Also, a tanker training water report was presented.

Police – Marshall Brad Thomas:

For the month of August there were 11 runs.

Discussion of cases and calls in Town ensued.

Code enforcement citations need to be delivered per Legal Counsel. Junk is being moved to main street property being cited and CT advised photos were sent to attorney. 301 Roark has junk to be removed and issues with dog.

M. Thomas stated he needed tokens from county to run plates and cannot get these from the county.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented without comment. CT advised sewer operating fund is improving.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of August 2022, in the amount of \$-550.83. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. Councilman Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

TRECS – Appeals.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve appeals from Jubal and Julie Marsh from 207 Roark, and Lance Lammont from 555 N. SR 75. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised upcoming ordinances and the comprehensive plan. Legal Counsel is reviewing this with County.

Legal Counsel Noonung advised that a new investment ordinance needs to be drafted before the year-end and needs to be reviewed annually. Any interest received from TRUSTIndiana, once invested would be receipted in the General Fund.

CT Johnson questioned the Council, if she could bill REMC for the work done on line locates for their project of laying fiber lines through town for their infrastructure.

Councilman Thompson made a motion for CT Johnson to pay Hopper Excavating for the cost of locating the lines, and billing REMC for this service. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

CT Johnson read the amended Salary Ordinance 2022-05.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2022-05 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

CT Johnson read Reduction Resolution 2022-05.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2022-05 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT Johnson read Appropriation Transfer 2022-06.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2022-06 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles questioned if sidewalks in front of businesses the Town's responsibility to clear if snow accrues. This is not a responsibility of the Town.

Billing Disputes:

Request to Speak:

Mr. Daniel Parks presented to the Council a utility billing concern.

CT Johnson explained issues with Mr. Park's bill. Mr. Parks requested utilities to be turned off and the work order was not completed for several months. There was a discrepancy to the billing code in Keystone, and Mr. Parks was over billed in 2020 and 2021; therefore, giving a credit to Mr. Parks of \$966.27. A balance remains of \$1393.59.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the credit of \$966.27 and a payment planned be worked out with the utility office for the remaining balance of \$1393.59. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:34.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2022 (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.)