

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, with Council Members, Les McFarland Terry Clemens, Jonah Best, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger, present in person. Attorney Alex Hoover was not present. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024, meeting, Member Clemens seconded and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: The Solar Ordinance was discussed and Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director stated that the revisions had been sent to Attorney Alex Hoover and they are awaiting the changes.

NEW BUSINESS: Ordinance 2024-01 was presented that deals with overnight parking on North Main Street from Quad to Park Avenue and East & West Center Street from North Harris Street to North Bourbon Street. President McFarland read the Ordinance in entirety. Discussion ensued and the Council feels it is in the best interest of the Downtown merchants to eliminate overnight parking. Member Clemens motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-01 on first reading, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2024-02 was then presented to convert the existing Yield signs to Stop Signs. President McFarland read the Ordinance in its entirety. Member Clemens motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-02 on first reading, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Street Superintendent, Roger Terry, stated that it would take approximately 2 weeks to order and receive the new signs.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 6135 - 6233 in the amount of \$717,279.88. Council Member Best motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger asked for approval of Pay App #9 for Crosby Construction in the amount of \$194,888.51. Member Clemens motioned to approve Pay App 9, Member Best seconded and passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented the Council will a copy of the 2023 Annual Report that has been reviewed and approved by Council and set to be published in The Pilot News.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Martin gave an update and timeframe for the completion of the department's members at the Police and Reserve Academy.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry advised the Council that the application for Round 1 of the Community Crossings grant was submitted. The grant will cover pavement micro sealing this round. Terry presented several quotes for tree removal. Roger Terry's recommendation was to accept the bid from Supreme Tree in the amount of \$6,500.00. Member Best motioned to approve, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passes 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director provided her report to the council and gave a public update on the recent meeting of the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Schaetzle asked the Council to appoint Amy Middaugh and Tim McIntyre to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Member Best motioned to approve the appointments, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passes 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Schaetzle presented an informational flyer to the Council for review that she intends to send out to apartment owners explaining the ordinance requirements and general information.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, advised the council that the department had 6 calls last month. Stepp advised the Council that he will be traveling to Indianapolis on February 26th to see Paul Martin, department member, be awarded for his 50 years of service by the IVFA. Stepp was asked by Clerk-Treasurer Berger if he had spoken to Attorney Hoover about an ordinance about smoke detectors in apartments. Stepp advised that he had not but would look into it and felt it was necessary due to a recent apartment fire.

President McFarland asked the students from the Government class to please stand, state their names and told them he appreciated their attendance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover was not present.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Patron Keith Spencer voiced his opinion against the no overnight parking ordinance. Spencer stated that 15 years ago his uncle, whom then owned the property, asked if he could put apartments in the building and he was told that he could. There are two apartments and only room in the back for 2 parking spaces. Spencer stated that he was not aware of the parking requirements.

Tyler Lozier, owner of an apartment building on Center Street also voiced his displeasure in the proposed parking ordinance. He stated that he felt that enforcing a new ordinance would discourage potential business owners from wanting to purchase a building in our downtown area.

Member Jonah Best stated that our current business owners are concerned that their businesses will not have enough parking space for their customers and feels that the Town needs to address this issue now to look out for future growth and development.

President McFarland stated that the overnight parking causes issues when trying to clear snow in the winter.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: The Council Members stated that they appreciated the conversations about the proposed ordinances and are willing to discuss the matter further with patrons.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., a second was offered by Member Best and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Les McFarland", is written over a horizontal line.

Les McFarland, President