

## **May 23, 2005**

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 2005, at the Fire Department Training and Conference Room. Patrick Stoffers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Lisa Creech led in prayer and Dennis Williamson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Patrick Stoffers, President; William Evans, Vice President; Lisa Creech, Phillip Rogers and Dennis Williamson. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer and Mike Spencer; Attorney were also present.

**Supervisors Present:** Jim Davis, Jim Ragle and Mike Farmer were present.

### **Approval of the minutes**

Lisa Creech moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on May 9, 2005. William Evans seconded. Motion carried.

### **Action to Pay Accounts Payable Vouchers**

Lisa Creech made a motion to pay the Accounts Payable Vouchers. William Evans seconded. Motion carried.

### **Ordinances on Second Reading**

#### **Ordinance 05-09 to amend the zone maps – Lots 79 and 80 in Sharp’s Second Addition from R-1 to C-3**

Patrick explained this ordinance was on First Reading at the May 9, 2005 Town Council meeting. There were no questions or public comments.

Lisa Creech made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-09 to amend the zone maps – Lots 79 and 80 in Sharp’s Second Addition from R-1 to C-3. William Evans seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 05-10 to amend a section of title 150 of the Ellettsville Town Code concerning Planning and Zoning**

Patrick explained this ordinance is to add five cents per square foot charge to the \$25.00 per application fee we currently collect. Patrick personally feels the five cents per square foot charge is too much, two or three cents would be more appropriate.

Dennis Williamson confirmed the Plan Commission did approve this as written. They recommended five cents and he would like to support their decision.

Ed Bitner stated the Plan Commission did approve the five cents but it was not unanimous. He feels since the Town handed the inspections over to the County, we are not incurring any costs and we should not receive this kind of money. For the people developing in this area, the additional costs could reduce the quality of the building. He wanted to add that he did not vote for the five cent charge.

Lisa Creech explained the Town does pay code enforcement and has other costs. Ed Bitner commented Frank’s wages were budgeted from other accounts and feels this five cent charge doesn’t affect that. Lisa went on to explain if we charged three cents per square foot now, we would need to raise it in a few years. She feels we should pass the five cents now for the betterment of Ellettsville. Ed mentioned all the salaries and costs have been budgeted for so there is no need for the five cent charge. Patrick added the lower charge is tailored to and benefits the person developing rather than be a benefit to the community. He used 2004 figures and computed the city would have raised 15% of the Planning and Zoning Administrators gross wages at the three cents and that is more than enough.

Dennis Williamson moved to accept the Plan Commissions recommendation as written. Patrick Stoffers requested Dennis amend the motion to say “adopt ordinance 05-10”

Dennis Williamson made a motion to accept Ordinance 05-10 to amend a section of title 150 of the Ellettsville Town Code concerning Planning and Zoning. William Evans seconded. A roll call vote was taken: William Evans, Lisa Creech, Phillip Rogers and Dennis Williamson voted yes. Patrick Stoffers voted no. Motion carried.

**Supervisors Comments**

Sandra Hash mentioned the contractual agreements with CINergy for street lights. In the past it was a regular \$7.00 fee per month with no installation cost. In September, they changed their rate structures and policy. We now have to pay up front labor for installation and materials averaging \$1,600.00 per light. Jim Ragle put in a request for fifteen street lights. If we do not pay this up front cost per light, which is not budgeted, each light goes from \$7.00 a month to \$25.00 a month for ten years. After ten years, it would drop down to usage fee only. This is making it very cost prohibitive for us to install new street lights. These agreements will be put on hold. She spoke with Frank to see if it would be possible for these lights to become part of the infrastructure for new developments and absorbed in the building cost. New street lights are on hold until we find a resolution or additional funds.

Patrick asked Sandra about Denise Knell’s resignation letter from the Parks Board. Sandra said she called and spoke with Denise in person. Denise said she would get the letter to Sandra but nothing has been received at this time.

Dennis Williamson attended the Ellettsville Library open house. It is a beautiful building and they have a great staff.

William Evans attended the Fire and Police Station open houses. They went well and there was quite a turn out. Memorial Day is next weekend and he would like to remind everyone to honor our Veterans.

**Adjournment**

Dennis Williamson made a motion to adjourn. William Evans seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Patrick Stoffers, President

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William Evans, Vice-President

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Lisa Combs-Creech

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Phillip Rogers

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Dennis Williamson

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Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer