

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mike Cornman led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

Supervisors participating: Jimmie Durnil, Kevin Tolloty, Kip Headdy, Mike Cornman and Jeff Farmer were present.

Approval of Minutes

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting April 25, 2022. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – abstain; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – abstain. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

William Ellis entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Scott Oldham so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

William Ellis made requested a motion to add the fee for sewer hook on for Richland Senior Housing to the agenda that was tabled at the last meeting. Scott Oldman made the motion, Trevor Sager seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Ellettsville Senior Citizens Housing LLC Request Hook on Fees at the 2021 Rate of 1,500 per Unit

Dennis Fisher, president of the Richland Senior Housing board explained they did not budget for the raise and asked to pay the old rate that was agreed to in July when they obtained the permit. Michael Farmer explained the process for paying hook on fees and stated those fees are not paid until you actually hook on. Jeff Farmer added that in the new Ordinance it states the foundation be required and they definitely had that in place before the rates increased. Dennis Fisher stated they would have paid earlier if they would have known the rates were going to increase. Pamela Samples asked if this applied to everyone that may be in the same situation that was building a house. Michael Farmer explained, yes, they were given an estimate and it was good for 30 days. Residential is different than Commercial. The price difference is \$53,226.00 to \$88,000.00. The increase in fee went from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the old rate. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing to Re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund – Resolution 04-2022

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained this is to re-establish the fund they have had since 1994 due to the increase in assessed value. This has been advertised as a public hearing for the public to comment. The rate was set at .05% and went down to .0439%. This will raise it back up to .05. Sandra Hash explained this is a common practice done every few years as the assessed value changes. William Ellis entertained a motion to approve Resolution 04-2022 to Re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Scott Oldham so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Discussion on Redistricting the Ellettsville Town Council Wards due to 2020 Census

Scott Oldham thanked Kevin Tolloty for all the great work he did on this but expressed the Town should look outside to an exterior company to put a proposal together because of all the scrutiny nationwide from gerrymandering. Kevin did a great job but he is internal and because the Council is all one party he doesn't want this to come back and try to accuse of him being impartial. William Ellis recommended a commission like the county. Sandra Hash questioned if it is required after a census or just recommended. Darla Brown, Town Attorney did not know the answer but would be happy to look at it. Dan Swafford agreed with Scott Oldham. Sandra Hash stated it was \$5,000.00 10 years ago to have it done so now it is probably double that price. She also mentioned Kevin used the Census Blocks to make the districts as equally populated as possible but it is impossible to anticipate 10 years growth. The last time it was done by Elevate and they used Census Blocks. William Ellis stated a commission you wouldn't have pay anything. It was agreed that it wouldn't be worth it to pay someone outside for just a couple of hundred people added to the census. Since it doesn't have to be done until later in the year it was suggested to put on the next agenda until Darla can check on a few things.

Envision Ellettsville Update

Michael Farmer, Town Manager reminded everyone of their event on May 17th from 5:00-7:00 at the Ellettsville Town Hall. This will reveal all the work that they have been doing. They are expecting a big crowd with Food Trucks, IU Health mobile unit, National Guard and a balloon launch if the weather cooperates. Bring your family and learn what they have Envisioned for the future of Ellettsville. A lot of work has been put into this plan with over 2,000 inputs from the community. It also follows the comprehensive plan that was put together several years ago. The Town is growing and changing and Envision Ellettsville is going to help with that. They are strongly backed by Ellettsville Main Street and The Chamber of Commerce. He encouraged everyone to attend.

New Business

Police Officer of the Year

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal thanked council for the support and read the nomination letter. Dr. Jerry Sander, Superintendent of Richland Bean Blossom School also read his recommendation letter of appreciation for Officer Travis Perian acknowledging his work and dedication as School Resource Officer. He is a vital role in the safety of the school through his knowledge and experience he shares. Jimmie Durnil read the award letter naming Travis Perian as Police Officer of the Year:

This award is being presented to you for your outstanding work effort for the calendar year 2021. Your professionalism, attention to duty and consistency has been brought to my attention many times by school administrators throughout the RBB School System. As an SRO, you are responsible for the safety of our children. You have fulfilled that assignment and responsibility admirably throughout the year 2021.

Your professionalism and enthusiasm are second to none.

Awarded this 9th Day of May, 2022

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Ellettsville Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Jeff Farmer discussed the project began in 1995 and went online in 1997. There has been a lot of improvements over the years and after 25 years there needs to be improvements made to last another 25 years. He discussed improvements needed to Buildings and Structures that include repainting, roofing, resurfacing blacktop, tuck, repair masonry and resealing concrete structures. Also replacing the UV Disinfection System and SCADA System, Install New Equalization Basin, Install Septic Haulers dump station and electronic gates for monitoring haulers. He explained with the growth in Ellettsville the flow has really increased. Grand

total for everything is \$3,868,000.00. The dump station and Electronic Gates are additional items needed if and when they move from the Blue Building and those costs are separate in the amount of \$1,084,311.15. He entertained any questions council may have. Dan Swafford inquired about the difference in the basin and a treatment plant. Jeff explained the basin only aerates and doesn't do any treatment at all but basically just temporary storage until it can be treated. Jeff explained the plant is at about 70% capacity, in 1997 the cost to build the plant was about 6 million, to build a whole new plant now would be approximately 20 million. Adding the equalization basin would buy the plant about 20 years but it is hard to say with all the new growth in the Town. The basin is similar to the one out along Highway 69 going South. Dan Swafford stated he was impressed with the upkeep of the plant after a recent visit there. Sandra Hash questioned if the dump stations would have a way to measure what was being dumped. Jeff Farmer confirmed it would have a swipe card that would prove who dumped, how much flow and the times. All these improvements will require engineers with preliminary reports and upfront costs. He will get everything prepared for approval and bids. He has reported this all to Eastern Richland and they are very supportive. He does anticipate a small sewer rate increase and it will require a bond for the difference for the cash on hand and what is needed.

Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained she had included a copy of the plan in the packet and it will require a Resolution to adopt it but she wanted to get some approval because it has never been discussed in a public meeting. William Ellis expressed disapproval for the section of Promoting Equitable Outcomes. He feels we cannot promote equity, everyone should have the same chance, but we cannot promote an outcome that everyone is the same. The wording was designed that way to pass with the Federal government and was reviewed by Baker Tilley. William found it troublesome and doesn't want to put his name on something that says we are guaranteeing outcomes, which is up to the individual. He requested the word Equitable be changed to Equality. Sandra Hash explained this is just a draft and the Resolution would be the document recognized as the legal document. Tonight's action is just to acknowledge the plan and give direction and be made aware of what they want to spend money on. Sandra Hash will have to do an additional appropriation before spending anything. Council agreed they liked where funds were being spent and addresses many needs of the Town for many years. Mike Farmer stated the use of this money will best promote the Town, encourage economic development, enhance quality and attract the people you want moving into the Town. Securing the Next Level Trail Grant makes this project more important because the plan is engineered to do the things they need to complete the Trail. Scott Oldham expressed the plans all mesh together and is perfect timing to build towards the future. Mike Farmer stated everyone will be surprised what this will do for the Town. Sandra Hash requested the council agree on at least the expenditure part of the plan and she will further that with a Resolution. Scott Oldham made a motion to move that council provides its approval as an agreement in principle toward the allocation of the funds for the ARPA funds. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Letter of Credit Release for Greenbrier Meadows, Phase IV

Kevin Tolloty, Planner explained the developer of Greenbrier Meadows, Phase IV is requesting a release of his letter of credit. Outstanding items were \$45,000 for asphalt and \$7,300.00 for sidewalks. Kevin has inspected those and all the sidewalks have been installed and Kip from the Street department and said the roads looked good so there is no reason it can't be released. The streets will become a part of the Town's inventory. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the release of the Letter of Credit for Greenbrier Meadows, Phase IV. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Denise Line announced that Food Truck Wednesday will begin May 18th on Sale Street from 4:30 to 8:30 or 9:00 depending on the crowd. Street will begin shut down around 2:00 and

set up will begin after the shutdown is complete. Some of the food trucks include Weaver's BBQ, La Poblano and some others. She will put this on the website.

Supervisor Comments

Mike Farmer thanked Kevin Tolloty for his service to the Town of Ellettsville. He is a professional and astute to all things planning, zoning code enforcement and has never not known the answer to a question he has asked. He has been good to work with and hates that he is leaving.

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief announced that after 38 years he is retiring as a paid employee from the Town of Ellettsville effective June 3rd. The Town has given him and his family a great income and had a happy home in Ellettsville to live in. The Town is a great place to work and thanked the Town for allowing him to work here. He recommended deputy chief Kevin Patton to be promoted to the next Fire Chief. Kevin has been with the department for 34 years, served in leadership positions early on with different project, also secretary for the volunteer fire department corporation, as well as a lieutenant, a captain and deputy chief. He has proved himself to be a leader. If council approves to promote Kevin Patton he also recommends Chris Clouse to be promoted to Deputy Chief. Chris was appointed in July of 1997 as a part-time firefighter working to full-time for a total time of 25 years. He served in many leadership roles several times in his career including training, public relations, community outreach, CPR coordinator, coordinating several CPR instructors in South Central Indiana. Under his leadership his department became a training hub for CPR instructors that is really big in this area. He recommends both of these fine people to assume these duties effective on his retirement date. He explained under Indiana law the Chief and Deputy Chief are direct appointment by the safety board which Town Council is the safety board. If you have a firefighter with 10 or more firefighters the top 2 candidates are their direct appointment.

Dan Swafford spoke about Mike Cornman and how they have known each other since kindergarten. Mike has always wanted to be a firefighter and shared some memories. He said he will be missed and he has always done a lot for the Town.

Scott Oldham expressed his appreciation for Mike, his upbringing and the way he mentioned the department has been tremendous and thanked him for his 38 years and wished all the best.

Jeff Farmer told Kevin Tolloty he considers him the pioneer for the Planning Department and when he came on it became a true Planning Department. He also acknowledged that Mike Cornman was like a brother to him and is way more than Fire Chief in this Town and is the second person he has heard called Mr. Ellettsville and he deserves that title. He will really miss him. Council and the crowd gave a standing ovation for Mike and Kevin.

Pamela Samples made a motion to appoint Kevin Patton as chief at the date of Mike's retirement. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Dan Swafford has enjoyed working with Kevin Patton and he has always done a wonderful job and looks forward to working with him in the future. Kevin Patton thanked Mike Cornman for his recommendation and leadership throughout the years. He thanked council for trusting him with this position and finally thanked his wife for supporting him along the way.

Pamela Samples made a motion to appoint Chris Clouse as deputy chief at the date of Mike's retirement. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer expressed her feelings for Kevin Tolloty and how impressed she has always been with his work. He will be tough to replace and she really admires him and thanked him very much. She spoke about Mike Corman expressing how he has always

been her “go to” and often times he makes her feel better about things. She will miss him tremendously and his world of knowledge.

Kip Headdy met Mike at football game and he encouraged Kip to join the fire department as a volunteer. Mike was in his wedding and feels Mike is a great asset and he will really miss him.

Jimmie Durnil expressed his appreciation for Mike who has been his “go to” as well, he appreciates his friendship, attitude and his motto “It’s all good.”

Mike Cornman thanked everyone and his wife for supporting him.

Dan Swafford also thanked Kevin Tolloty for a great job well done.

Kevin Tolloty stated it’s been great working here and congratulated Mike Cornman on his retirement. He is proud how much his department has grown and commended Denise and couldn’t have done it without her. He doesn’t know the plan but he recommended her for his position, she does excellent work, she has been the driving force for the Next Level Trails Grant and has been by his side for 7 years and knows everything inside and out. He wished everyone good luck.

William Ellis thanked Kevin Tolloty and stated although he will be gone, his footprint on this Town will be around.

Adjournment

William Ellis entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


William Ellis, President


Trevor Sager, Vice President

Scott Oldham


Pamela Samples

Dan Swafford


Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC