

October 19, 2020

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a Work Session on Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. Dan Swafford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Dan Swafford, President; Trevor Sager and William Ellis. Scott Oldham, Vice President joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and Pamela Samples joined the meeting by zoom at 6:45 p.m. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer and Mike Farmer, Town Manager and were also present.

There was a discussion on where to locate a proposed utility garage on the Town Hall property site. The new building will replace the current garage located at 6150 North Matthews Drive.

Mike Farmer presented 3 options, Option 1 would be in the woods to the left of Town Hall creating the need to remove trees and would maintain a tree line between the Town Hall and the garage. Option 2 would move the building partially into a cleared area reducing the number of trees that would need removed. Option 3 would be in the cleared area behind and to the left of Town Hall. Option 3 would not require tree removal.

Mike Farmer stated the trees would be harvested by a logging company and the revenue from the sale would be sufficient so pay for the root removal and foundation preparation of the soil.

The Planning Department and Town Manager are currently working on a grant to develop a park and walking trail on some of the Town Hall property. There has also been discussion on adding 2 baseball diamonds. Option 3 would place the garage on a ball diamond site. Scott Oldham is a strong advocate for the proposed ball park and would like that area left open for that purpose. Both Trevor Sager and William Ellis agreed it would be best to preserve the open space for future park development. Pamela Samples stated she would prefer the trees not be removed.

Mike Farmer wanted the Council to walk the property to get a better idea of the wooded site. The rainy weather prohibited the walk around. Mike offered to meet with the members individually and drive them back to the area.

William Ellis added he was not in favor of a bond for the building. Mike Farmer responded there is approximately \$453,000 remaining in the water line extension bond and there is an equal amount available in the sewer capitol replace fund which could be used to build the garage.

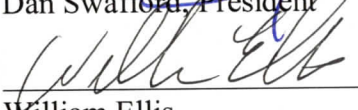
The Council will discuss the options and make a decision at a regular meeting in November.

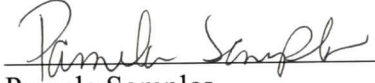
The option maps are on the 2 next pages.

Adjournment

Dan Swafford entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



Dan Swafford, President


William Ellis


Pamela Samples


Scott Oldham, Vice President


Trevor Sager


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

