

March 22, 2021

Due to COVID-19, The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a virtual meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021 by Zoom. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mike Cornman led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Pamela Samples.

Roll Call: Members present were Scott Oldham, President; Pamela Samples, Vice President; William Ellis, Trevor Sager and Dan Swafford. Amber Ragle-Wright, Deputy Clerk, Michael Farmer, Town Manager, Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also present.

Supervisors present: Craig Davis (for Jimmie Durnil), Mike Cornman, Danny Stalcup and Kevin Tolloty.

Approval of Minutes

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 8, 2021. Dan Swafford so moved. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Open Bids

Darla Brown, Town Attorney opened the bids as follows:

5 bids for the 1997 Ford F-250 4x4, Fontaine Dump Bed & Western Snowplow

Michael Stalcup - \$2,250.00
Mackie Properties - \$2,000.00
Dillon Plummer - \$2,007.77
Doug Robertson - \$2,059.00
Donna Burris - \$1,735.27

Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the winning bid to Michael Stalcup for \$2,250.00 for the 1997 Ford F-250 4x4, Fontaine Dump Bed & Western Snowplow. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

6 bids received for the 1987 John Deere 310C Front Bucket

Jim Davis - \$2,650.00
Kevin Patton - \$1,120.00
Doug Robertson - \$3,159.00
Jerry Hobbs - \$476.76
Michael Richardson - \$1,600.00
Michael Stalcup - \$3,550.00

Pamela Samples made a motion to approve the winning bid to Michael Stalcup for \$3,550.00 for the 1987 John Deere 310C Front Bucket. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

1 bid received for the 1987 Shelbyco 24' Dovetail Trailer (\$2,000.00 Reserve)
Jerry Hobbs - \$200.00

The bid did not meet reserve amount. This lead to a discussion on rejecting the bid, advertising again and reopening bids to meet the reserve or lower the reserve, selling on E-Bay or a website for surplus equipment for municipalities. Trevor Sager made a motion to reject the bid for the 1987 Shelbyco 24' Dovetail Trailer for not meeting the \$2,000.00 reserve. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried. Council discussed how to proceed. Council agreed to have Darla Brown, Town Attorney look at the surplus website and bring it back to the next council meeting for discussion.

I bid received for the 1997 Ford Vactor 2100 Series, 8.3 Cummins Diesel (\$65,000.00 Reserve)

Kevin Leonard, Reveal Underground Services, Hickory Kentucky - \$51,000.00

The bid did not meet reserve amount. The Council discussed accepting the bid. William Ellis is okay with accepting the bid because he feels it was advertised in a vast net. Michael Farmer, Town Manager feels it is a fair price based on where they purchased the new Vactor, they helped advertise it and it was suggested price. As a trade in they would only offer \$40,000.00. Darla Brown, Town Attorney mentioned the difference in the demand for a Vactor is not as high as one for a trailer. Scott Oldham feels it should not be a picking and choosing game, what's fair for one should be fair for another and reserves are set for a reason. William Ellis argued it was a matter of casting a wider net and feels it was for the Vactor but not the trailer. If the trailer were readvertised in a wider net and still did not meet reserve, he would be inclined to accept it the next time. Dan Swafford agreed with Scott Oldham even under the different circumstances. Michael Farmer further discussed the Vactor is an old piece of equipment and because of the size they do not need it sitting around. It was purchased for \$167,000.00 so they would get 30% back out of it. William Ellis made a motion to accept the bid of \$51,000.00. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote. Scott Oldham – no; Pamela Samples – no; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – no. Motion failed. Darla Brown, Town Attorney suggested readvertising and maybe lowering the reserve. Dan Swafford made a motion to reject the bid of \$51,000.00. Scott Oldham seconded. Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – no; Trevor Sager – no; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried. Dan Swafford made a motion to re-advertise and lower the reserve to \$51,000.00. Darla Brown advised to make it higher than the bid. Dan Swafford withdrew his motion for council to discuss. After some discussion of worth of the machine and speculation of whether the existing bid was aware of the reserve, Dan Swafford made a motion to readvertising and lowering the reserve to \$60,000.00. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce – Envision Ellettsville

Dan Rarey Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Envision Ellettsville project. He explained it is a collaborative project sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Ellettsville Main Street. The project has been put on hold for awhile due to the pandemic, so they wanted to refresh everyone on its purpose to kick it off again. He explained that Ellettsville is the fastest growing area in Monroe County. The project will help develop a shared vision for our community that provides direction of how we grow and develop our community. It will spread the word to businesses and companies who might be interested in locating in Ellettsville. Ellettsville is a wonderful town with a hometown feel that offers a great school system, efficient town government, growing parks and trail system and their desire is to make it even better. They were awarded a \$30,000.00 Community Impact Grant from the Community Foundation to get the project going. They have a project manager and a dedicated group of volunteers to now raise a matching portion for the remainder of the project. They are in the process of finding a qualified partner to lead the community input and research part of Envision Ellettsville. After they identify that person, they will work with several of the Town's departments, residents, and businesses to obtain key input to create a shared vision for the future of Ellettsville to guide community growth and development where both business and residents will thrive and prosper. Any questions or further interest can be directed to him.

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2021-05 to Amend Section 36.197 of the Ellettsville Town Code

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief explained this amendment is specific to the Fire Department and will change the minimum hours required for a part time firefighter to 24 hours per month. This is due to the amount of time and effort in the personal protective equipment and health physicals involved for employees to work for them. Over the years they have had several people work PRN (as needed) or part time and it has changed a lot over the years. He anticipates the workforce development issues and lack of expectations for part time to be greater in the future. It is also cleaner for disciplinary actions.

Ordinance 2021-06 to Amend Chapter 74 of the Traffic Schedule Designating No Parking Areas

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this amendment is to add Abigail Lane, Jackie Court, Nicholas Lane, and Rachel Way to the Traffic Schedule for designated No Parking Areas.

Ordinance 2021-07 to Amend Chapter 73 of the Traffic Schedule of Maximum Speed Limits

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this amendment is to add specific streets to the Traffic Schedule. Abigail Lane from McNeely to Nicholas Lane will be 20 mph (miles per hour), Jackie Court from end to end 20 mph, Nicholas Lane from end to end, 20 mph, and Rachel Way from end to end 20 mph. Kip Headdy explained these streets are new and have never had any signage for speed limits and most streets in the Town are 20 mph. Streets annexed in from the county are 30 mph. Scott Oldham requested traffic counts if they had them.

Ordinance 2021-08 To Amend Chapter 73, Schedule III

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this amendment is to add specific streets to the Traffic Schedule specifying stop streets. Abigail Lane will be a through street and the stop streets will be Jackie Court, Nicholas Lane, and Rachel Way. On McNeely Street the stop street will be Abigail Lane. This is not a change, only adding it to the Traffic Schedule for the record. Once Ruby Creek is completed, Abigail Lane from McNeely to Nicholas Lane will be amended to Clover Drive.

Ordinances on Second Reading

Ordinance 2021-04 To Adopt Text Amendments to Ordinance 2014-10 which permitted a Planned Unit Development District for the former Cedar Bluff Gardens Property – Rubicon Investments, LLC

Kevin Tolloty, Planner explained this in on as Second Reading because it went through Plan Commission as First Reading earlier this month. The Petitioner is asking for an amendment in the PUD (Planned Unit Development). Currently, there are 2 vacant lots and one they are considering building residential apartments. They are permitted to allow multi-family on the second floor and higher only and would like to allow multi-family on the first floor as well. Total number of units will not change, just the layout of the building. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04 To Adopt Text Amendments to Ordinance 2014-10 which permitted a Planned Unit Development District for the former Cedar Bluff Gardens Property – Rubicon Investments, LLC. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Michael Farmer, Town Manager mentioned Sugar Ridge Timber company working next door at Richland Senior Housing and will begin clearing the area where the new maintenance facility will be soon. They have already set the staging area and have equipment on site. He also mentioned the American Rescue Plan has been approved by Congress that will bring some seminars to learn more about Towns and Municipalities for money that is available to them. There will be a seminar set up at Townhall on Wednesday in the Council Chambers at noon with Baker Tilley for anyone who would like to attend. He further requested a Work Session soon to discuss Water/Sewer and Storm rates and discuss being prepared for future needs and how it relates to revenues that we are taking in. Rate increases are a lengthy process and require extensive studies so he would like to start the process of discussing when and if they want to move forward with one. Things are in a good place with all the Utilities but there are a lot of aged Water/Sewer lines and a list of projects that needs done that completion will be determined by future revenue so there has to be a plan in place to systematically carry through those projects.

Council Comments

William Ellis thanked the Town and Council for allowing the Republican party to hold their reorganization meeting at Townhall. Everything went great.


Scott Oldham reminded everyone that baseball season is starting and with the warmer weather coming in, to use caution when driving around the Town.

Dan Swafford inquired about the process of Shelter Rentals. Scott Oldham feels the that since the vaccines for Covid are only available to people 40 and up so opening the shelters for large gatherings should not be discussed a least for another month or so. It was decided that it should be handled by the Parks Board and they should contact Jimmie Durnil with any questions.

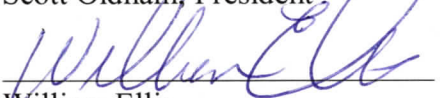
Scott Oldham inquired about specific times of operation of equipment for construction. Kevin Tolloty explained that there are not specific hours but just the quiet hours between 11pm and 6 am unless there is a waiver granted.

Adjournment

Scott Oldham entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried. Motion carried. Pamela Samples adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



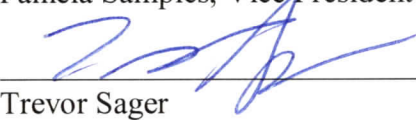
Scott Oldham, President



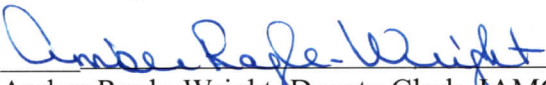
William Ellis

Dan Swafford

Pamela Samples, Vice President



Trevor Sager



Amber Ragle-Wright, Deputy Clerk, IAMC, MMC