

February 27, 2023

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

Supervisors participating: Jimmie Durnil, Denise Line, Kip Headdy, Kevin Patton and Jeff Farmer were present.

Agenda items were not presented in the order as prepared but all items were addressed.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting February 13, 2023

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 13, 2023. Trevor Sager so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – abstain; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – abstain; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Failed. Council removed motion for approval. Pamela Samples who was present at the last meeting is absent to cast her vote for approval. Trevor Sager made a motion to table Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting February 13, 2023.

Resolutions

Resolution 03-2023 Transfer of Funds – Town Manager

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained this due to the contract agreement. The line was in Personal Services in the budget and was moved to Miscellaneous Professional to be paid out in contractual amounts. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2023 Transfer of Funds – Town Manager. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2023-03 to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance by adding a Part-time Park Employee

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained when she did the Salary Ordinance she didn't include the part-time employee.

Ordinance 2023-01 to Create a Fund for Evidence Money

Scott Oldham made a motion to table, the Ordinance still needs some review and polishing. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2023-02 to Designate the Intersection of First and Ritter Streets as an All Way Stop

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained it was discussed at the last Town Council meeting on First Reading and the meeting before that the council expressed interest in changing the Ellettsville Town Code to reflect First and Ritter designated an all way stop. This Ordinance will remove First and Ritter Streets from the thru street intersections to schedule 2 stop intersection to make it an all way stop. Scott Oldham made a motion to Designate the Intersection of First and Ritter Streets as an All Way Stop. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

Envision Ellettsville

Dan Rarey explained there will be 3 Task Force meetings on Wednesday, February 28 at Town Hall for Envision Ellettsville. 10:00 will be Business Task Force, 1:00 Connectivity Task Force and 3:00 Gathering Task Force. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

New Business**Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Bynum Fanyo Utilities, LLC – Water, Wastewater**

Jeff Farmer explained that the contract that was signed had the wrong amounts on them. The correct amounts are on there now along with a CPI (Consumer Price Index) table in the packet. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and SPS Management the Town will pay Bynum Fanyo Utilities \$32,825.76 per month, Water Infrastructure Management Fee is \$9,717.23 and the annual fee increase is the rate of the CPI or minimum of 3% whichever is higher. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer stated the original contract was presented with a 5% increase and the CPI was actually 8%. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Bynum Fanyo Utilities, LLC as amended – Water & Wastewater. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Sergeant Promotions: Brian Mauder, Ryan Pursell and Tanner Waldrip

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained all three have completed interviews, testing, meet the years of service, have all the education requirements and it is already budgeted and within the Salary Ordinance. He requests to approve these three with a pay increase effective today. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the Fire Department Sergeant Promotions Brian Mauder, Ryan Pursell and Tanner Waldrip. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained it would be easier to start the pay effective at the beginning of the pay period. Kevin Patton ok'd the change. Scott Oldham made an additional motion to make the pay retroactive to the beginning of the pay period. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried

Police Department Sergeant Promotions: Richard Hall

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal presented Richard Hall and requested he be promoted to Sergeant. Richard came to the Town from Indiana University Police Department and also served at Indianapolis Police Department and Capital Police. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the Police Department Sergeant Promotion – Richard Hall pay retroactive to the beginning of the pay period last Monday. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried

Police Department Reserve Appointments: Levi Parrish and Julie Deel

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal introduced Levi Parrish who is currently a part-time firefighter with the Town of Ellettsville. He is an ILA graduate and interested in being a reserve officer. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Levi Parrish to be appointed as a Reserve Officer. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer swore him in.

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal introduced Julie Deel who is comes to us from the Indiana State Police and a 17 year veteran with the Air Force Reserve. Julie brings a lot of credibility to the Alliance and interested in being a reserve officer. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Julie Deel to be appointed as a Reserve Officer. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer swore her in.

Approval for President to sign the Contractor Agreement for Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative Grant

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained it was presented in the packet and stated the Indiana Economic Development Corporation received \$30 million dollars in Corona Virus funds from the Federal Government and the job of that organization is to pass the funds along to local entities. It passes through the Regional Opportunity Initiatives Inc. Those two entities have a contract to disburse Corona Virus Funds and then the Regional Opportunity Initiatives Inc then proposes to issue grant money to Ellettsville. The contractor agreement is being presented is between Regional Opportunity Inc and the Town of Ellettsville for the Ellettsville Heritage Center in the amount of \$226,350.00. The Town will match that amount and the project template was included in the emailed packet and will be used as approved for building construction costs and the Town will provide the other half in the following cost breakdown: Erosion control \$1,000, Site Excavation \$12,000, Sanitary sewer \$40,000, Water System \$25,000, Concrete \$15,000, Parking Lot Pervious Surface \$8,000, Power \$1200, Building Construction Costs \$68,650, Engineering & Design \$40,000, Topographic Survey, \$10,000, Environmental Review \$5000, and Permits \$500. The project must be completed at the latest by December 31, 2026. Denise Line, Planner added this is for Stewart Park for the Heritage Center which is the old barn. There will be bids for the reconstruction. Michael Farmer is excited for this project and has a lot of ideas to make it grand. There are renderings available at Town Hall and welcomes any community questions. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve for the President to sign the Contractor Agreement for Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative Grant. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Michael Farmer complimented Denise Line on all her hard work on achieving the Grant.

Part-time Parks Position: Rickey Plunkett

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained they have been searching for a Part-Time Parks employee that would head the Youth Sports League. Eventually the Parks Department will take the leadership role in the future but right now it is a partnership and the first step is to hire someone to help the Town to be acquainted with and become leaders with the Youth Sports League. Rickey Plunkett lives in Town, has experience and background to provide organization, leadership and insight. Rickey Plunkett introduced himself and gave a brief background of his involvement in Sports and Ellettsville. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Rickey Plunkett as the Part-time Parks Position. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried

MOU between the Town of Ellettsville, The Ellettsville Department of Parks and Recreation and the Ellettsville Youth Sports League

Jimmie Durnil, Parks Board President was excited to finally present the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town, Ellettsville Parks and Recreation and the Ellettsville Youth Sports League. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained what was presented at the last meeting was a red lined version that she had prepared and Ellettsville Youth Sports had proposed changes. It was tabled at the last meeting. Darla agreed to accept the changes because they were only stylistic changes moving items around and nothing really changed. She received some additional changes this afternoon discussed between herself, Sandra Hash, Ken Bikoff, EYS president and Dan Seer. The final changes are as follows: Paragraph 2, EYS will keep records of background checks for 3 years instead of 2 because the shortest time for record retention in Indiana is 3 years. Youth Sports will be required to provide copies to the Town within 15 days after the close of each season to be stored by the Clerk in the event they are needed later. Paragraph 4 was changed slightly by saying the Clerk Treasurer will pay the claims twice monthly after council approval and will provide Youth Sports access to its records of receipts, disbursements and a current balance monthly. Paragraph 6 was made clear that the Town would be responsible for mowing the fields as per the mowing agreement with the Town and Richland Township Trustee. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the MOU between the Town of Ellettsville, The Ellettsville

Department of Parks and Recreation and the Ellettsville Youth Sports League. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. **Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer also clarified with Darla Brown, Town Attorney the Youth Sports League meeting schedule will need to be included on the annual meeting notice for their regular monthly meetings. **Dan Swafford** thanked Darla and everyone involved in getting this done. **Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshal and Parks Board President also thanked Scott Oldham for his guidance on it and he is excited about it.

William Ellis appointed Zach Michael to the Board of Zoning Appeals – Term ending 2026

This was tabled at a previous meeting to confirm Zach wanted to be re-appointed. Council president makes appointment. Zach accepted the appointment.

Supervisor Comments

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained he needed an amendment to the lease agreement between Marty Stephens and Richland Township. There is an area perfect between the shelter and the ball diamonds for a new playground arrays. Marty has agreed to allow us to construct the equipment. It will be great for the Youth Sports League and go hand in hand with everything they are trying to do in that area. He asked for permission to amend the lease agreement to allow us to construct the Town’s equipment on his property. Darla Brown, Town Attorney has reviewed the agreement and is ok with it. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve to amend the contract. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried

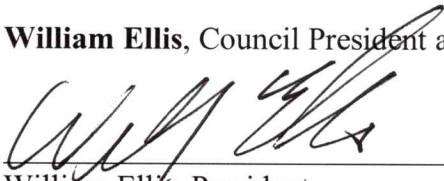
Michael Farmer, Town Manager encouraged anyone interested to attend the Task Force meetings tomorrow at Town Hall.

Denise Line, Planning Director stated the Town will be creating a Facebook page for informational purposes only. Information will be exchanged between the website and the Facebook page. Michael Farmer explained it will also be used to reach out to Water/Sewer customers for boil orders and main breaks. There will be no comments allowed, only informational posts for Town events, emergencies, road conditions and many other Town related areas.

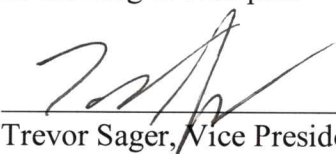
Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained the Town has started receiving the LIT distributions for Economic Development in the amount of \$112, 115.58 monthly and she has re-paid the Rainy-Day Fund temporary loan.

Adjournment

William Ellis, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



William Ellis, President



Trevor Sager, Vice President



Scott Oldham

Pamela Samples

Dan Swafford



Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC