

March 25, 2024

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. John Samples said the prayer and Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Supervisors participating: Kevin Patton, Kip Headdy, George Robinson, Denise Line and Jeff Farmer.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting March 11, 2024

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 11, 2024. William Ellis so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

Scott Oldham entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Trevor Sager so moved. William Ellis seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Resolutions

Resolution 07-2024 Approve Purchase Agreement with Palmer Trucks and a loan agreement with Peoples State Bank for 2025 Kenworth Model T880

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained if the Resolution is approved the closing date will be Wednesday with the first part of the loan check cut. Darla Brown, Town Attorney has provided all the information and documents to obtain the loan. Jeff Farmer explained that there is a correction to the Resolution as follows. The Resolution reads Whereas the Ellettsville Street Department requires a tri-axle dump truck to replenish its fleet and should read The Ellettsville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Payments will be made by Wastewater and will be used primarily by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The original truck they are replacing was paid for from Vehicle Replacement. There are currently not enough funds to purchase outright with completion of the UV System and other things so financing is necessary.

Wi-Fi went down at 6:35 taking down the Zoom. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement as amended with Palmer Trucks and a loan agreement with Peoples State Bank for 2025 Kenworth Model T880. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

Ordinance on Second Reading

Ordinance 2024-04 to Clarify How Overtime Pay is Calculated for Police Officers

Zach Michael, Lieutenant Marshal this is cleaning up the language of the 28 day to the 14 day time sheet and changing to a 14-day work period and 165 hours to 86. Also, a section for the 40-hour employees that includes 80 hours in a 14-day work period. Deputy Chief Robinson agreed with the language with the exception of adding as defined by the Marshal or his designee based on the needs of the department at the end when discussing shifts. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04 as amended to Clarify How Overtime Pay is Calculated for Police Officers. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

Ordinance 2024-08 to Amend the Fire Personnel Policy to Clarify the Town's Policy on the Supervision of Relatives

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained the purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify the flow of the chain of command should a volunteer, part time or full time be related to an officer within the department. It will allow the relative to be able to go around the chain of command to the next person up. Jim Perry, from the public discussed nepotism and summarized it to say it's a bad idea, damaging and unhealthy for the organization. He proposed the council should eliminate nepotism in the Fire department. Kevin Patton, Fire Chief feels it isn't a concern, with promotions, it is a board of officers and not a single person and then if it's over a certain level of disciplinary action it goes to the Public Safety board which is the Town Council. With raises and promotions, the council has the final say it isn't the chief. Darla Brown, Town Attorney doesn't have a conclusive answer but other municipalities have similar situations and is happy to look into it again but honestly doesn't feel she would have a better answer. Some situations are just unpredictable and not feasible to address beforehand. William Ellis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08 to Amend the Fire Personnel Policy to Clarify the Town's Policy on the Supervision of Relatives. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

Old Business

Scott Oldham, Council President requested a conversation regarding Rural Transit, this was not on the agenda but would like to revisit the topic from the previous meeting. He explained they were confronted with a lot of different scenarios and given a figure of \$43,000.00 to get them through the rest of the year. Since that time, they were made aware of some additional funding sources that were not anticipated or budgeted for. Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained there was an approximate \$200,000.00 going to the general fund. Dan Swafford feels like this has fallen into our lap and would love to use this money to fund until the end of the year until they can get a

long-term resolution. William Ellis proposes to do an appropriation for the \$43,000 in the form of a block grant. Trevor Sager agreed. Scott Oldham supported the decision but wanted to be forthright that this is not a new line item within the budget and the Town cannot afford to run or fund a Transit system within the Town. It is very valuable and needed but there are too many needs for the Town's dollars to continue to grow and move forward. William Ellis made a motion to Amend the previous Resolution regarding funding Rural Transit adding an additional \$43,000.00 in the form of a block grant to fund until the end of the year. Pamela Samples seconded. Scott Oldham clarified that the money already appropriated continues and this is an additional \$43,000.00 on top of that as a block grant, he suggested to separate the previous motion with the new motion and let it expire and a new motion for a new Ordinance of \$43,000.00 as a block grant to use with no exclusions. William Ellis amended his motion and proposed a new Ordinance to fund Rural Transit with a block grant for \$43,000.00 with the intention of completing funding until the end of the year. Chris Meyer, Area 10 for Aging, confirmed that this amount will cover funding to the end of the year. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

Supervisor Comments

Michael Farmer, Town Manager requested a work session to discuss utilization of creating a TIF district and different revenue streams that are available to see what tools we want to make able to the Town as we grow. As discussed earlier, we have more needs than money and there are a lot of growing pains. He mentioned discussing capital projects, personnel needs, transportation needs and the village being built on the west side. Baker Tilley is willing to participate in answering questions, explaining how impact fees work, Wheel tax, TIF and feels everyone needs to be on the same page and talk about what everyone's priorities are. Town Council agreed on April 22 immediately following the regular council meeting.

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer thanked Denise Line and Amber Wright for all their help while she was off for her surgery along with the understanding of Council.

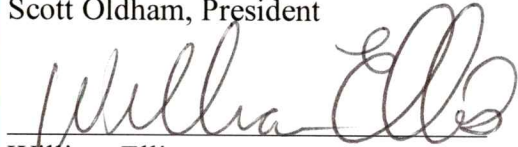
Adjournment

Scott Oldham, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

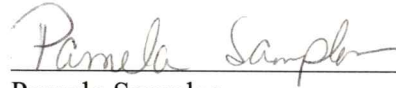
Scott Oldham, President



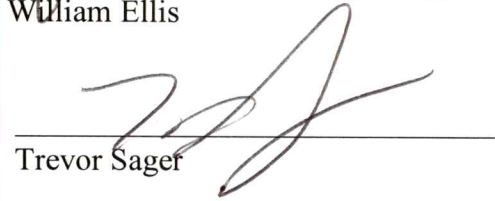
Dan Swafford, Vice President



William Ellis



Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager

Noelle M. Conyer Clerk Treasurer