

**July 26, 1999**

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 26, 1999. Members present were Michael Cornman, President, Geraldine McIntyre, Vice President, Donald Ashley, Patrick Stoffers and Gina Hawkins. Mr. Cornman called the meeting to order.

SUPERVISORS MEETING:

COMMENTS:

None

MINUTES AND CLAIMS:

Mike Cornman asked is there a motion to approve the minutes and claims? Gina Hawkins so moved. Donald Ashley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR OVERTIME PAY FOR TOWN MARSHAL:

Diana informed the Council that she had included the time sheets. Mike Cornman said he is requesting pay for 16.63 hours of straight time pay. Diana said that is for 2, 28 days cycles. Mike Cornman said that is not very much for 2, 28-day cycles. He said there is no problem with that is there? Mike Cornman said he recommends to the Council we approve the overtime for the Town Marshal. Geraldine McIntyre so moved. Gina Hawkins seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 99-10 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION:

Gina Hawkins read Ordinance 99-10.

Ron McGlocklin said that is the money we received from the sale of the surplus cars. Part of that money will go to buy a new motor for the part time vehicle. The other will be money to go toward that generator for the radio system.

Mike Cornman said is there a motion to move that Ordinance 99-10 be submitted for first reading. Donald Ashley so moved. Geraldine McIntyre seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mike Cornman recommended to the Council that Ordinance 99-10 be adopted on the same day of which it is introduced. Donald Ashley so moved. Geraldine McIntyre seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mike Cornman recommended to the Council that Ordinance 99-10 be adopted. Donald Ashley so moved. Geraldine McIntyre seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY Y2K AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAM: RUSSELL BOULDING:

Russell passed out to the Council an updated version of Cooperative Program so far. It is a little more detailed with some diagrams. He went over this with the Council. He is here as a volunteer with the Red Cross, which has coordinated this effort. The primary goal of what they are doing is to really to avoid the possibility of --- panic in relation to Y2K. By encouraging individuals and families to do preparation before the end of the year in the context of neighborhoods/faith communities. He went over this and said what they are asking is the Ellettsville Town Council joining us as a cooperative organization. They are not asking for money or finances but the more organizations that are respected in the County that join this effort we hope the more people will pay attention to the message that they are trying to communicate, which is very clearly, nobody knows what is

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going to happen but there is a possibility that disruptions could occur and we would be better off

making preparations now as individuals and families than if we wait until the last minute. They would like to be able to put a rack that has brochures, several done by the Red Cross. He discussed this more with the Council.

They would ask them to consider, they are working with the County Commissioners and the Bloomington City Council, the idea so some sort of Proclamation, perhaps declaring September as Y2K preparedness month. They would be happy the Town Council here would make it a cooperative effort in terms of our Proclamation. They would let you see drafts and have input.

Mike Cornman said this is a good thing for people to think about and he thinks we should get on line. He would like to recommend to the Council that we join as a cooperative organization for the community Y2K and Disaster preparedness cooperative program of Monroe County Chapter Red Cross. Geraldine McIntyre so moved. Gina Hawkins seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mike asked Russell to get them information on the Proclamation.

ORDINANCE 99-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE  
ELLETTSVILLE TOWN CODE AS AMENDED BY CREATING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS:

Tabled

ORDINANCE 99-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 98-5  
CONCERNING WATER FEES ON TOWN OWNED  
PROPERTIES AND SPECIAL METER FEE:

Tabled

ORDINANCE 99-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 96-8  
CONCERNING WASTEWATER FEES ON TOWN OWNED  
PROPERTIES:

Tabled

HOUSING/GROUND AGREEMENT WITH MONROE COUNTY FALL FESTIVAL  
ASSOCIATION, INC.:

Mike Cornman said this is an agreement with the Fall Festival that the Town lots can be used for the Fall Festival on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> of September. This is what they have to have for their insurance he believes and is the same one they have had for years only the dates have changed. Mike Cornman said is there a motion to approve the Housing/Ground agreement. Geraldine McIntyre so moved. Donald Ashley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION 7-99 TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Gina Hawkins read Resolution 7-99. Mike Cornman said is there a motion to approve Resolution 7-99. Donald Ashley so moved. Geraldine McIntyre seconded. Motion passed. 5-0.

SUPERVISORS:

UTILITY DEPARTMENT-MIKE FARMER:

Mike said in August they would be distributing to all their water customers a water quality report. He thinks the City has already brought out their report. It is mandated by the government that we give what you call consumer confidence report. They have chosen to call it a water quality report. Basically as you look through it, it talks about your water and where it comes from, what kind of contaminates it has in it. When he uses the word contaminates, some of them are good contaminates. He went over this with the Council.

Mike Farmer said we share with Bloomington some of the best water produced in Indiana if not the mid-west. It is one of the things we provide to the residents of the Ellettsville community and it is one of the things we ought to be proud of, the good water we serve them. Mike discussed more about this.

Mike Farmer said he would like to thank Mike Phillips and the staff of the City of Bloomington Utilities, especially John Langley and Steve Glassco, who worked real hard with us on these and they helped us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-RON MCGLOCKLIN:

PERMIT FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL PARADE ROAD CLOSING:

Ron McGlocklin said the permit has been filed with the State for the Fall Festival Parade. All the paper work is in and a copy went to Bill Williams and the County Highway to show the route travel and detour. They are just waiting to get the paper work back.

FIRE STATION LAND AND TOWN PARKS-MIKE CORNMAN:

Mike Cornman asked Mike Spencer about the land situation that the fire station sits on and some of the town parks he guesses you could say, it has been almost 3 years now and we don't have a lease with it. He knows there was intent for the school to work out a deal that they would transfer the land to us. He wants to know what the status of that is right now, State Board of Accounts guy said we need to work on getting that resolved. We are operating a facility on school property without an agreement; we are even up keeping it with the Street Department with the parks.

Mike Spencer said we do have an agreement for the Fire Station; we have a 99-year agreement on the building? Jim Davis said no, the building is ours. He doesn't remember one he thought it expired about 3 years ago. Jim said he was going to get it renewed when the former superintendent was there and made 2 or 3 attempts and was unsuccessful.

Mike Spencer said the times that he dealt with it they were trying to get them to give us the property and that fell through.

Mike Cornman said if there is a portion where the fire department has a lease agreement with the school, if that is the case, he does remember that figure but he doesn't remember seeing the agreement.

Jim Davis said he thought that fell through; something about we couldn't make the Council or School Board that binding into the future. He thinks remembers that, but he could be wrong.

Mike Spencer said as you recall we tried to get the property exchanged and it involves the Township and we could never come to an agreement. Mike Cornman said that is correct.

COMMENTS:

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YARD TO BE MOWED-ED BITNER:

Ed Bitner said he was at the Town Board meeting about a month ago and he reported that a guy had freshly bush hogged his property and the grass was still 12 inches tall and he wanted to know if it is meeting the City Ordinances on how short you should keep your grass. He filled a complaint the very next morning. Part of that grass is barely 4 feet tall. How long does it normally take to respond to a complaint like that?

The Clerk said when we do complaints we put them in a box for the Health person to come in a pick up and she has not been able to come in. There was more discussion on this.

Mr. Bitner said the guy said he would agree to follow all the city ordinances when you annexed him into the city. This is across the street from his house.

Mike Cornman said we do this as soon as possible. It depends on when the person on the Council gets the information. We will get it sent out.

Mr. Bitner asked is there something you guys would have to send him a continual letters, please keep the thing mowed or does he have to continually file a complaint for you to send the letter?

Mike Cornman said in the past is when somebody has that problem we sent them the letter and normally it gets taken care of and they keep it up.

Don Ashley said there is no specific height that he knows of in the Ordinances.

Jim Ragle said we need to go back and see what specifics were said on that. If he said he was going the bush hog, they don't cut down like a mower.

There was more discussion on this

Don Ashley said we need to look over this a little closer because at the point and time we need to put some meat in this, maybe a fine \$25 or \$50 for not mowing the grass if they don't do it in 5 days and maybe put a size on it, no more than 4 inches tall or something like that. Don said the only thing we can do as a town at this point the way the ordinance reads is we can go up and mow that grass if he does not mow within that 5 day period of time.

Mike Cornman asked Mike Spencer if he had any thoughts on restrictions on how tall grass can be. Mike Spencer said no he hasn't.

Mike Cornman said this is different because it is an open field verses residential with house on it.

There was more discussion on this.

Mike Cornman said one your first statement he hears people talking up here that we want to revisit the Ordinance and see if we can't put a fine to that with accordance with our Town Code.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SARGENT PROMOTION-RON MCGLOCKLIN:

Mike Cornman said there has been a recommendation from the Town Marshal McGlocklin and Chief Deputy Humphrey that they recommend that John Stone be promoted to the

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rank of Sergeant and with pay with in accordance with the salary ordinance for that position. Is there a motion to that effect? Gina Hawkins so moved. Mike Cornman said effective today. Geraldine McIntyre seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Cornman made the motion we adjourn. Gina Hawkins so moved. Geraldine McIntyre seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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