

June 10, 2024

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 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. Jimmie Durnil gave a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Patton.

Roll Call: Members present were Scott Oldham - President, Trevor Sager – Vice President, William Ellis and Dan Swafford. Pamela Samples was absent. Michael Farmer, Town Manager and Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also present. Deputy Clerk Kelley Cantrell was present in the absence of Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer.

Supervisors participating: Kevin Patton, Kip Headdy, Jimme Durnil and Denise Line.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting May 28, 2024

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 28, 2024. Dan Swafford so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor, Scott Oldham abstained, 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, Scott Oldham abstained, motion carries.

Open Community Crossing Grant Contractor Bids (E&B Paving, Milestone, Lentz Paving, Flynn & Sons, All Star Paving, Grady Brothers and Wallace Construction

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained there were 7 bids for the resurfacing of N. Holly Drive, W. Perry Drive, N. Shelly Drive, N. White Oaks Drive, N. Terry Court, N. Mary St, W. Susan St, W. Pine Lane and N Diana Drive.

Bid 1: Wallace Construction Inc. of Martinsville \$216,127.50

Bid 2: Grady Brothers of Indianapolis \$225,000.00

Bid 3: All-Star Inc. of Seymour \$225,817.75

Bid 4: Milestone Paving of Bloomington \$183,144.25

Bid 5: Flynn & Sons of Bedford \$186,450.50

Bid 6: E&B Paving LLC of Bloomington \$187,187.66

Bid7: Lentz Paving of Bloomington \$180,776.28

The Town Council will take the bids under advisement and the winning bid will be announced at the next Town Council meeting. William Ellis made a motion to table until legal review. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carries.

Ordinance on First Reading

Ordinance 2024-12 to amend the Salary Ordinance 2023-18

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this is the salary for the new director of the High Tech Crimes Unit. She explained the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Monroe County Prosecutors Office will also be on the agenda next meeting. This is a passthrough from the Monroe County Prosecutor from grant funds.

New Business

Request by Dessa Murphy for Two Decorative Corner Fences to be Permitted in the Town Right-of-Way, 1002 W. Oak Street

Denise Line, Planner withdrew the request due to the petitioner being unable to attend meetings because of her work schedule. Denise will continue this through Code Enforcement, Ms. Murphy understands and has spoken to her fence person to remove the corner fence post.

Hire New Fireman

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained they are filling a new full-time position. There were 4 applicants, testing interviews, scenarios, past work experience, etc. They have selected Rylan Clouse for consideration contingent on PERF 77 physical. William Ellis made a motion to hire Rylan Clouse contingent on PERF 77 physical. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carries.

Purchase of Front Loader Utilities

Jeff Farmer explained there are 3 bids, the lowest bid was not adequate size for what they need but of the other 2 bids MacAllister was considerably less to replace a 244 loader purchased in 1996. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the purchase of the Front Loader from MacAllister in the amount of \$144,397.52. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carries.

Unified Development Ordinance Update (UDO)

Denise Line, Planner explained the draft of the UDO is being finalized and will be ready for Plan Commission and Town Council on June 21, 2024 and dropped off at their homes on that day or can be picked up. The draft will go on the website on June 21st. There will be an open house on Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 for the public to provide input. The Public Hearing for the UDO will be at the Plan Commission July 11th meeting and come before council on July 22nd meeting.

Proposed 2025 Budget Schedule

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained they have gone through the first round of budget work with the department heads and Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer. He reported that there isn't anything extravagant but will include additional police and firefighters and a 3-5% raise for employees. It will be determined on what the board decides on the Levy Appeal and suggested a work session. They scheduled a work session for July 15 at 5:00 at Town Hall.

Old Business**Discussion of Formation of Redevelopment Commission (RDC)**

Michael Farmer, Town Manager discussed that he had concerns about forming an RDC after the last meeting but he feels that there are reasons why we should have an RDC and a TIFF including a new West Side Fire station, miles of road improvements, Parks & Trails, infrastructure upgrades, sidewalks, signage and intersection improvements. He would like to work through the concerns and move forward. Scott Oldham was waiting on clarification from the Town Attorney on the makeup of the commission and agreed that it was a good idea. There was some confusion on members and compensation but they requested Darla Brown, Town Attorney research before the Ordinance is established that it would be 2 Council members not serving on Plan Commission and not the president of Town Council, 1 non-voting school board member, 3 Civilians, 1 will be appointed by the president and 2 by the council. Jerry Sanders, RBBCSC Superintendent spoke in support of the TIFF and appreciates being a part of the process in the RDC as a non-voting member but feels like if they don't have a vote they will have significant impact but will be without representation in terms of a vote to work together. Scott Oldham suggested talking offline about how they can accomplish this.

Supervisor Comments

Darla Brown, Town Attorney discussed at the last meeting the bid for the new DPW building was awarded to Fox Construction for just under \$4.5 million and it needs to be determined who is signing the contract the Town Manager or Town Council president. Council agreed it should be Scott Oldham, council president.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager mentioned Food Truck Wednesday now has a band every week starting at 6:00 at Marci Jane Lewis Park. He also mentioned Town Hall will be closed on July 5th in addition to the July 4th holiday.

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal congratulated Rylan Clouse on his promotion to full time firefighter. He recalled being asked years ago to help Rylan getting into all day kindergarten.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained there will be a Smoke Detector Blitz June 27th conducted with the Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce and the Red Cross in the Arrowhead Neighborhood from 1-5. They are looking for volunteers to help and can sign up on the Chamber site or the Fire Department site.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained they have been doing crack sealing and will be doing liquid seal, weather depending on Sycamore Drive. They will be doing Heritage Trail also on Thursday and Friday.

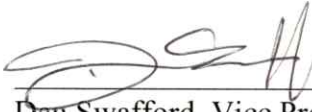
Council Comments

William Ellis commended Chandler Funeral Home on the success of the Farmers Market.

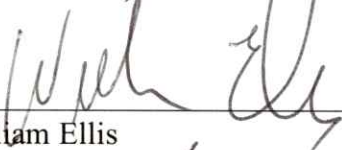
Adjournment

Scott Oldham, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Scott Oldham, President




Dan Swafford, Vice President

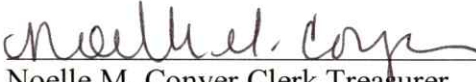


William Ellis

Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager



Noelle M. Conyer Clerk Treasurer