

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, Terry Clemens, 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 Best made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2025, regular scheduled council meeting, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: The request from Dustin's place was revisited. Member Best stated that he felt this program in our community was very beneficial and motioned to approve sponsorship of \$10,000.00 being paid from our Opioid Restricted Funds, a donation line item and money that was allocated to Council on Aging. Member Clemens added the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The Agreement from Michiana Area Council of Governments for vehicle electric charging stations was discussed after being tabled in January. Attorney Hoover was asked if he was happy with the changes that were made and he stated that he felt the wording was in line with his vision. Council Member Clemens motioned to move forward with the agreement at this time for the grant application, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Best brought a request to the Council from the Boy Scouts. They would like to host a Lock-In at the Matchett Event Center on March 1, 2025. Best asked to waive the rental fee in lieu of the Scouts participating in a clean-up day in our Parks. President McFarland motioned to approve, Member Clemens offer the second and the motion passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Member Best presented the Economic Development Agreement between the CRP Bourbon LLC and the Town of Bourbon to foster economic development in and within the 2 mile zoning area. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the agreement, President McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 7161 to 7221 in the amount of \$259,092.85. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented Pay Application #19 for Crosby Construction in the amount of \$188,595.00. Member Best motioned to approve, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger presented the Annual Report for 2024 for Approval. President McFarland motioned to approve, Member Best seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented to the council the financial impact that SB1 could have on the Town of Bourbon if the bill would pass at the State House. Greg Hildebrand, Marshall County Economic Development CEO interjected that earlier in the day there were adjustments made to the bill that would possibly not result in such dramatic cuts to the cities and towns in the state. Berger asked to Council to stay on top of this and to reach out to our representatives to let them know how impactful it would be to our Town if it would pass.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry presented the quotes as well as the engineering report for the Bell Tower on the Town Hall. He asked the Council to review and compare the quotes. Member Best motioned to table for further review, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Shane McIntyre, Bourbon Fire Department informed the Council the department had 8 calls last month; 1 car fire, 1 medical assist, 1 mutual aid with Bremen and 2 signal 9's and 3 1050's. McIntyre expressed his gratitude to the council for the approval of the new air packs. He stated that they are now in service.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, presented her report to the Council. Schaetzle stated that the Plan Commission did not have a voting quorum for their meeting on February 10 and that the request would need to be revisited at the March 10th meeting. She stated that the BZA met and appointed their officers for 2025 as follows: Spencer Standley, President, Amber Van Ness, Vice President and Nic Lindsey Secretary. Schaetzle asked to reappoint Roger Terry and Bill Martin to the Plan Commission and Mike Chapman and Nic Lindsey to the Board of Zoning Appeals all to a 4 year term. Member Best motioned to approve the appointments, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover gave an update on the Karen Holm's court case that took place on February 3rd. The judge felt that Ms. Holms was not given adequate notice to be able to respond to the request before an ordinance violation was issued. Mr. Hoover and the Council stated to Chief Martin new procedures needed to be put into place for future violations.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger questioned Hoover if a response was received from the Owners of Parkview Place Apartment complex. Hoover stated that he had not and that he will be working on getting that into the court system.

PATRON’S COMMENTS: Greg Hildebrand, Marshall County Economic Development CEO was present and stated that he had reached out to United Parcel Service after the announcement that they would be closing the facility located on Elm Road. Mr. Hildebrand stated that a spokesperson for UPS stated that they were not closing the facility as of June 30, 2025, that it was just a rumor.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President McFarland thanked the Town Employees for all they do.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Best made the motion to adjourn at 6:43 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