

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, with Council Members, Les McFarland Terry Clemens, Jonah Best, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person and Attorney Alex Hoover present via phone. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, regular meeting Member Best offered the second it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Member Best motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on April 11, 2024, Member Clemens seconded and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BID OPENING: President McFarland opened the only bid received from Pavement Solutions, Inc. The bid amount was in the amount of \$177,121.00. Mark, from JPR was present to review the documents and stated that all documents was accounted for and gave a favorable recommendation for Council to accept. Council Member Clemens motioned to accept, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: The part-time employee job description was reintroduced after being tabled at the April meeting. Council member Best motioned to approve advertising for this position, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Council recommended to advertise for a period of 1 week, and then leave the decision to Public Works Superintendent Roger Terry to make the final decision.

NEW BUSINESS: Annett Haining of Marshall County Hope was present to request the OPIOD Restricted Funds from the Town of Bourbon due to a grant that ended which provided funding for them. Discussion ensued on the restrictions that this funding can be used for. Member Clemens motioned to approve donating the \$5,737.00 funding that the town received to Marshall County Hope, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk Treasurer Berger presented the CF-1 paperwork for approval from CT Polymers, LLC. Berger stated that CT Polymers, LLC was in total compliance with their tax abatement request and that they have far exceeded their original request. Council Member Best motioned for approval since the property owner has complied with the Statement of Benefits, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Michelle Gonzales, appeared before the Council to request the use of the Street Department facility and water to host a fundraiser for the Triton Rhythmic Revolution on August 3, 2024,

from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Council Member Best motioned to approve the request, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chief Martin asked the Council to accept Brock Vermillion's resignation from the Bourbon Police Department effective April 11, 2024. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the resignation, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 6385-6492 in the amount of \$752,595.79. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger asked for approval of Pay App #12 for Crosby Construction in the amount of \$770,129.67. Member Best motioned to approve Pay App 12, Member Clemens seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Approval was given to Clerk-Treasurer Berger to raise the Petty Cash from \$50.00 to \$100.00 due to the increased cost of postage to mail water samples to the State of Indiana to stay compliant. Council Member Clemens motioned to allow, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Due to the recent vacation of an Officer, Martin asked the Council if he could move forward with interviewing for a replacement and offer the opportunity to members currently within the department. Martin was given the approval to begin the process and then to bring the candidates to the council. Martin also asked for research to be done and changes made to the current golf cart ordinance. He stated that he has been noticing some small children that are not properly secured and finds that troubling. President McFarland asked Attorney Hoover to investigate several surrounding golf cart ordinances and we will move forward with this situation next month.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry provided the Council with a quotation from Hensley & Son, Inc. for concrete work in the 500 block of South Main Street in the amount of \$18,200.00. Terry stated that his budget only allowed for the expense of \$15,000.00. The council advised Terry to reduce the area to stay within his budget. Council Member Clemens motioned to accept the quotation due to perspective changes, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Caroline Gregory, Water Operator in Charge, requested to purchase a Hydrant Buddy from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$5,945.00. The piece of equipment is used to exercise the valves located throughout the town. Council Member Clemens motioned to allow the purchase, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director did not provide a written report to the council and gave a public statement on the scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission where they did not have enough

members present for a quorum. Schaetzle stated that due to the lack of members present, she is hoping to have the changes to the zoning book available to the council for review before the next public meeting in June.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, advised the council that the department had 8 calls last month. Stepp advised the Council that the First Responder Unlimited technology to provide fields ops to the department's personnel would cost \$23.94 monthly as well as a yearly fee of \$120.00. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

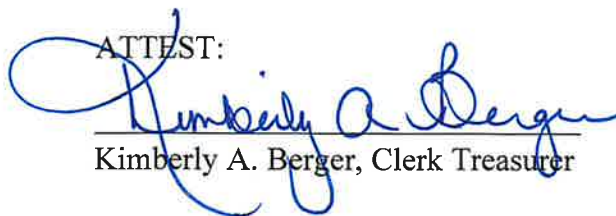
TOWN ATTORNEY: Alex Hoover stated via phone that the Holm's trial is now slated for June 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Hoover asked for guidance from the council concerning the McVicker property located on Main Street. The council stated that they felt that the glass on the front of the building needed replaced as promised or the Town would move forward and file a nuisance complaint.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Lou Doll was present to ask questions regarding the Overnight Parking Ordinance 2024-01 that was passed at the April meeting. Discussion ensued with the Council members reiterating that Landlords need to provide their tenants with off street parking and their intention was to incite business development in the downtown area.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President McFarland thanked the students in attendance. Member Clemens stated that he had no further comment. Member Best challenged the Council Members to produce ideas to help promote rentals at the Matchett Event Center. Triton student Elias Lucas stated he felt that it would be beneficial to promote the special rental price to parents of upcoming Triton graduates for a venue to hold graduation parties. President McFarland asked Mr. Lucas to speak with Teacher Derek Eveland to see if there were any students who would be interested in making a video or pamphlet to help promote the Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Best made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer



Les McFarland, President