

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

December 11 , 2023

7:00 PM

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Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and David Lumpkin

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Amanda Lyles, and David Lumpkin

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Stacy Sutphin, Kyle Schnoor, JR Shelton, Colton Cromwell, Kyle Schnoor, Krista Cromwell, Sheldon Hutchins, Brad Thomas, and Scott Roby.

President Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Council Consideration of Voluntary Annexation Ordinance 2023-09 and Fiscal Plan tabled

Insurance tabled for a year-end meeting.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the renewal of the IPEP (Workman's Comp. Policy for 2024) in the amount of \$2486.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Ladd Engineering agreement for design phase at a cost of \$5750.00 and construction phase at a cost of \$4700.00 for a total of \$10450.00 total cost for the CCMG engineering fees; in addition, motion for President Caldwell to sign the agreement. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2023. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for December 11, 2023 in the amount of \$189,524.55. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The council signed off on reconciliation for November 2023.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. No comments were presented. CT stated that the trash fund was in a positive balance. Also, CT explained categories, appropriations, and funds and what needed authorization to be transferred to Councilwoman Lyles.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of November 2023, in the amount of \$-182.73. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles approved 26 pay periods for 2024. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the TRECS letter writing for \$3.00 for 2024 up from \$2.00 in prior years. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT requested the Council move forward to replace the heater in the bay area of Town Hall for police to have heat as the pilot light will not stay lit. The Council approved to move forward. Trent Heat and Cool

CT expressed displeasure of Triad and Associates relentless and unethical pursuit of Town's business and not to use them in the future.

Appraisals have been received and President Caldwell wants to move forward with BIDS for sale of empty lot.

The Council scheduled the year-end meeting to be Thursday December 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station and an Executive Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

New Council Member training was discussed.

Park – Scott Roby:

Mr. Roby thanked the Fire Department for showing movies at the Fire Station. Discussion selling of concessions and future movies ensued.

CT apologized and interjected the signing of INDOT agreement for CCMG.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the agreement for INDOT CCMG and Council to Docusign. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the 2023 year-end utility write-offs totaling \$4664.59. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion ensued.

UMAC – CT Johnson read:

For the month of November, the plants have been running well. IDEM had another inspection and had issues with inflow and infiltration. The plant had a few months of high flow and IDEM wants to know how the town is going to rectify. Notice was sent to Ladd Engineering for a response for the town to sign and submit. The town has done all we can and is looking to expansion of sewer plant to handle more flow. A meeting was held with Sherri Winters for the lead inventory.

President Caldwell stated the laterals cameras done multiple times, sump pumps will be inspected, all manholes have been inspected, and sewer tanks at residences when pumped.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve letter to IDEM and for President Caldwell to sign. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:

In November 2023, work completed were line locates, winterized park building, filled pot holes, put up Christmas lights, septic pumping was done, and water shut offs. A bucket truck was donated for putting up lights.

Discussion ensued for upcoming work.

IMPA – CT Johnson read report:

In November 2023 there was 1 service request, no poles were replaced, and there were no outages.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

President Caldwell discussed carbon reduction. Power needs to be purchased in order to build turbines. IMPA purchased power from coal fire plants. Solar plant on 500 South was discussed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the 1st Quarter Tracking Factor for 2024 with an increase to .015859. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ISC meter count tabled.

President Caldwell stated the IMPA Commissioners approved the tracking factor at their meeting.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of November 2023, the fire department had 5 EMS, 2 MVAs, one fire, one gas leak, and one false alarm.

Police – Marshall Thomas:

There were 3 runs in November. Runs were discussed. M. Thomas stated he wanted to talk to residents before they turn into runs.

Discussion of Verizon account ensued. CT stated the sales rep advised not to discontinue lines until the other's were active and a credit would be issued. M. Thomas and CT called customer service, and stated a credit could not be issued unless the error was on Verizon and error would need to be emailed. Deputy Hitch discussed AT&T works better and service is not dropped.

President Caldwell stated CT Johnson would need to be the authorized agent and M. Thomas would be an administrator. Costs per line with AT&T would be \$30.97 a line. CT advised it would be better to pay a little more and have better service. The sales representative is also local.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to change from Verizon to AT&T (First Net). Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The camera is being placed to help with security.

Training is caught up.

The firing range is being used for police training. Discussions ensued.

Code Enforcement Letters were being sent to Main Street business and home residence.

Food pantry discussion ensued.

Old Business:

President Caldwell asked when the computers were be up and running and CT advised hopefully by year-end, depending on changeover to AT&T.

New Business:

CT read Salary Ordinance 2023-05.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance 2023-05. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Anti-Nepotism forms were signed as well as Contractor's Certifications.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for President Caldwell to remain President in 2024. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Rainy Day Resolution tabled to year end meeting.

Nothing presented.

Billing Disputes:

None presented.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:12.

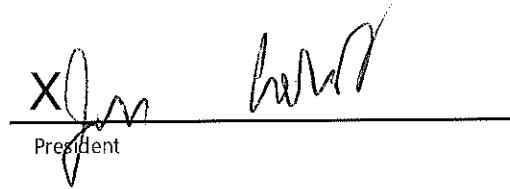
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Clerk Treasurer



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President



The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 8, 2023, at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.