

December 23, 2024

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 23, 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, William Ellis, Trevor Sager. Michael Farmer, Town Manager, Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer and Darla Brown, Town Attorney, were also present. Absent

Supervisors participating: Kevin Patton, Jimmie Durnil, Kip Headdy, Denise Line and Jeff Farmer.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meetings November 25, 2024 and December 9, 2024

Scott Oldham entertained a motion to pay to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting November 25, 2024 and December 9, 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 40-2024 Transfer of Funds

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained these funds are needed to build the bathroom that will be located in the High-Tech Crime Unit building behind the Police Station. The amount requested ties to the invoice received and funds are available on the lines from which funds are being transferred. **Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshall further explained adding the bathroom is a safety and security issue for staff working in the HTC facility.

William Ellis made motion to approve Resolution 40-2024 Transfer of Funds, Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

Resolution 41-2024 Encumbrances for 2024

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained each encumbrance has either a contract, invoice or quote for being paid in 2025.

Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 41-2024 Encumbrances for 2024. William Ellis seconded motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance on First Reading

Ordinance 2024-36 Repealing Chapter 53 of Ellettsville Town Code & replacing with new chapter 53

Darla Brown, Town Attorney IDEM had shifted the responsibility for managing illicit discharges into the stormwater drainage system and controlling or managing stormwater to local MS4, of which the Town is one. There is a companion Ordinance on Second Reading for this. The MS4 inspector and operators will now be responsible, along with Denise Line, Planning Director, for managing stormwater and illicit discharge. Chapter 53 was revised by Rick Coppick and Wessler Engineering. William Ellis asked for clarification on what was “illicit” discharge: oil, paint, varnish, pet waste from dog parks, sewage were given as examples. This will be published for review and the Council will come back for it on Second Reading

Ordinance on Second Reading

Ordinance 2024-32 to Amend the personnel policy

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained there is a minor amendment to the personnel policy to account for full-time firefighters and police officers and the purpose is to clarify how much COMP time

firefighters and police officers can accumulate in a year. There is also clarification on the amount of PTO part-time employees are allowed to carryover from the last quarter of the prior year.

Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-32 to Amend the personnel policy. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

Ordinance 2024-35 Repealing Chapter 152 of Ellettsville Town Code & replacing with new Chapter 152

Darla Brown, Town Attorney stated we cannot repeal Chapter 152 in its entirety because when the UDO was passed the Town Council withheld certain portions of 152, so we only want to repeal portions of 152. This is necessary because IDEM wants local MS4s to manage stormwater. This has been passed unanimously by the Planned Commission after advertising through the appropriate avenues. Mike Farmer, Town Manager, and Denise Line, Planning Director thanked Rick Coppick and Darla Brown for putting the Ordinance together for the Town.

Willam Ellis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-35 to Repeal Sections 152.160 through 152.77 of Chapter 152 of the Ellettsville Town Code in its entirety and replace with Sections 152.01 through 152.34 for stormwater management. Trevor Sager seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

Ordinance 2024-34 to Amend the 2025 Salary Ordinance (2024-27)

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer amendment needed to correct the DPW/Parks laborer rate from \$25.31 to \$25.74.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-34 to Amend the 2025 Salary Ordinance as amended made by Trevor Sager. Seconded by William Ellis.

Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

Old Business- none

New Business

Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer presented the 2025 meeting calendars for the Redevelopment Commission, Town Council, Plan Commission (already presented), Board of Zoning Appeals, and Parks Board. This is to satisfy the requirement for the Open-Door laws for the annual meetings, but the dates can be changed with Council approval beforehand if necessary.

Motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Dates was made by Trevor Sager and seconded by William Ellis.

Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

Excavator Purchase (Department of Public Works)

Jeff Farmer, Sewer plant manager explained that this excavator would be purchased in place of the traditional backhoe. It is a little bit bigger and will be used for stormwater, wastewater and line placement. As the Town has grown, they need this bigger piece of equipment. We traded in an 20-year old skid-steerer. Scott Oldham asked for the difference between the purchase price and our trade-in. Kip Headdy noted that we got \$20,000 trade-in for the skid-steerer, but did not know the exact purchase price of the new excavator. It was noted that the Town has the money in the bank to pay for the equipment and no loan will be taken out to pay for it.

Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the Excavator Purchase for the Department of Public Works. William Ellis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

MOU with RBBCS for SRO Officers

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshall explained this is similar to the agreement the Town has had for the last few years. The contract is for another two (2) years maintaining the same percentages of pay. William Ellis clarified that the contract amount across the three (3) officers is \$64,000 per year. This does not include benefits. William asked how short the Town was on covering the full cost of the officers. The

Clerk did not have the exact amount, but stated that the prior contract was \$315,000 and the new contract is for \$386,000. Councilman Ellis noted that the increase would encompass a good portion of that.

William Ellis made a motion to approve the MOU with RBBCS for SRO Officers. Trevor Sager seconded.

Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes. Motion carries.

Privilege of the Floor- President Scott Oldham stated there are none in person or on online.

Supervisors Comments

Mike Farmer, Town Manager, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked everyone for their efforts this past year.

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshall thanked Darla for attending to the last-minute Personnel Policy change.

Jeff Farmer, Sewer Plant Manager noted new business that didn't make it on the agenda was the purchase of a new UTV for the wastewater plant that will replace the old gator. It will be paid for out of the combined Equipment Replacement fund by Town of Ellettsville and the Eastern Richland Sewer Corporation. The cost of it is \$26,400.

Jimmie Durnil, requested permission to open up the 5th Parks Board seat as it is needed due to growth. The partisan requirement for the seat is Democrat or Independent per Darla Brown.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief noted at the department Christmas party Mike Cornman received his 45 years of service and Travis Abrams received his 20-year recognition.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner gave an update on the progress of the new Department of Public Works building. Looks to be on track for completion.

Denise Line, Planning Director thanked Darla Brown for her work with the Planning Commission as they had a busy year.

Council Comments:

William Ellis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked the Town employees and Council members as well as the residents for supporting the vision for the Town.

Scott Oldham echoed everyone's well wishes and appreciation.

Adjournment

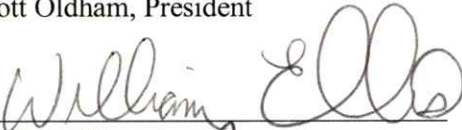
Scott Oldham, President adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.




Scott Oldham, President



Dan Swafford, Vice President

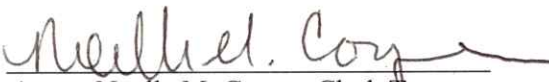


William Ellis



Trevor Sager

Pamela Samples



Attest: Noelle M. Conyer Clerk Treasurer