# August 12, 2019

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Brian Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. William Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Brian Mobley entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on July 22 and the Budget meeting July 31, 2019. Scott Oldham so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

# **Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll**

Brian Mobley entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Resolutions

# Resolution 10-2019 to Adopt the Fiscal Plan for the Farris Annexation – 5000 North Lakeview Drive

**Kevin Tolloty,** Planner explained this is the required plan to show the fiscal impact the annexation will have on the town for a single parcel with nothing on it. There are future plans for building but nothing as of now so there is no impact. Brian Mobley entertained a motion to approve Resolution 10-2019 to Adopt the Fiscal Plan for the Farris Annexation – 5000 North Lakeview Drive. William Ellis so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Ordinances on Second Reading**

# Ordinance 2019-17 Farris Voluntary Annexation – 5000 North Lakeview Drive

**Kevin Tolloty,** Planner explained this is the official ordinance to accept the annexation of the property into the town. It will not take affect until January 1, 2020. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-17 Farris Voluntary Annexation – 5000 North Lakeview Drive. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business**

#### 2020 Budget

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk-Treasurer mentioned this was added from the work session if there were questions that needed further discussion. She mentioned there was a change after meeting with the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) the projected increase of \$50,000.00 in Local Income Tax is instead around \$30,000.00. In total with some other small increases in Miscellaneous Revenue it is projected to be around \$40,000.00.

**Brian Mobley** thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. He addressed his only issue is with Line 110 for the Assistant Planner wage increase. He requested the amount be adjusted from \$40,334.40 to \$43,334.40 as opposed to the proposed amount of \$46,387.20. He made a motion to approve the budget with a change to Line item 110 to \$43,334.40 from \$40,334.40. **Dan Swafford** asked for clarification on the approval process. He would like to hear public comment before any changes be made. **Sandra Hash**, Clerk-Treasurer, explained the budget cannot be approved until it is published in

Gateway and there is a public hearing. She has until the last week of August to publish. The public hearing is the first meeting of September and adoption is the second meeting in September. She suggested voting to only change the line item. Once the budget is published and there is a public hearing, if there are any public challenges it can be changed through a signature process. She generally publishes high to guarantee she receives maximum levy. Brian Mobley made a motion to approve the change Line 110 for the Assistant Planner to \$43,334.40. Kevin Tolloty, Planner, requested reasoning for the proposed change. Brian Mobley mentioned his reasoning was from personnel issues. Kevin Tolloty disagreed and was never informed of those issues. He feels it is not a justified reason due to the nature of their business and people are unhappy with answers. He feels the amount of work she does should offset those issues. Brian Mobley stated the issues were addressed, but there were no disciplinary actions as a result, just a verbal discussion. William Ellis feels these issues should be further discussed in an Executive Session and not a public meeting. There was no second on the motion. Motion failed. Further discussion will be at the next meeting. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, welcomed any desires to meet personally regarding any questions or concerns they would like to discuss further before the next meeting.

#### **New Business**

### **Animal Shelter Interlocal Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained this is the agreement between the Town, The City and Monroe County for fiscal year 2020. The Town's share went down to \$15,915.85 from \$23,259.41. It has been reflected in the budget as a deduction. **Dan Swafford** made a motion to approve the Animal Shelter Interlocal agreement for Fiscal Year 2020. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion Carried.

# Offer of Consulting Service – Job Classification and Compensation Study – Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele

Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer explained there was no one present to represent the company. It was asked at the last meeting to get a price on a wage study to compare wages to others in our area. The study would take 6 to 9 months so it would not help with the 2020 budget. This company is the same one who does the wage classification for Monroe County. Scott Oldham would like to see their study to try and compare. Mike Farmer spoke with H.J. Umbaugh, now Baker Tilly and they can do the same type of study. There are several different levels of plans with Baker Tilly and varying prices for discussion. It was suggested both companies present the options at a future meeting before a final decision is made. Mike Farmer, Interim Town Manager will try to organize a meeting for both to discuss the options. Dan Swafford made a motion to table the offer of Consulting Service. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Council Comments**

**Brian Mobley** wanted everyone to be aware and careful of children and buses since school was back in session. The school is up 70 to 80 students this year. **Scott Oldham** gave kudos to officer Jared Myers for doing a great job as school resource officer. He has received several compliments from parents on rectifying some problems over the summer and making the first couple of days back to school a much better process.

## **Supervisor Comments**

**Mike Farmer** thanked the Street Department for their work recently with the school to get much needed striping done at the crosswalks. They were able to get that taken care of for them quickly making it safer for students to get between the schools.

**Jimmie Durnil** the Police department is doing wonderfully and added the History Center would be open on Tuesday from 1:30-4:00 and during the Food Truck Wednesday.

Sandra Hash mentioned a grant that the Police Department had brought to her for child safety seats. There will be an event in September hosted by IU Health where they can give

away car seats and demostrate proper installation. There is an initial cost of \$750.00 to buy the car seats. Once the seats are given out, we will be reimbursed for them through the grant. Officer Alec Leggio spoke and explained he recently attended a child safety car seat installation class and explained anyone can have their current car seat inspected during the event and those who meet the criteria will receive a free car set. The grant is through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. **Sandra Hash** advised there is \$3,000.00 left in the government center grant that can be used until reimbursement with the approval of the council. The event date hasn't been finalized but they are hoping for the week of September 16th. It will be posted on the Police Department Facebook page and possibly the Fall Festival page since it is the same week.

**Kevin Tolloty**, Planner spoke his mind regarding the indifferences in the wage increase for his assistant. He is offended that she is not being recognized for an increase. He spoke highly of her efforts and feels with the new responsibilities for the upcoming year and the grant money she has brought in it is well deserved. He further mentioned that code enforcement is a thankless job and they make a lot of enemies in that process. If anyone has a legitimate complaint, he would like to be able to give his side of the story and address it as needed.

# Privilege of the Floor

Christa Curtis is from the Chamber Board of Directors and an employee of Cook Medical Group. She spoke a few months back about the vision of the community. She wanted to share a process for that. They have developed a committee within the Chamber and meeting with several businesses and residents to collaborate and paint a picture of the future plans for Ellettsville. Currently they are pursuing a grant to hire a company to facilitate the process for them. This will give them the opportunity to allow everyone to give their input, be objective and decide together where we want to go. She requested input from the council and welcomed questions or comments. She further commended the Town for the consideration of hiring an outside company to do a wage study. She feels it is important to the Town to be a competitive employer and be invested in our process and retain bright people.

**Dewey Southern** spoke representing Richland Bean Blossom Family Store. She requested permission in adding a concrete or limestone step into their building. They currently have a step, but it is too high. The Planning Assistant will meet with her and discuss options.

# Adjournment

Brian Mobley entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Brian Mobley adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Brian Mobley, President

William Ellis

Pam Samples

Dan Swafford, Vice President

Scott Oldham

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