

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jimmie Durnil led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

Roll Call: Members present were Scott Oldham, President; Dan Swafford, Vice President, William Ellis, Trevor Sager and Pamela Samples. Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer and Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also present.

Supervisors participating: Kevin Patton, Kip Headdy, Jimmie Durnil, Denise Line.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting February 12, 2024

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 12, 2024. Dan Swafford so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

Scott Oldham entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Dan Swafford so moved. William Ellis seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Resolutions

Resolution 05-2024 Accepting Dedication for Jacob Court

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained she made changes to both the Resolution and the Dedication. One change was the spelling of Jacob Court, it should be Jaccob Court and added language to pass muster with the Recorder's Office and the Auditor's Office. Mr. Chang is in China but she has an email that he will sign the Resolution. She requested council approve as amended. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2024 Accepting Dedication for Jaccob Court. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carries.

Ordinance of First Reading

Ordinance 2024-06 Water Rate increase as approved by the IURC (Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission)

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained that last year the council approved an Ordinance with a proposed rate hike and council was required to pass it before Baker Tilley could file the petition with the IURC so the IURC could see what the Town proposed. In February, the IURC approved the petition to change its rates but the rates were slightly lower than what the council had approved earlier. The purpose of the Ordinance is to set forth the actual rates as approved by the IURC. The rates will be published on the website for public view.

Ordinances on Second Reading

Ordinance 2024-03 to Amend Paid Sick Leave Fire Policy

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained that the language is being changed to state that employees who work 24/48 shall be credited 10 hours of sick time every month of paid status or 5 shifts per year instead of one sick day every 2.4 months of paid status or five shifts per year. This makes Bookkeeping easier for the Clerk's office and easier for the Fire Department to track their hours. It was clarified that another firefighter can donate time for those who don't have a bank of time. William Ellis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 to Amend Paid Sick Leave Fire Policy. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carries.

Ordinance 2024-04 to Clarify How Overtime Pay is Calculated for Police Officers

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained that the purpose of this Ordinance is to make the Police overtime pay Ordinance parallel to the Fire Department. The new section is in Section E, §36.223 Overtime and that language is the same as the Fire Personnel Policy. It states: For purposes of determining when to pay overtime, only those hours actually worked during the work period will be considered. P.T.O. time, vacation time, sick time or any time off for any reason, shall not be included in the hourly calculation. There was a lot of confusion about the wording and Scott Oldham suggested tabling to make sure it is all correct. Darla Brown, Town Attorney clarified the necessary changes to amend the Ordinance. Lieutenant Zach Michael will work on the clarifications also as he feels some of the wording is redundant and there needs to be a separate section for the School Resource Officers. William Ellis made a motion to table Ordinance 2024-04 to Clarify How Overtime Pay is Calculated for Police Officers. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carries.

Envision Ellettsville

Dan Rarey, President mentioned there will be a combined Task Force meeting tomorrow at 3:00 at Town Hall. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Privilege of the Floor

Chris Clouse, Deputy Fire Chief discussed he along with Zach Michael and several others they have a preliminary solar eclipse plan. It will go out to the department heads to review and will discuss at the next supervisor meeting. Any questions or comments please contact Chris or Zach to adjust accordingly.

Supervisor Comments

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained the Deputy Clerk has accepted a new position so that position is being posted on Linked In, Indeed, apply online or stop into the Clerk's office to get an application. Applications close on March 8th at 4:00 pm.

William Ellis advised everyone to be careful tomorrow as we are expecting big storms in the area.

Adjournment

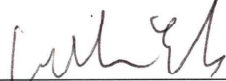
Scott Oldham entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Council President adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.



Scott Oldham, President



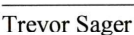
Dan Swafford, Vice President



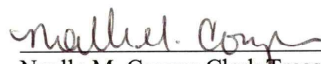
William Ellis



Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager



Noelle M. Conyer Clerk Treasurer