

March 14, 2022

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Pamela Samples 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 participating were Pamela Samples, President; William Ellis, Vice President; Scott Oldham and Trevor Sager. Dan Swafford was absent. Michael Farmer, Town Manager and Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer were also attending. Darla Brown, Town Attorney attended by Zoom.

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

Approval of Minutes

Pamela Samples entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and work session February 28, 2022. William Ellis so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Ordinance on Second Reading

Ordinance 2022-01 to amend Section 36.204 of the Ellettsville Town Code to Clarify Paid Time Off Payout Eligibility

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief asked that the ordinance on the agenda for the PTO payout be tabled. He feels it needs some more time to work things out administratively and the more they dug into it the more it became apparent that this is a deeper issue. William Ellis made a motion to table. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Flood Report

Mike Farmer, Town Manager reported that Christopher Burke Engineering is currently working on getting permits according to a progress report received last week. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer stated she forwarded it to the council.

Envision Ellettsville Update

Dan Rarey reported they had the steering committee meeting on March 1, 2022 with The Taylor Group and they are finishing up to roll out the final, completed document for the Envision Ellettsville Project. He invited everyone who would like to attend the meeting at Ellettsville Town Hall on April 21, 2022, at 6:00.

New Business

Video System Upgrades for the Police Department

Scott Oldham explained he has been helping the Police Department with replacing the body worn camera system. They currently have a decent system, but storage is an issue along with redaction that is required by law before video can be released or transmitted. The cost is a little more than expected because you have to pay for the equipment and the storage. Storage is not an option due to being required by law and how long it must be retained. Working together with Zach Michael and Jimmie Durnil, after reviewing, he has the following suggestions. Scott discussed along with the camera system, the tasers are approximately 10-12 years old and needed replaced years ago but wasn't fiscally possible. They were recommended by President Obama's 21st Century commission on future policing task force.

It has come to the point now where is fiscally responsible to replace them to ensure equipment that properly works. Officers and the suspect's lives depend on it working perfectly. For a combination of both, it is a 5- year contract with Axon Enterprises, a world leader in this type of product and came highly recommended by the Monroe County Prosecutor used by the Monroe County Sheriff's office and the Bloomington Police Department. Year one the combined quote for the cameras and tasers is \$24,923.46 and the additional 4 years after it is \$14,309.49. That includes all devices, storage, software and training to work these systems. In his opinion, this is not a choice especially with the tasers and with the way the state law is configured and the liability of not having them. He feels it is a competitive price for a well-known system. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer stated her understanding was it would be paid for out of the CCD (Cumulative Capital Development) fund and Scott Oldham explained for the first year it would have to be a additional appropriation, to be discussed where it should be taken from, because there isn't enough money in CCD and in 2023 it will be budgeted for. Mike Farmer feels it should come from the General Fund. Sandra Hash explained she will need some time to advertise the additional appropriation and she has two other supervisors in need also and would like to combine them all together. Scott Oldham also mentioned a vehicle need that she was not aware of that was unexpected, but the cost to repair it would be more than the vehicle is worth. It was discussed to have a short meeting on Tuesday with the supervisors requesting additional appropriations and Sandra Hash will get everything together for the advertisement. Scott Oldham explained the window for ordering the vehicle is very small and needs ordered as soon as possible. Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal did not have an exact cost of the new vehicle, but it is approximately \$40,000.00. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the quotes from Axon Enterprises in combination for 5 years in the amount of \$24,617.37 for taser weapons, \$57,544.12 for the body worn cameras, broken down into sequential payments with the first year \$24,923.46, the next 4 years thereafter in combination for both in the amount of \$14,309.49. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the additional appropriation to allow the Police Department to purchase an additional vehicle, most likely but not limited to a Ford SUV for police use in the amount \$40,000.00 or below with an additional \$5,000.00 for equipment. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Comments

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief informed everyone there will be a statewide tornado drill with sirens in Monroe County to begin sounding at 10:00 am and for everyone to practice their home preparedness for stormy weather.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner mentioned he will be working with Bluestone Landscaping, previously Ellettsville Landscaping to remove a tree behind the Methodist Church on Association Street. The tree is an Ash tree that is dying and one of the largest in town. Bluestone has a large boom truck that will extend high enough for safe removal of the tree. They are donating their time to help remove it and the Town will assist in traffic control and hauling off the larger sections being removed.

Mike Farmer, Town Manager mentioned Friday, March 18 at the Town Hall there will be a Chamber of Commerce power luncheon at 11:45. Bob Heaton will be the guest speaker discussing alleviating the severe nursing shortages, reduce jail overcrowding, boosting public safety and helping families save for college. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jill Thurman at the Chamber of Commerce. He also mentioned attending the ribbon cutting for Autumn Park, the new assisted living facility west of Town. He encouraged everyone to stop in and take a tour, it is a beautiful facility and was impressed with how well put together it was.

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal thanked council for support on the tasers and cameras.

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief also added that the Town will be doing fireworks at the cross-country track on July 2, 2022. The shooter will be Heath Headdy of Ellettsville.

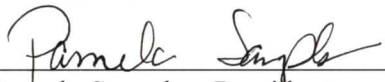
Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained at the last meeting she was asked to get quotes on a personnel policy. She has received 2 quotes and is working on a third. She hopes to present them at the next meeting. Scott Oldham inquired about the Fall Festival this year. She confirmed there is one scheduled for the third weekend in September.

Council Comments

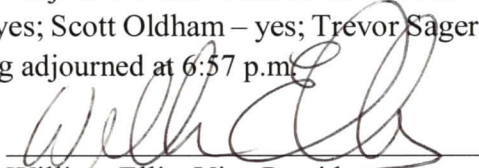
William Ellis is happy to be back in person.

Adjournment

Pamela Samples entertained a motion to adjourn. Scott Oldham so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Pamela Samples, President



William Ellis, Vice President



Scott Oldham

Trevor Sager



Dan Swafford



Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC