

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, with Council Members, Les McFarland Terry Clemens, Jonah Best, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger, and Attorney Alex Hoover present in person. 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 May 14, 2024, regular meeting Member Best offered the second it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: During May's meeting, Member Best challenged the other members to come up with ideas on improving productivity at the Matchett Center. Clerk-Treasurer Berger informed the members of issues with the ice machine and the refrigerated cooler. Member Best stated that he would look into getting quotes on replacing the ice machine and Berger was told to find someone to look at the refrigerated unit and to have Mr. Chupp pull the unit out and clean the coils. Patron Dena Wattenbarger stated that recently Lemler Meats had someone look at theirs and suggested we utilize that person to inspect it.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Brett Lackey was present to give an update on Propel US30W. He stated that the intersections in our area that would be left open would be at Fir Road and US 30 and State Road 331 and US 30.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 6493 to 6574 in the amount of \$521,459.27. 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 #13 for Crosby Construction in the amount of \$254,108.33. Member Best motioned to approve Pay App 13, Member Clemens seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger informed the Council that her office and the Police Department had received numerous complaints about feral cats. She asked the Council on advisement and no guidance was given.

Berger thanked the Fire Department on behalf of the Utility department for assisting in flushing the lines at the new water plant. Berger also thanked Deputy Clerk Maci Helton for a very successful Music in the Park on Friday, June 7, 2024. She also advised the public on the upcoming events in July; Music in the Park on July 19th featuring Justin Staublin and Touch a Truck on July 27th.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Martin asked to hire Carl Amsden as a patrolman and would revisit reinstating him in the Sargeant position in January 2025. Council Member Best motioned to accept the hiring, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry asked the council to approve the hiring of Brandt Miller as of June 3, 2024, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. Council Member Best motioned to accept the hiring, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director gave an update on the Plan Commission meeting that was held on June 10, 2024. She stated that a public hearing was held to discuss splitting the parcels at 308 E. Center Street. She stated that the matter was tabled due to questions and concerns the members had. Schaetzle also stated that the Plan Commission had passed Resolution PC2024-001 in April to rezone the parcel located at 401 S. Harris. She asked the council to approve Ordinance 2024-05 accepting the rezone. Member Clemens motioned to suspend the rules to pass on all three readings, Member Best offered the second. Member Best then motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-05, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Schaetzle also gave an overview of the changes that the Plan Commission would like to have changed. She asked the Council to review the changes that the Plan Commission adopted on Resolution PC2024-002. The Council will address the changes during the July meeting.

Alex Gaughan, Bourbon Fire Department Member, advised the council that the department had 4 calls last month.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Alex Hoover reported that the Holm's trial is slated for June 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and asked Clerk-Treasurer Berger to be in attendance. Hoover advised the council that the McVicker property located on Main Street has until the June 28th to address the concerns at their property. Hoover stated that the windows are scheduled to be installed on June 22, 2024. Hoover also asked the Council if they had reviewed the revised golf cart ordinance that he had provided to them. The council asked for more time to review and make suggestions for updates.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Francis Berkey was in attendance to ask for monetary support of the Parade for Summerfest in the amount of \$170.00. Berkey was given praise from the Town Council on her efforts in organizing the event.

Rhonda Swihart, patron at 110 W. Center Street, was in attendance to voice her concerns over the recent ordinance that addressed no parking between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. She stated that she or the apartment owner never received a letter stating that this change was going to take place. Ms. Swihart received an ordinance violation ticket after the ordinance was passed. She states that the apartment owner, Lori Clevenger, does not have any space to provide off street parking. Ms. Clevenger, property owner, stated that she was not aware of the ordinance that states apartment owners must provide off street parking for their tenants when she purchased the property. Ms.

Swihart is concerned about not being able to park close to her apartment and for safety reasons does not want to have to park a block away. They asked if there was an option to purchase a special permit to allow parking along West Center Street outside of her apartment. Discussion ensued, with Member Terry Clemens and Jonah Best stating that overnight parking has become an issue and feels that it is in the best interest of the downtown area to have it enforced. The Council stated that they are not in favor of allowing special parking permits and suggested that she contact First Merchants Bank to see if they would allow her to utilize their parking lot.

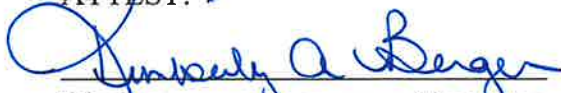
Lou Doll was present to ask the Council for some guidance. She stated that since Overnight Parking Ordinance 2024-01 was passed at the April meeting, the neighbors next to a property she owns now park their vehicle with an attached trailer on the sidewalk. Discussion ensued with the Council members stating that a letter needed to be sent to that homeowner because it violates Ordinance 1997-3 5.4 Obstruction of sidewalk. Susie Schaetzle was instructed to send them a letter.


Dena Wattenbarger next appeared before the Council stating that the weeds in the downtown area needed to be sprayed. The Council asked Roger Terry if this could be accomplished and replied it could. Wattenbarger also stated that it should not be something that needed to be asked to have done, it should be taken care of yearly to keep the downtown looking nice.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no Council Comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 7:09 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


Les McFarland, President