

October 10, 2022

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022, 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; Scott Oldham; Dan Swafford and Pamela Samples. Trevor Sager was absent. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer; Michael Farmer, Town Manager and Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also present.

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

### **Approval of the Minutes**

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and Work Session September 26, 2022. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. 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; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

### **Presidential Appointment to the Plan Commission to fill a vacancy – Term ending 12-31-2022 – Kurtis Cummings**

**Denise Line**, Planner explained that in September Plan Commission member Terry Baker passed away creating a vacancy on the board. Kurtis Cummings expressed interest and has met with Denise and Mike Farmer to answer any questions they had. She requested to appoint Kurtis Cummings to the Plan Commission. William Ellis also recommended him to the Plan Commission. William feels Kurtis has a good vision for where Ellettsville is and where it's going. William also talked with the chairman of the Democratic Party, David Henry and he has his full endorsement. William Ellis made the appointment of Kurtis Cummings to the Plan Commission.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution 15-2022 Additional Appropriation – Planning Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Plan**

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained the additional appropriation is to pay for the planning agreement that was tabled a few meetings ago. The Additional Appropriation has been advertised in the amount of \$162,950. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Resolution 15-2022 Additional Appropriation – Planning Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Plan. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Resolution 16-2022 Additional Appropriation – Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant – Community Crossing Grant**

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained the Indiana Department of Transportation have paid the Town for the 2022 grant. This is to appropriate the money from the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund in order to pay for the road work as described in the Community Crossings Grant. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2022 Additional Appropriation – Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant – Community Crossing Grant. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Resolution 17-2022 Transfer of Funds and Appropriations from MVH Restricted to Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant**



**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer said this resolution partners with the Community Crossings Grant. It is the Town's matching portion that needs moved from the MVH Restricted Fund to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund in the amount of \$88,214.00 for a total of \$352,736.00 that we will have to spend on our streets. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Resolution 17-2022 Transfer of Funds and Appropriations from MVH Restricted to Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution 18-2022 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Fire Department – 2 Vehicles**

**Kevin Patton**, Fire Chief explained they have replaced two vehicles with new Dodge Durango's. He is going to list them on GovDeals. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Resolution 18-2022 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Fire Department – 2 Vehicles. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance 2022-13 Voluntary Annexation of 6400 North Matthews Drive, West McNeely Street and 6600 West McNeely Street (two parcels) totaling 32.65 Acres also known as Cook Incorporated**

**Denise Line**, Planner discussed that Plan Commission met Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Cook Inc. presented their petition for annexation that received a unanimous favorable recommendation to annex into Ellettsville with a zoning of I-1 light industrial.

**Ordinances on Second Reading**

**Ordinance 2022-11 to amend Chapter 95 of the Ellettsville Town Code to Clarify the Powers of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Town of Ellettsville**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained this Ordinance is on second reading that adds language to the local Ordinance which removes the power of the Parks Department to issue bonds to pay for tax. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11 to amend Chapter 95 of the Ellettsville Town Code to Clarify the Powers of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Town of Ellettsville. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

**Adoption Hearing for the 2023 Budget – Ordinance 2022-12 for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023**

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer stated the total adopted budget for all the tax funds is \$6,259,306. **Steve Robertson** from the public, stated after reviewing the budget he wanted to express his appreciation to administration for their interest in giving employees a raise. He struggles in his business to retain employees. This will help retain employees and get good quality employees. He recommended council to look it over and pass the budget to include the raises. **Bradley Rushton**, Ellettsville resident discussed the consideration of raises to all employees. He is the President of Ask Me 24/7 City of Bloomington and he wishes they had the same consideration for their employees and implored them to consider it and pass it because these employees work hard for you every day to make every service available at your pleasure. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Adoption of the 2023 Budget under Ordinance 2022-12 for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – no; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group LLC – Comprehensive Plan Update and Development of Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**



**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager requested council approval for a contract to have Taylor Group to work over the Comprehensive Plan and UDO. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group LLC – Comprehensive Plan Update and Development of Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Flood Report**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager explained under New Business he has a proposal from Christopher Burke Engineering to do Jacks Defeat Creek Improvements – Bidding and Construction Services. He discussed the price is \$32,200.00 and they will also provide inspections and he will train our staff to perform the daily inspections to keep cost down but will do the bi-weekly or monthly inspections as requested. He stated this project is complex and only feels it is fitting that the Engineering firm that put the plan together be allowed to do the bidding and the inspections. Sandra Hash also stated this money will come from the ARPA money. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve for the professional services from Christopher B. Burke Engineering to do Jacks Defeat Creek Improvements – Bidding and Construction Services. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Envision Ellettsville Update**

**Ron Taylor**, from the Taylor Group summarized the various stages of the process of the Envision Ellettsville project. He explained that they have ended of the Steering committee and have moved over to the Task Forces and are requesting residents and different partners to sit on those committees.

#### **The Fire Department request to hire 2 Full time Firemen**

**Kevin Patton**, Fire Chief explained one will fill the position left from Garret Nolan and he will start after he passes his PERF physical. The second is the position from taking some of the part-time funds and creating a full-time position. This is different than the new money that will begin in July 2023. He requests to hire Shane Jarret contingent on his PERF physical and Kyle Stierwalt to begin first of January also contingent on his PERF physical. Both are part-time firefighters currently. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the requests as specified by the Chief. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Supervisor Comments**

**Kip Headdy**, Street Commissioner explained the Town and the school corporation are doing a combined project for a walk path from the school to Temperance Street. They started on Monday and hope to have two thirds done by the end of the week, weather permitting. The school has already donated \$10,000.00 to get started and will continue to fund the rest of the project. The Street department is contributing the labor for the construction.

**Kip Headdy**, Street Commissioner also presented information, as requested by council member Dan Swafford at the last meeting, the estimates he found from Traffic Safety Warehouse on Solar Radar Sign's. They range from \$3,895.00 to \$5,270.95 with the top model having Bluetooth software system data tracker with statistics that can archive traffic counts at specific speed limits. He still needs to check with the Indiana Department of Transportation on the permitting of the signs. He will try to do that before the next meeting. Dan Swafford would like to get at least a couple of the signs due to the high public request. William Ellis has had several requests from the public for the cameras that issue citations and Scott Oldham stated they are not permitted in Indiana.

**Michael Farmer** thanked Cook Corporation for annexing into the Town. They have always been a part of the community but now are a part of the Town. Krista Curtis and Pete Yonkman were very cooperative and helped coordinate the effort. He also thanked Denise Line, Kip Headdy and Jay Humphrey for their hard work on the Community Crossings Grant.

Ellettsville has a lot of newly paved streets and the old streets are in great shape due to the amount of money they are able to bring in for our Transportation system.

**Scott Oldham** inquired about the salt and sand supply. Kip explained they are full as of now and he is waiting to renew his contract with Cargill for salt any day now. He was questioned on the use of sand and the brine the State of Indiana uses on the highways. He replied there is a great deal of startup expense to change from straight salt to brine. The county uses sand and salt. The state uses salt brine and possibly beet juice.


**Denise Line** explained that awhile back she had inquired about moving the Old Cabin to the back corner of the new trail so she could write a grant application for it. Laura Lane from the Herald Times interviewed her and Jimmie Durnil and there was a nice article in the paper and online about it.

#### Adjournment

William Ellis, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

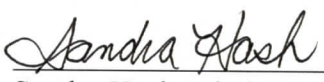
  
William Ellis, President

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Trevor Sager, Vice President

  
Scott Oldham

  
Pamela Samples

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Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC