

## July 14, 2025

The Ellettsville, Indiana Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, 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. Chief Jimmie Durnil gave a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Kevin Patton.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Scott Oldham – President, Dan Swafford – Vice President, Trevor Sager and Pamela Samples. Mike Farmer – Town Manager and Darla Brown – Town Attorney and Noelle Conyer - Clerk Treasurer were also present..

**Supervisors Participating:** Kevin Patton – Fire Chief, Jimmie Durnil – Town Marshal, Kip Headdy - DWP Director and Denise Line – Planning Director Jeff Farmer – Wastewater Supervisor.

**Scott Oldham** made mention of the chat feature on the zoom is being discontinued due to a change in Indiana laws and how meetings have to be recorded. There is no way for us to comply with the law and allow the chat function to continue to work.

### **Opening Bids Heritage Trail Pedestrian Bridge, Crossing Jacks Defeat Creek**

Darla Brown, Town Attorney opened the following bids for the Heritage Trail Pedestrian Bridge over Jacks Defeat Creek

1. CLR Inc. \$698,890.00
2. Crider & Crider \$737,250
3. Fox Construction \$541,363.00

Darla Brown recommended bids be taken into advisement by council and reviewed by Planning and the Street Department and the winning bid will be announced at the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes. Motion carries.

### **Approval of the Minutes for the Regular meeting June 9, 2025**

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on June 9, 2025. Trevor Sager so moved. Pamela Samples 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. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

### **Resolutions - None**

### **Ordinance on First Reading - None**

### **Ordinance on Second Reading**

### **Ordinance 2025-16 to Amend the Zone Maps**

**Denise Line, Planner** explained this is a petition by Chuck Short to rezone 2 lots consisting of 30 acres from agricultural to R-1 single-family residential. Parcels are located at 4444 North Triple Crown Drive. The use of one of the parcels is single family residential and the other is vacant. The Plan Commission unanimously voted to forward a favorable recommendation to the Town Council at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and petitioner's representative is here if you have any questions. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-16 to Amend the Zone Maps. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes;. Motion carries.

**Ordinance 2025-17 Zoning Map Amendment for 5965 N. Matthews Drive**

**Denise Line, Planner** explained this is a petition by Richland Senior Citizens Inc. to rezone 1 parcel from R1 Single Family Residential to R3 Multi Family Residential. Subject parcels are located at 5965 North Matthews Drive. The petitioner will be expanding their senior housing development on to the subject parcel. The Plan Commission unanimously voted to forward a favorable recommendation to the Town Council at the July 10th meeting and petitioner's representative is here if you have any questions. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-17 to Zoning Map Amendment for 5965 N Matthews Drive. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes;. Motion carries.

**Old Business - None****New Business****2025 Consulting Contract with COPPCSLT LLC**

**Darla Brown, Town Attorney** explained that Rick Coppock has been assisting the Town with consulting services or engineering consulting services for the past couple of years. This is a renewal agreement for his services for 1 year, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. Payment will be \$750 per month as a retainer and after the retainer is exhausted he will bill for his services at a rate of \$100 per hour. There were no changes in the contract from last year and is an infinite contractor. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve 2025 Consulting Contract with Coppeslt LLC. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes;. Motion carries.

**WWTP-SCADA System Electric Gates; Clarifier Louvers**

This motion was requested to be tabled until the next meeting until they have the appropriate figures. Trevor Sager made a motion to table. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes;. Motion carries.

**Redevelopment Commission Appointment**

This appointment is by Town Council President. Scott Oldham appointed Andrew Henry a local business owner. Andrew is excited to join the commission and introduced himself.

**Parks Board Appointment**

**Jimmie Durnil, Parks Board President** announced new member Emily Kelley to the Parks Board. She is has lived in Ellettsville all her life and is energetic and excited to be a part of the Board. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Emily Kelley on the Parks Board. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes;. Motion carries.

**Privilege of the Floor - None****Supervisor Comments**

**Michael Farmer, Town Manager** thanked Dan Rarey and Donna Neise for the successful Picnic at the Park on Friday for the Chamber. A lot of the town and citizens were there as well as the business owners. It was a lot of fun and it's a good gathering every year. He also mentioned there are 2 remaining concerts in the Summer Concert Series so get out and take advantage of it. He appreciates everything that's went into that and feels it has been a good event so far. Lastly, the BZA needs an appointment so they are actively looking for a member.

**Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal** discussed the Fireworks. They had a nice crowd and worked very well with the Fire Department.

**Kevin Patton, Fire Chief** announced that they have a full-time position open. They are starting testing and interviews next week and if everything goes well they will have a name to bring to the next council meeting for a contingent offer pending the physical. He also mentioned the roof at the Fire Station on Highway 46. There are some leaking issues and the decking is starting to delaminate and destroying the



shingles. Rough estimates are around \$150,000.00 on the high side for the entire roof and decking. He would like to finance that for 3 years and cover it with the Cumulative Building and Equipment Fund and still leave some cash reserves for incidentals. He was going to put it in the budget for next year but he does have the funds this year to cover payment to get it started. He would need to do an additional appropriation for that, but he has the funds in the line now to get started. This hopefully will save some money to keep the price lower and not go through another year. Scott Oldham mentioned he would have to get bids since it is over the amount for the new law. Kevin is requesting approval to proceed or wait until next years budget. Council agreed to proceed. Kevin will get bids or quotes for the next council meeting and figure it out. Dan Swafford mentioned checking with insurance if there is water damage. Kevin will check with the insurance and let them know.

**Jimime Durnil, Town Marshal** mentioned that they are in the process of hiring also but will not be able to have a name until some time in August.

**Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner** explained they are setting the new Ellettsville stone tomorrow and the westbound lane will be down to one lane. They anticipate it being closed from 9am to 11am. He also mentioned the Tandem will be ready for pickup and would like to bring to the next Town Council meeting for everyone to see. It is really nice and they have needed this for a long time.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained they started the budget process today, spent several hours working on it and feels they have a good start. He inquired about a Work Session and mentioned August 25<sup>th</sup> prior to the Council meeting. Scott Oldham requested an email with the date since it isn't a complete council tonight. Mike Farmer stated he will get that date out to the council along with some information on the budget as well.

**Council Comments**

**Adjournment**

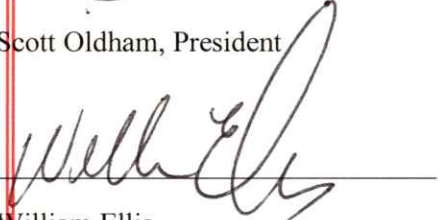
**Scott Oldham** adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.



Scott Oldham, President



Dan Swafford, Vice President



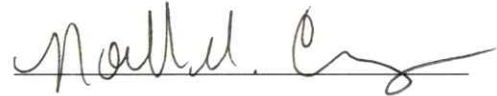
William Ellis



Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager



Noelle M. Conyer Clerk -Treasurer

