

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Byers announced the public hearing on the 2022 budget. Member McFarland motioned to open the public hearing. Ms. Berger presented the 2022 budget in the amount of \$1,664,130.00 for all funds. Member McFarland questioned if there was anything that we could add additionally, Ms. Berger stated that with our assessed valuation and our maximum levy that we are obligated to budget within our means. Being no other questions, Ms. Berger announced that the budget adoption will take place on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Member Clemens motioned to close the public hearing and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MINUTES: Member McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021, meeting, which was seconded by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: President Byers reintroduced Ordinance 2021-05 with establishes fees for variances. Member Clemens motioned to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 2021-05 on the second and third reading, Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Ordinance 2021-6 was reintroduced addressing the removal of tree waste by professional tree services. Member Clemens just verified that this ordinance did not pertain to homeowners that cut or removed trees on their property by themselves. Member McFarland motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-6 on the second and third readings, Member Clemens added the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers presented the resignation of Susie Schaeztle from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Member McFarland motioned to accept, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. President Byers thanked Ms. Schaeztle for her past service. Byers presented the resignation from Steve Stacy effective August 27, 2021. Member Clemens motion to accept the resignation, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Member McFarland motioned to appoint Roger Terry as interim supervisor, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Member Clemens stated that he felt it was in the best interest to leave the Supervisor role in the utilities department vacant at this time.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #3691 - 3742 in the amount of \$244,097.77. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Ms. Berger stated that the Town Trick-or-Treat would be held on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Ms. Berger gave an update on the Wastewater Improvement Project that is beginning. She stated that Miller Pipeline moved their equipment into town and will begin slip lining the pipes on Wednesday, September 15. She also advised the Council that the Town was not awarded the SWIF grant for the water treatment plant, but we will be applying again in 2022.

William Martin, Police Chief submitted his monthly report. Martin asked permission to place Brandon Ewing on the reserve roster. Martin stated that Officer Geiger did his home interview and was very impressed. Member Clemens motioned to allow the request, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry, Street Department Supervisor, presented his activity report and the report of the Utility Department. Terry reported that the basketball goals have been installed at the park. He also stated that the new "Welcome to Bourbon" signs were installed. President Byers stated that the Triton signs that were originally placed at the entrance to town would be reinstalled on Liberty and Shaffer to enhance the entrance to our school campus.

Mr. Terry advised the Council that he would have a start date for leaf pick up at the October meeting.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department, stated that he has been working with the Plan Commission and going page by page of the zoning ordinance. He is impressed with the Commission and the BZA on learning their roles and responsibilities.

Mike Chapman, Fire Chief was present and gave an update that his department responded to 6 calls the past month.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover stated that he had not received a response from Carl Schaeztle concerning his property at 408 E. Liberty. Mr. Schaeztle was in attendance at the meeting, and he presented a timeline for repairs of the home. He stated that hopefully by the end of October he would have the windows and siding replaced and the charred remains in the yard cleaned up. Then beginning in November, he would start cleaning up the inside and a dumpster will be placed on the property. He is aware that he will be needing a licensed electrician to due the rewiring per NIPSCO. Mr. DeWitt stated that the structure was in good shape and was not comprised in anyway.

Mr. Hoover and Mr. DeWitt gave an update of the Holm property located at 606 N Washington. Mr. DeWitt stated that NIPSCO had turned on the electric to the property and that there were just a few minor things that needed to be completed to bring the house up to standard. Mr. DeWitt

also stated that he had been in the property at 305 N. Thayer and it was in good condition inside and out. Ms. Holm's attorney, Mr. Daniel Vanderpool was in attendance and stated that his client completed the majority of the work prior to the 6-month deadline. Mr. Vanderpool would not comment on whether or not Ms. Holm planned on leasing the property. He stated that she has a sentimental attachment to these properties.

Mr. Hoover stated that the agreement for the McVicker property located at 122 N. Main Street has not been resolved concerning the safety of the windows

PATRON'S COMMENTS: No Patron's comments.

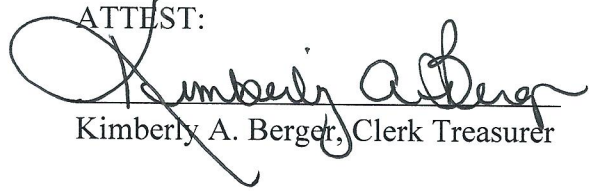
COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President Byers reminded the public on the Dog Chip Event that will be taking place at the Matchett Center on Saturday, September 18th from 9 to noon.

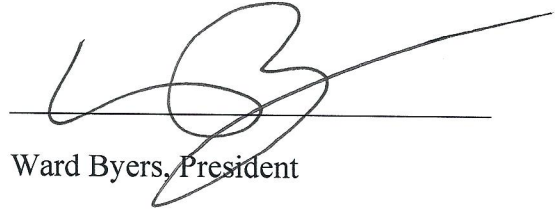
Member Clemens asked about an unplated car on South Main Street. Chief Martin stated that it had been taken care of.

Member McFarland inquired about the Habitat Home grants on East Center Street. President Byers stated that the bids went out, but, unfortunately, they are having trouble getting people to bid. McFarland also questioned the water tower issue and the resolution with Leary Construction. Mr. Hoover stated that they had been playing phone tag and would definitely have a resolution by the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:42 p.m., a second was offered by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer


Ward Byers, President