

## January 14, 2019

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a work session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019, followed by the regular scheduled Council meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m., at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Scott Oldham, President; Brian Mobley, Vice President; Dan Swafford, Pam Samples and Scott Thomas. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer; Darla Brown, Town Attorney; Mike Farmer, Interim Town Manager; and Rick Coppock, Bynum Fanyo & Associates, Town Engineer; were also present.

**Supervisors present were:** Mike Cornman, Jimmie Durnil, Jeff Farmer, Danny Stalcup and Kevin Tolloty.

Scott Thomas thanked everyone who was in attendance and asked to conduct the meeting since he had requested it. The purpose of the work session was to create an open door arena for the public to view the nomination process for all the open positions available within the Town and to clear the opinion of the audience of any nefarious reason for scheduling the meeting. He stated he believes in open and honest government and his sole purpose is for everyone to see out in the open how the process really worked. He proceeded with discussing the list of positions and terms ending for Council President and Vice President, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Solid Waste District, Monroe Emergency Advisory Board, Department Heads, Metropolitan Planning Organization Representative and Representative for Chamber of Commerce. He stated with the large turnout, he hoped for volunteers for some of the positions that had been a challenge to fill in the past. All approved after he proposed that there be a space at the end of the work session for public comment limited to 3 minutes once the list was completed.

Nominations began with Council President. Dan Swafford made a motion to nominate Brian Mobley, Scott Thomas seconded. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – No; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – No; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley made a motion to nominate Dan Swafford as Council Vice President, seconded Scott Thomas. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – No; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley requested to reinstate Terry Baker and Don Calvert for Planning Commission. Dan Swafford expressed his interest in returning to the Planning Commission Board. This position is a Presidential appointment, Brian Mobley made the motion to nominate Terry Baker and Don Calvert to the Planning Commission. Brian Mobley also nominated Dan Swafford for the Planning Commission replacing Zach Michael whose term ended in 2018. Scott Thomas seconded. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – No; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley inquired about the position held by Todd Lare on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Kevin Tolloty stated he will be relocating out of Town, but will continue his position until a replacement can be found. This position is a Democratic appointment. Brian Mobley asked for any interested parties to consult with Kevin Tolotty in the Planning Department.

Jimmie Durnil requested Zach Michael fill the open position available on the Parks and Recreation Board. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained this was by Council vote and Amy Slabaugh was willing to continue her position with the board. Brian Mobley made a motion to retain Amy Slabaugh and appoint Zach Michael to the Board. Scott Thomas seconded. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley moved forward with annual appointment by the Council asking Mike Cornman to keep his position on Monroe County Ambulance Advisory Board. Cornman

agreed to continue his position. No other nominations. Scott Thomas made a motion to retain the position held by Mike Cornman with the Monroe County Ambulance Advisory Board. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley discussed the open position with the Monroe County Emergency Management Advisory Board previously held by Jim Davis who recently declined by email to continue the position this year. Brian Mobley expressed his interest in the position. Brian Mobley made a motion for himself to fill the position available for the Monroe County Emergency Management Advisory Board. Scott Thomas seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – No; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – No; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley began discussion of the open position on the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Board. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, relayed that she had received a phone call prior to the meeting from the Monroe County Commissioners Office informing her that on January 9, 2019 they appointed Dan Swafford to the board. Dan Swafford spoke up to say he was not contacted by the commissioners, but that he would be happy to serve on the board and reiterated again that he did not approach the commissioner's for that appointment. Scott Thomas made a motion to appoint Dan Swafford to the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Board. No other nominations were made. Brian Mobley seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley next explained the position of The Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce that was currently held by Mike Farmer, Town Manager. Mike Farmer agreed to continue the position. Scott Thomas made a motion to retain Mike Farmer for the position on The Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce. No other nominations were made. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley continued with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) position. Kevin Tolloty expressed his willingness to give up the position due to currently serving on the technical committee for the MPO. Dan Swafford stated the position is typically held by a council member and it would be in the best interest of Ellettsville if one of its council members serve on the board offering to fill the position if no one else was willing. He proceeded with a nomination to appoint Pam Samples. Brian Mobley seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley attempted to carry on with the regularly scheduled agenda but was stopped and informed he needed to go back and appoint supervisors. Mobley read the list of current supervisors as follows: Danny Stalcup as street commissioner, Kevin Tolloty for the Planning Department, Jimmie Durnil for Town Marshal and Mike Cornman for Fire Chief. He omitted the position of Mike Farmer as town manager. When questioned by Scott Oldham, he stated they would come back to it. Scott Thomas made a motion to retain all supervisors in their current positions. Brian Mobley seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried. The audience expressed their pleasure with the unanimous decision by a standing ovation and applause. Several thankful comments were made within the crowd.

Brian Mobley proceeded with the Town Manager position stating it be suspended for 60 days for council review. Any concerns should be addressed with the Clerk Treasurer and then for further review from the council. He expects that Mike Farmer would continue to help with what he's working on currently and still be a very avid companion with the Town. Scott Oldham questioned the decision to suspend a town manager who works for free. Scott Oldham explained the Clerk never had any statutory authority like what the town manager has been given. The clerk has a very set defined legislative authority that's been given to her by the state. Oldham explained the Clerk has been generous to help out where needed,

but was under no obligation from the state and that the Town Manager position was created specifically to help run the Town day to day and have the individual department head report to him. Mobley stated that in the past there were liaisons for each department which is what he would like to have the council review in an Executive session to determine which way they want to go with the position. Oldham questioned the decision to suspend someone who works for free, what exactly you are saving. Mobley replied with we're saving because of the information is being controlled by the town of Ellettsville referring to the Clerk as an employee of the Town. She controls the money, policies and procedures. Oldham explained she should continue to control the money and the Town Manager has no authority to control the money of the Town other than what was decided by resolution when the position was created. Oldham argued that she is an elected official. Mobley continued with she is an elected official paid by the Town. Oldham explained when they created the town manager position it was to specifically to alleviate a lot of those duties from the Clerk which were dragging her and her office down hearing repeatedly from her she needed help. He questioned why you would want to add more job duties to her position. He stated it didn't make sense to suspend someone for 60 days whose been doing a fantastic job and doing it for free. The crowd support the statement with a roar of applause in support of Oldham's statement.

Scott Thomas entertained a motion for an Executive session to decide the direction of the position and for Mike Farmer to continue as is. Darla Brown, Town Attorney, advised the council that the topic is not qualified as an Executive session discussion. Sandra Hash, Town Clerk, stated Indiana code defines what qualifies for an Executive session and agreed with Ms. Brown. She stated discussion of a position is not qualified. Ms. Brown explained it is not qualified for general discussion about the position, but for receiving information concerning someone's alleged misconduct or to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. It does not apply to salary compensation or benefits during a budget process. She further explained with an opinion from the Public Access Council that in regard to independent contractors, you cannot have an Executive session. An unnamed member of the crowd asked if there was any reason that Mike Farmer can't continue to do this for a least one year stating the Town was moving and a little better organized with him at the position he's holding currently. Mike Farmer spoke to say he took the job at the request of the board, but added the last thing he wanted was to have a house divided because of him or his position. He continued to state perhaps it was time for him to step down due to the current issue causing division of the board. Scott Oldham explained that the house divided was not due to him but to the position itself. It is a decision that the council will need to make going forward. Dwight Hector made a suggestion from the audience that an ad be placed for the position. There were several comments from the audience in support of Farmer retaining the Town Manager, supervisor positions and growing the Town of Ellettsville including Valerie Dewar; business owner, Lisa Siscoe; President of Ellettsville Main Street, Dan Rarey; Realtor and member of Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce, Jill Thurman; Chamber of Commerce office administrator, Penny Arnold; lifelong resident. Mark Crouch; employee of the Ellettsville Police department questioned the length of the term that the supervisors were voted back in for. Brian Mobley responded with each year. Discussion began between Mobley and Mr. Crouch point being they could be replaced at any time by state statute, by majority rule, but that it was not the intent nor was it ever the intent. Scott Oldham questioned Mobley regarding appointments on the agenda and was dismissed by Mobley not being the intention, but encouraged the audience to keep attending for awareness. Mike Stalcup, of the Ellettsville Fire department spoke in support of Mike Cornman and looked to the council for reassurance that he would retain his position as Fire Chief. Bob Loviscek; former firefighter for Ellettsville Fire department spoke in support of Chief Cornman and Marshal Jimmie Durnil. William Ellis asked for a pledge from the council to retain Chief Cornman and Jimmie Durnil if they continue doing the job they are doing for the next year. Scott Oldham made a motion to continue as they were with the Town Manager position and not take a 60 day break. Scott Thomas spoke on the need to the Town. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mobley requested a 5 minute break to resume by the start of the regular scheduled council meeting.

**Brian Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Brian Mobley led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.**

**Roll Call:** Members present were Brian Mobley, President; Scot Oldham, Dan Swafford, Pam Samples and Scott Thomas. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer; Darla Brown, Town Attorney; Mike Farmer, Interim Town Manager were also present.

**Supervisors present were:** Mike Cornman, Danny Stalcup, Jimmie Durnil, Kevin Tolloty and Jeff Farmer.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Brian Mobley entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on December 27, 2018. Scott Thomas so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes: Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

### **Accounts Payable Vouchers**

Brian Mobley entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers. Scott Thomas made a motion for action to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes: Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

### **Election of Officers**

Darla Brown asked the council for a motion to ratify the slate of officials and appointments which were tentatively approved during the work session that was on the agenda for the regular meeting at 6:30 to say Brian Mobley will serve as President, Dan Swafford will serve as Vice President, Danny Stalcup will serve as Street Commissioner, Kevin Tolloty will continue as the Planner, Jimmie Durnil will continue as Town Marshal and Mike Cornman will continue to serve as Fire Chief, Mike Farmer will continue as Town Manager, Terry Baker and Don Calvert will continue to serve on the Planning Commission, Dan Swafford will serve on the Planning Commission, Zach Michael and Amy Slabaugh will serve on the Parks and Recreation Board, Brian Mobley will serve on the Emergency Advisory Board, Mike Cornman will serve on the Ambulance Advisory Board, Dan Swafford will serve on the Solid Waste Management Board, Mike Farmer will serve on the Chamber of Commerce and Pam Samples will serve on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. Scott Thomas made a motion to approve the appointments. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes: Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Thomas – yes. Motion carried.

### **Open Bids for the Community Crossing Grants**

Darla Brown, Town Attorney began discussion with listing the various paving projects. Project 1 is Arrowhead, Project 2 is Kelli Heights, Project 3 is Old Ellettsville, Project 4 is Ellettsville on the west side, Project 5 is for Springs Valley/Green Briar Knolls, Project 6 is Union Valley Farms. She advised the board to take bids under advisement so the Planning Department can review the bids and make sure they comply with the specs and the contractor with the winning bid be announced at a future meeting. Bids are as follows:

	<u>Milestone Contractors</u>	<u>All-Star Paving</u>	<u>E&amp;B Paving</u>
Project 1	\$211,090.45	\$164,713.10	\$165,316.22
Project 2	\$146,026.60		\$124,185.96
Project 3	\$88,879.40		\$74,915.76
Project 4	\$86,331.00		\$74,675.10
Project 5	\$39,643.04		\$44,687.58
Project 6	<u>\$84,558.35</u>		<u>\$77,912.14</u>
Total Quote	\$656,528.84		\$561,692.76

Scott Oldham made a motion to table until a future meeting. Scott Thomas seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley - Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried.

## **Resolutions**

### **Resolution 01-2018 Cancellation of Warrants**

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained this is to cancel outstanding warrants that have been out for a number of years in the general fund. Warrants are from 2011 and are checks still outstanding that have met their timeline and need cancelled. Scott Thomas made a motion to approve the Resolution 01-2018 Cancellation of Warrants. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **Flood Report**

Mike Farmer stated that the Town closed on the property last week located at 105 E. Vine St. and they have begun taking down the fence and contacting the utilities to discontinue all services as they have no future plans for building on that property. He asked for the board entertain a motion to contact some local companies about repurposing the wood and the roof or if they want to just move forward with the demolition. The only hold up on demolition is they have to contact Bloom for a small asbestos remediation which the cost has already been approved of less than \$500.00. Brian Mobley agreed it was a good idea to repurpose the material before demolition. Mike Farmer explained once the demolition is complete they have to receive the flood study, he has been in contact with Christopher Burke will do a draft of what the study entails and do a public presentation sometime in February. Scott Thomas entertained the motion for Mike Farmer to repurpose the materials for salvage located at 105 E. Vine Street. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **2019 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal**

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, explained they had looked at quotes earlier in the year and it is now renewal time. Last year they changed companies, but they are staying with the same company this year. Renewal went from \$99,276.00 to \$105,663.00 and part of that was due to some small changes in the policies, new automobiles, moving of a paver and added a generator. Increase was minimal and she asked for signatures to continue with our insurance. Scott Thomas made a motion to approve the 2019 Property and Liability Insurance renewal. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried.

### **Next Level Trails Grant**

Denise Line, Planning Department spoke to the council regarding the Next Level of Trails grant that will help the town increase the size of the Heritage Trail to promote connectivity between different areas of town. The grant request is \$200,000.00 with a 20% in kind match estimating it at \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Once completed, it will provide 2 miles of trails stopping at the Town Hall property. Ms. Line asked for permission to proceed with the grant and explained the trail would be built with Town workforce, but the \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 match would be for materials. Mike Farmer discussed with the other upcoming proposals of construction such as a new Utility Building on Town Hall property, the senior citizens future construction on property will adjoin with the Town Hall property and the possible purchase of property for flood remediation along the old railroad tracks between McNeely St and Highway 46, it would be worthy of consideration as a multi-purpose project. Ms. Line further explained the amenities that goes along with the grant to include a dog park, two shelter houses, informational signs regarding past structures, a playground and some native plantings to make it sustainable to the state for many years. Mike Farmer further explained, funds have not been appropriated for the match, but the request had to be proposed to proceed with the grant. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, explained from a budgeting standpoint and with the span of a 3 year project, the funds requested is a

reasonable amount to cover from the General Fund. Dan Swafford inquired about the Rainy Day Fund and Ms. Hash further explained there are funds available in that fund but those funds are used mostly for emergencies and there should be no problem with budgeting for the \$20,000.00 over a period of 3 years. After much discussion regarding the use of the trail, and its benefits, Scott Oldham entertained a motion to proceed with the Next Level Trails Grant. Scott Thomas seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried.

#### **Department of Public Works – Dump Bed Insert for the ¾ Ton Vehicle**

Mike Farmer explained as a result of the rearrangement of vehicles by the Department of Public Works, to avoid purchasing 2 different vehicles for 2 different departments, they have earmarked one of their 250 pickup trucks to be utilized and it is in need of a dumper bed. They have 2 quotes, with Asher Fleet Services being the low quote of \$4,651.94, Mr. Farmer requested the approval to proceed with proposal to purchase the dumper bed. Scott Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of a Dump Bed Insert for the ¾ ton vehicle. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried. Ms. Hash did clarify the expense would be a split of Street Department 50%, Water 25% and Sewer 25%.

#### **Off Duty Security Police Vehicles and Part-time**

Brian Mobley entertained the motion to table at this time. Dan Swafford made a motion to table. Scott Thomas seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – No; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – No; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried. Scott Thomas clarified his decision to table the issue is he feels the department heads need to be consulted first with the best way to deal with the issue before voting one way or another and being micro managed by the council.

#### **Privilege of the Floor**

**Mark Crouch** – Ellettsville part time officer spoke in support of take home vehicles for assisting the full time officers, as needed, while off duty, but where the need lies. They are able to back up the county and in turn, they back us up. Officers take pride in their car ownership so the vehicle is well taken care of and will result in longer life of the vehicle.

**Eric Chaudion** – Ellettsville police officer expressed his support for Chief Cornman and Marshal Durnil. He asked the council to talk to each officer about their feelings and concerns before ever deciding a change in leadership.

**Jack Neal** – former council member, expressed his opinion on the “hear say” of taking the town in a different direction. It would be in his opinion, a waste of talent and experience. The Town has state of art buildings, elected by the people to do their business, not for personal agenda.

**Valerie Dewar** – member of executive board of the Chamber of Commerce, business owner and teacher/historian of the Town. Ms. Dewar encouraged attendance at meetings when confidence in the council is low and that the council build confidence through respectful treatment of the trust bestowed upon them and not distrust that require follow-up attendance month to month.

**Mark Freeman** – 10 year, part time Ellettsville police officer expressed support in take home vehicles stating the need is there for Indiana University events and for responding to calls in a timely manner, as needed, without having to come in and have to scrape ice or prepare the vehicle for duty. He inquired about the agenda and if the council has to advise of any department head changes on the agenda. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained it is unlikely the Council would vote on something if it was not on the agenda, but it is not required to be on the agenda to take a vote. The agenda can also be amended during the meeting if so requested by the council.

**William Ellis** – stated that according to the open records law, the agenda does not have to be word for word followed as long as the meeting is advertised. Darla Brown, Town Attorney, agreed. Mr. Ellis asked for a pledge from the council that as long as Chief Cornman and Marshal Durnil do their job as they have been and they will continue their term until the end of this year. Scott Oldham started with pledging that all supervisors,

including Darla Brown, stays. Pam Samples and Scott Thomas pledged. Brian Mobley explained that after what he considered a democracy, the decision was made to vote in all current supervisors and he doesn't have any issues and he supported the decision.

**Allison Moore** – added note to the resignation of Jim Davis as Town Manager, he be recognized in addition, for the 30 years he served to the Emergency Management Department on behalf of Ellettsville.

**Ron Wayt** - resident of Ellettsville and funeral director for Chandler Funeral home expressed his distrust in Brian Mobley and Dan Swafford questioning the reasoning for all the concern and stated that the pledge meant nothing. He announced that if the decision was made to remove any of the department heads, he will form a petition to oust the Town board by making the Town a city, requiring only 10% of the last election that voted for secretary of state, which results in about 250 people of the town, it will be forced to be put before the Town to become a city with a Mayor where the power will then lie with the mayor and not the council.

**Brandon Chambers** – resident of Ellettsville, supported the trails grant and requested a sidewalk be installed for safety along Reeves Road and Sale Street. Scott Thomas volunteered to look in to the issue. He also expressed his support for Chief Cornman and Marshal Durnil and asked for a commitment to keep the supervisors.

**Bob Loviscek** – asked for a motion to retain all supervisors for all of 2019, unless there was a disciplinary issue substantial enough for termination. Scott Oldham made a motion to retain all supervisors. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – Yes; Brian Mobley – Yes; Pam Samples – Yes; Dan Swafford – Yes; Scott Thomas – Yes. Motion carried.

**James Boltinghouse** – lifelong resident of Ellettsville, expressed support for Chief Cornman and Marshal Durnil and his pleasure with the results of the vote to retain supervisors.

**Mike Stalcup** – Lieutenant Ellettsville Fire department, expressed his thanks to the council for their decision and asked for any direction they can assist with to make things better.

**Jay Humphrey** – Chief Deputy, Ellettsville police department thanked the council for their vote and expressed his support for all the supervisors and the board.

**Lisa Siscoe** - Thanked the council for their decision and supported Chief Cornman and Marshal Durnil. She discussed the trail and her support to expand it for the community and she advocates for the parking lots and sidewalks for safety. She further stated to speak with love and respect for our fellow man for the better of all.

**Alita Hornick** – resident of Ellettsville showed her support for Chief Cornman and Marshal Durnil, especially with always being visible in this community at the Fall Festival and being a real man and a role model to our children. She expressed her pleasure with the Council vote and supported all the efforts of Mike Farmer on the trails project. She offered her opinion on the take home cars and feels that crime is due to opportunity and cars being visible helps benefit the community.

**Ron Vandeventer** – firefighter one in the county, expressed his distrust in some council members, stated he knew personal agendas were a factor here and sternly stated they need to support the supervisors for the good of the community.

## **Supervisors Comments**

**Mike Cornman** thanked everyone for their support and expressed his heartfelt appreciation for everyone who came out to support him.

**Jimmie Durnil** – expressed his love of this community and thanked everyone for coming out and supporting him.

**Sandra Hash** - concluded the discussions with the following statement: “Just because the Indiana code says you can, doesn't mean you should.” “I've heard our supervisors and our workers complimented time and time again that we have a superior workforce. The

employees like to work in Ellettsville and they've always been comfortable. When an employee has been here their whole career and they are threatened like this without detail to it, to just say, and I've been clerk since 1999, I've never been asked to put supervisor appointments on the agenda, and for this to happen it has put fear in every employee that works for the town of Ellettsville," she added, "If they can do this to Mike Cornman after a lifetime of dedication to this town that they can do it to any of us." Hash requested that if a council member has an issue with the performance of a supervisor they should talk to them and stated "I guarantee you they will work any way they can to work with you, but please, do not create chaos like it has been in these last two weeks."

### **Council Comments**

**Scott Thomas** thanked everyone for attending. Going forward he hopes that the council as a whole will pull together and work for direction for the department heads. Act as a council and not one on one based on a title. Mike Cornman clarified an earlier statement regarding direction of the council and lack of involvement needing to be more a collective decision instead of just one person. He also mentioned he feels it would be a good idea to have department liaisons.

**Pam Samples** addressed the crowd and encouraged them to have a presence at the meetings and to hold them accountable. She has an open door policy for any questions or concerns.

**Scott Oldham** thanked the community for coming and expressed his deepest thanks for stopping a travesty. He truly felt like if the community had not stepped in, the direction of the meeting would have had a completely different result with a new fire chief, a new police chief and various other supervisors. He stated "it has never been on the agenda, it wouldn't have been on the agenda if there wasn't a reason for it." He explained his reason for voting "No" to table the take home cars motion because he felt it should be out in the open for everybody and not a small crowd at a future meeting, again stating it was on the agenda for a reason. He encouraged people to be aware of personal agendas, good, bad and different. He feels the progress of Ellettsville is due to the people and not from the work of the council so stay involved and continue to hold them accountable.

**Dan Swafford** expressed his pleasure with everyone coming out, but sadness for the circumstances and under some of the pretenses. He also thanked everyone for voting him back on the council.

### **Adjournment**

Brian Mobley entertained a motion to adjourn. Scott Thomas so moved. Brian Mobley adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Brian Mobley, President

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Dan Swafford, Vice President

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Scott Oldham

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Pam Samples

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Scott Thomas

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Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, MMC