

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

Roll Call: Members present were William Ellis, President; Trevor Sager, Vice President; Scott Oldham and Pamela Samples. Dan Swafford was absent. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer; Michael Farmer, Town Manager and Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also present.

Supervisors participating: Jimmie Durnil, Jeff Farmer, Denise Line, Jay Humphrey and Kevin Patton were present.

Board of Zoning Appeals There is an open position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. It is a Republican appointment by Council President, term ending 2025. William Ellis appointed Traves Conyer. Traves introduced himself to council.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Work Session January 9, 2023

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and Work Session January 9, 2023. Trevor Sager so moved Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

William Ellis entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Scott Oldham so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

School Resource Officer Promotion

Jimmie Durnil presented Alec Leggio to be promoted to Sergeant. Alec is the current School Resource Officer (SRO) and previously worked for Indiana University Police Department. He has worked the street for the Town for many years after graduating from IU with a Bachelor of Science Affairs with a 4.0 GPA. He is a current member of the SRO Association, International Mountain Bike Association, Crime School Prevention, Emergency Vehicle Instructor, Advanced Emergency Vehicle Instructor and an ALICE Instructor (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). Dr. Jerry Sanders Superintendent Richland Bean Blossom School congratulated Alec Leggio and considered the school lucky to have one of the best. Scott Oldham made a motion to promote Alec Leggio to Sergeant effective immediately. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried. Alec thanked his family and the Town for the promotion.

Resolutions

Resolution 28-2022 to Accept a Gift from Ellettsville Senior Citizens Housing, Inc.

Jimmie Durnil, President of Parks and Recreation explained the log cabin is ready to be gifted to the Town. It will be moved up to Town Hall for preservation. Scott Oldham made a motion to adopt Resolution 28-2022 to Accept a Gift from Ellettsville Senior Citizens Housing, Inc. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2023-01 to Create a Fund for Evidence Money for the Police Department

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained this was tabled at the last meeting so she put it back on the agenda. Scott Oldham moved to table to the next meeting. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried

Flood Report

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained he has a timetable to put out for bids in late March. They are cutting trees on the Town's property in preparation of the properties behind the houses that run along Sale Street. They will have to get easements in place and those trees will need to be professionally cut for someone with better equipment due to the size.

Envision Ellettsville

Dan Rarey, Envision Ellettsville and the Chamber of Commerce explained tomorrow at Ellettsville Town Hall will start the first meetings of the Task Forces. Business Task Force will meet 10:00-11:00, Connectivity Task Force from 1:00-2:00 and Gathering Task Force from 3:00-4:00. He mentioned that Hailey Roark from Taylor Group is sending out monthly updates for All Things Ellettsville and if you are not getting those emails to let him know.

New Business

Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Bynum Fanyo Utilities, LLC – Water, Wastewater

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained pursuant to the discussion at the last Town Council meeting she siphoned off the Town Manager language and position and salary from the agreement between Bynum Fanyo and the Town for Sewer services and put the Town Manger in a separate agreement. She made no changes to the agreement between the Town and Bynum Fanyo for Sewer Plant services. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Bynum Fanyo Utilities, LLC – Water, Wastewater Services. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried

Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Mike Farmer for Town Manager

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained in the language in the contract it states in relevant part that the Town has an agreement with Bynum Fanyo for Michael Farmer to provide Town Manager services and only Michael Farmer shall serve as Town Manager unless otherwise approved by Town Council. His job description and services that are to be provided to the Town are stated in Ordinance 2014-02. Bynum Fanyo will be paid \$3,750.00 per month with raises at 3% at a minimum or the consumer price index rate. He is an independent contractor and not an employee and Bynum Fanyo will be responsible for maintaining Workers Compensation and benefits. She studied the possibility of an Evergreen Clause but didn't think it would work with the Town Code and Indiana Code because the Town Manager is limited to a definite tenure not to exceed the longest remaining term in office of a member of the legislative body and the contract will need reapproved every 4 years as a practical matter. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Mike Farmer for Town Manager. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried

MOU between the Town of Ellettsville, The Ellettsville Department of Parks and Recreation and the Ellettsville Youth Sport League request to be tabled

Jimmie Durnil, President Ellettsville Parks and Recreation requested to table again after discussion with the committee. They had a few minor concerns with the MOU and will get those to the Town Attorney for changes in language. Scott Oldham made a motion to table. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried

Supervisor Comments

Jeff Farmer, Bynum Fanyo thanked everyone for the vote of confidence and he plans on providing the same high level of service that they have given in the past 7 years.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained he met with Indiana Voice and Data and they found the issue with the system cracking and popping. There is still an issue with the AV and getting it from the computer to the monitors. He believes he knows what the issue is and he is checking to see if he can warranty the item we have and if not they will go a different route with minimal cost.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager thanked everyone for approving the contracts. He also mentioned there is some activity on Vine Street and are moving forward with the long-awaited Flood Mitigation. He is still waiting on some DNR permits pushing excavation out to June. He has several contractors interested in the job so they should get some good bids. It's estimated to take 3-6 months to complete.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager pointed out a rendering he received from the Taylor Group for Stewart Park that was displayed on the table. This is what they hope the Stewart Property will look like once everything is completed. He explained that with the grant Denise Line received on behalf of the Town, they can begin work on the barn and it will be the centerpiece to the project and from there they will add parking and a retaining wall. The Next Level Trail grant will start this year in June to provide the first trail through the Stewart Property. Also they are doing the Community Crossing Grant again that means more streets to be paved by year end. Other projects include Campbell's Park upgrades and several more pieces of equipment for the Town Hall Playground and a couple of large scale Water Projects. It's an aggressive list and the crews are going to be really busy but it's exciting and wanted to mention everything in the works.

Jimmie Durnil, Parks Board President believes the cabin will be moved in August and is excited to have it up here.

Council Comments

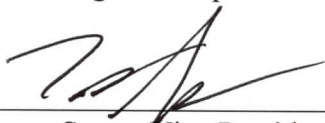
Scott Oldham revisited a previous discussion concerning 1st Street and Ritter and making it a 4-way stop due to some sight line issues. There are also some traffic issues when school lets out. Jimmie Durnil feels that is the best way to go. Jay Humphrey explained that he and Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner looked into it as well and feel it is the way to go. Darla Brown, Town Attorney will have to prepare an Ordinance to add 1st and Ritter to the Ordinances in regard to 4 way stops. Jay Humphrey will look into flashing lights to prepare traffic for the change in addition to Stop Ahead signs.

William Ellis stated he will not be able to attend the 2nd meeting in February.

Adjournment


William Ellis, Council President adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

William Ellis, President



Trevor Sager, Vice President


Scott Oldham



Pamela Samples



Dan Swafford



Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC