

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Les McFarland, Terry Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger and Attorney Alex Hoover present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via the Town of Bourbon Facebook page.

MINUTES: Member Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8th and July 6th meetings, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers presented Resolution 2021-09 to provide funding to SurfAir Broadband to install fiber to the Town at a cost of \$122,000.00. The funding will be provided from the ARP funds. Member McFarland moved to pass the Resolution, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Member Clemens introduced Resolution 2021-10 to rename the Bourbon Park Pavilion to Lemler Pavilion. Member McFarland motioned to approve, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers asked to have a letter sent by our attorney, Alex Hoover, to address a burned out home located at 408 E. Liberty. Member Clemens moved to address this situation, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A letter to commit \$160,000.00 to the Stellar Trails Project was presented for approval. Construction would begin in 2024 and Member Clemens offered the motion for approval, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

An amendment to the WW Improvement Contract from Wessler Engineering was presented for approval. Member McFarland motioned to approve, Member Clemens seconded and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to bring before the council.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #3463 – 3571 in the amount of \$379,428.67. Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Ms. Berger presented a request from Elizabeth Hulings to use the park pavilion for the Summerfest pageant and Jr. Cheerleading practice at no cost. Member McFarland motioned to allow the use Mondays through Thursdays until August 5, 2021, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

William Martin, Police Chief was absent from the meeting but submitted his monthly report

Roger Terry, Street Department Supervisor, presented his activity report and asked approval to hire Hensley Concrete to repair sidewalks in town at a cost of \$19,650.00. Member Clemens moved to accept the bid, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. A contract from JPR Engineering was presented to apply for the Community Crossings round 2 grant at a price not to exceed \$8,940.00. Member Clemens motioned to accept the contract, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Steve Stacy, Water/Wastewater Superintendent presented his activity report and discussed the need to replace the water plant which was constructed in 1965. Stacy stated that he has been working with Wessler Engineering and asked permission to accept the engineering contract for \$280,000.000 to apply for the SWIF grant and to design the plant. Funding was discussed on how the plant would be paid for. Depending on the grant award, funding will be dealt with in the future. Member McFarland motioned to accept the contract, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department advised the Council that he has been working with the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals to train them on the zoning requirements and their roles as members.

Mike Chapman, Fire Chief reported that department had 4 runs. He stated that the training for the employees to drive the tanker in case of a fire during the day went well. Chapman announced that the Department would be having a fundraiser for fireworks on Sunday, July 25th at the downtown First Merchant's park. Chapman asked the Council for a donation for fireworks. Member Clemens motioned to donate \$700, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover stated that the agreement for the McVicker property has been sent to her and is awaiting signatures.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Chuck Dewitt stated publicly what a wonderful group of employees that the town has and how very helpful and courteous they are to the citizens. He said that being an outsider to the community he felt he needed to share what an impact they make compared to other communities that he works with.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President Byers stated that the new playground equipment has arrived and should be installed the first part of September. He also stated that the Sport Courts fundraiser was a success and that \$32,065.00 was raised and the State of Indiana will be matching \$30,000.00. He thanked all the members of the community that donated to make this happen in our park. Byers stated that the asphalt construction to the court should begin in mid to late August and the cost is what was originally quoted at \$41,825.00.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

Ward Byers, President