

February 10, 2020

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Dan Swafford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Scott Oldham led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jeff Farmer.

Roll Call: Members present were Dan Swafford, President; Scott Oldham, Vice President; Trevor Sager, Pamela Samples and William Ellis. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer; Darla Brown, Town Attorney and Mike Farmer, Town Manager and were also present.

Supervisors present: Mike Cornman, Jimmie Durnil, Kevin Tolloty, Danny Stalcup and Jeff Farmer.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Swafford entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and the Executive Session on January 27, 2020. Trevor Sager so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

Dan Swafford entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. William Ellis so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Park and Recreation Board – Appointment of Shanna Wooten

Jimmie Durnil introduced LaShanna Wooten (Shanna) for nomination of the Parks and Recreation Board. Shanna is a resident of Ellettsville and an employee of the Monroe County Health Department. She is excited to join the board and be a part of building Ellettsville. Dan Swafford made a motion to appoint Shanna Wooten to the Ellettsville Park and Recreation Board. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer swore her in. Dan Swafford thanked her for being willing to donate her time and welcomed her to the board.

Resolutions

Resolution 03-2020 Final Economic Revitalization Area Resolution – Richland Senior Citizens Housing 6151 North Matthews Drive, Ellettsville

Kevin Tolloty explained this is the confirming Resolution that was passed at the January 27, 2020 meeting for Richland Senior Citizens Housing located in Ellettsville for the tax abatement of 10 years. Carson Hayes, President and Founding Member of Hayes Gibson Property Services, thanked the council for all the Towns support over the years and he appreciates the opportunity to enable him to expand and provide more housing for their need. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2020 Final Economic Revitalization Area Resolution – Richland Senior Citizens Housing 6151 North Matthews Drive, Ellettsville. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2020-1 to annex Four Parcels Belonging to the Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation – 8118 West Reeves Road

Kevin Tolloty, Planner, explained this annexation was presented to Plan Commission last week and received a 7-0 vote in favor of the 100% super voluntary annexation of 4 parcels in a R1 Zone owned by the Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation. The parcels are undeveloped and just want to bring them in to the Town.

New Business

Request to hire a Full-time employee for the Department of Public Works

Mike Farmer, Town Manager, summarized a previous discussion to bring back former employee Greg Vegedes as a temporary full-time employee for the winter. Greg is approaching the time to return to his regular job. Mike stated that in preparing for

construction season, they usually hire 2 temporary full-time (TFT) employees in March that work for 9 months. He would like to break tradition and hire Greg full time for the department of Public Works instead of the 2 TFT's. He is an excellent employee, and this is the perfect opportunity to retain him. They have done the math and is payroll neutral and would like to request approval to hire him. Pamela Samples requested to table the request; she has a lot of questions that needs answered regarding the Department of Public Works that was established before she came on to the council. Jeff Farmer added he is a great employee and asked Danny Stalcup, for his opinion as he had previously worked for the Street Department. Danny Stalcup, Street Commissioner, agreed Greg was a great employee, he is dependable, knows a lot about construction and can run the necessary equipment. Pamela Samples stated she didn't have an issue with the hiring of Greg, her concerns are with the lack of knowledge of the Department of Public Works (DPW). Dan Swafford asked for explanation of construction season. Mike Farmer explained once warm weather returns, they do pipe jobs, sewer construction and it takes 2 employees several months to complete the sewer cleanouts making the departments short-handed. The money is budgeted for, just as 2 TFT's and still allows for the seasonal employees hired for mowing in summer. He was shared by Utilities and the Street Department during his previous employment with the Town making him a perfect fit for an employee of the DPW. Scott Oldham made a motion to hire Greg Vegedes to the Department of Public Works. According to Darla Brown, Town Attorney, a request to table overrules a motion. Trevor Sager seconded the approval of the hiring. Dan Swafford seconded the request to table. William Ellis asked Pamela Samples before they vote, if they added to the vote, that it only stands if your questions are answered during the work session. She prefers to table because it would depend on the outcome of the work session. Mike Farmer further explained that when the DPW was created it was created to save money with manpower and equipment. He hasn't presented those numbers after a year since it was established but can say that for sure he has fulfilled that promise and sees future savings to be had. The way the department was constructed can be deconstructed easily if the board feels like it isn't fulfilling the establishment promises. Pamela Samples recalled a meeting between Mike Farmer and herself about the DPW where she remembers it not being voted on but only discussed. Mike Farmer apologized for mis speaking. The council agreed it was discussed as being a trial year that was modified. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained she sent out the minutes from that council meeting today for review. Dan Swafford asked if tabling this would jeopardize the retention of the employee. Mike Farmer doesn't know the exact date that Greg Vegedes will return to his regular job but was only trying to take care of things ahead to prevent any reservations with returning to his regular job. He further stated it was a collaborated decision to retain Greg between himself and the Street Department and not only on his behalf and feels he can answer any reservations and questions she will present to him in the work session. Pamela Samples withdrew her motion to table. Dan Swafford withdrew his second to table. They proceeded with Scott Oldham's motion to approve and Trevor Sager's second. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Request to transfer a Volunteer Firefighter to Part-time

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief, requested to transfer Ryan Pursell from a Volunteer Firefighter to a Part-time Firefighter. Ryan has recently completed all his firefighter training as well as his EMT and currently enrolled at Ivy Tech for Homeland Security set to graduate in May of 2020 with a degree in Fire Science. This is not a new position but only a position that needs filled in the part-time system. He has already been through the testing process in the voluntary system and requests he be transferred to the part-time system at a maximum rate of \$12.50 per hour. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve the Request to a transfer Volunteer Firefighter Ryan Pursell to a part-time status. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief requested to hire former employee Ron Vandeventer as a part time firefighter. He is not a transfer but a hire from outside. He was employed with the Town previously so he is trained and experienced and would be a great asset to our community. Mike Cornman clarified there was an error on the agenda stating it was a request to hire 2 Full-time Firefighters which he sent an email to correct. He is in the process of hiring 2 full time employees, one to replace Jason Webb and the other is the new position budgeted for this year. Those will be presented more than likely on March 9th. Trevor Sager

made a motion to approve to hire Ron Vandeventer as a part-time firefighter. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments

Mike Farmer, Town Manager, thanked Shanna Wooten for her interest in the Parks Board and for joining the board. He has requested some work sessions to discuss his concerns and things he wants to do in 2020. Parks and Rec and annexations are the top of his list and feels this is the year to really work hard to get some things done that we have been wanting to do for the Town. The Town is very active right now, whether it is commercial, residential, improvements to the Parks and Rec system hoping to capture a couple of grants for our trail system and he wants to make sure everyone is on the same page and can provide direction so we can have a productive year for Ellettsville.

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal and Parks Board President also thanked Shanna Wooten for joining the Parks Board. He also mentioned losing an officer to the Indiana Gaming Commission. The officer’s last day with the Town is February 23, 2020. This creates an open Sergeant position within the Police Department. They are opening the Sergeant position today and it will close on Monday, February 17, 2020. The internal interviews will start a week from Thursday and they should have a Sergeant candidate for council approval on February 24, 2020. There will also be an opening for a full-time Deputy Marshal. Those details will be worked out later.

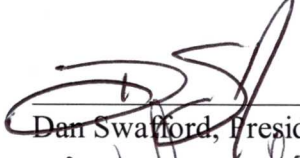
Mike Farmer also announced the kickoff of the Big Hearts Campaign for the Boys & Girls Club. The campaign helps fund the Boys & Girls Club in order to provide after school care for over 400 members at a cost of only \$20.00 per year. It is not babysitting but a place where children can go and build character and future citizens for our Town. It helps single families and people who need affordable after school care. The Boys & Girls Club is a great asset to Ellettsville. The campaign runs until the end of April and if anyone is interested in learning more please don’t hesitate to contact him and please consider donating.

Council Comments

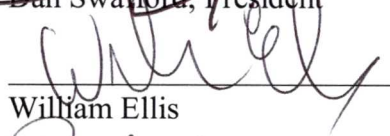
William Ellis thanked CATS TV for coming out every meeting and providing the service and makeup for the broadcast.

Adjournment

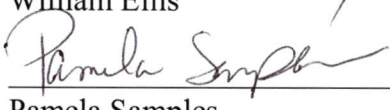
Dan Swafford motioned to adjourn. Pamela Samples seconded. Dan Swafford adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.




Dan Swafford, President



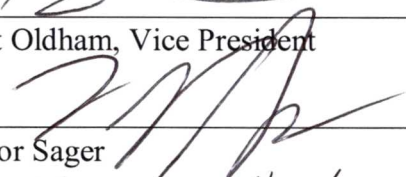
William Ellis



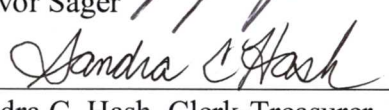
Pamela Samples



Scott Oldham, Vice President



Trevor Sager



Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, MMC