

May 28, 2024

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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. Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

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

#### **Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting May 13, 2024**

**Scott Oldham** entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 13, 2024. William Ellis so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Trevor Sager and Dan Swafford abstained. 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. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **Resolutions**

##### **Resolution 20-2024 Transfer of Funds – Police Department**

**Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshal explained this is necessary due to upgrades to computer services to be ready for the new employee coming next month. There was money left from a grant on vests that they are able to transfer. Transfer is from Body Armor to computer software. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds – Police Department. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford -yes; Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion carries.

#### **New Business**

##### **Police Officer of the Year**

**Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshal introduced Admiral Adam Robinson, he explained he is the brother of George Robinson who was the guest speaker at the Memorial Service for the Town May 27<sup>th</sup>. Adam Robinson gave a brief background of his military service and he is now serves in Hawaii as the Executive Director of the VA Hospital. He thanked everyone for allowing him to speak. Jimmie Durnil explained there was a great reception of approximately 65 people in attendance for the service. Jimmie Durnil introduced George Robinson and awarded him on behalf of himself, Town Manager and Town Council President Scott Oldham as Police Officer of the Year. This award is being presented for his outstanding work to the Ellettsville Police Department for the calendar year 2022 & 2023 but also 50 years of Law Enforcement. Since 1975 he has excelled as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief. His contribution to law enforcement has been great and has become an integral part of the Town of Ellettsville and the Ellettsville Police Department. His accomplishments have been well documented and are too numerous to list in this communication. He can be honored by his career and his time with the Ellettsville Police Department for professionalism, enthusiasm is second to none. Adam Robinson presented the award to George F. Robinson as Officer of the Year. George thanked everyone for the award and for everything that everyone has done for him during his time here. Scott Oldham thanked his wife Kathy for allowing him to come out of retirement to join our Town.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Discussion of Formation of Redevelopment Commission (RDC)**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager explained that if the Town is going to discuss having a TIFF in any area of the Town in the future they must establish by Ordinance a Redevelopment Commission. There is a lot of work to be done, he mentioned discussing

with Baker Tilly but needs to know what the preference of the board is to avoid wasting money and time. Darla Brown answered the questions from the previous meeting. The answer to whether the RDC can issue bonds without council approval is no. They cannot enter into a bond of any amount, a lease agreement and cannot purchase real estate over \$5,000,000.00 or enter into a contract for purchase of real estate that takes longer than 3 years without council approval. William Ellis explained they could put in infrastructure that the Town would be on the hook fully once the TIFF expires for such as Parks and Trails. He further explained that as long as the council was the RDC he didn't have a problem with it. There was a great deal of concern about what could be done outside the council. Scott Oldham agreed they needed a RDC and we need to move forward with the TIFF but he definitely has reservations and we need to find out what restrictions we can put on them legally. Scott Oldham suggested a Hybrid version where several Town Council members serve and over time look for new members by application. It is a 5-member board and a non-voting school board member. Members from council should not be serving on other boards for a fresh set of eyes. There were many questions and concerns that should be discussed further. This matter has to be carefully structured because this is something that can be impacted 10 years in the future. Darla Brown, Town Attorney will do further research for more discussion.

#### **Award bids for new construction of DPW building**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained the winning bid was Fox Construction Company Inc. with a bid of \$4,448,700.00. William Ellis made a motion to accept the bid from Fox Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$4,448,700.00. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford -yes; Trevor Sager - yes; William Ellis - yes; Scott Oldham - yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion carries. Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained anyone who is interested in why they are doing this to visit the current facility they are working out of. He anticipates the majority of the work will be completed this year with a spring move in.

#### **Supervisor Comments**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager discussed there was a bad lightning storm on Tuesday that resulted in several strikes to the water main and destroyed a large 8" water main losing approximately a million gallons of water in 6 hours. Crews worked all night through the next day to the evening. This is a rare event but happened to Eastern Heights Water also. The Town is getting ready to enter into an agreement with Everbridge, it is used as an alert system for reaching out to our customers about emergencies such as these.

**Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshal explained last year council approved for an extra officer for the Police and the Fire Department. They hope to have a candidate at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.


**Kevin Patton**, Fire Chief explained that this year's fireworks will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 29<sup>th</sup> year they have sponsored the show all from donations. Scott Oldham recalled a discussion about reserving some money to help with the show. He asked Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer to check on it.


#### **Council Comments**

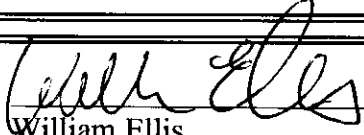
**William Ellis** read a press release from Julie Thomas on behalf of the Commissioners regarding the potential jail site. Monroe County Commissioners seek feedback from local residents on the potential jail site at Northpark located at the intersection of State Road 46 W and I-69. Listening sessions are being held June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm and June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Ellettsville Fire Station. Residents that are unable to attend a meeting are encouraged to email feedback to the commissioner's office at [co.monroe.in.us](mailto:co.monroe.in.us) or visit the Monroe County virtual meeting session. Check the Monroe County website calendar for dates and times. He strongly recommended residents, Police officers and Fire personnel to attend.

#### **Adjournment**

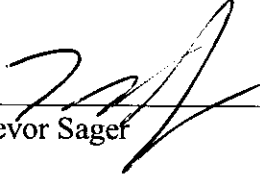
**Scott Oldham**, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

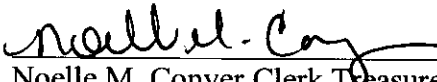
  
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