

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, with Council Members, Les McFarland Terry Clemens, Jonah Best, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger in person, and Attorney Alex Hoover via phone. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING: President McFarland opened the public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer Berger stated the 2025 budget totaling \$2,020,486.00 was advertised. She gave a breakdown of the totals for the individual funds. Being no patrons had questions or concerns, Member Clemens motioned to close the Public Hearing, Member Best seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MINUTES: Member Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024, regular meeting, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance 2024-06 was reintroduced after passing on first and second readings that addressed changes to Chapter 3 of the current zoning ordinance. Member Best motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-06 on the third and final reading, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Leah from MACOG was present to discuss a grant opportunity to install electric vehicle charging stations within the Town of Bourbon. She presented information on how the program worked and also opportunities that could arise in helping purchase electric vehicles in the future. Member Best motioned to proceed with the grant application, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims 6750 to 6815 in the amount of \$376,557.32. 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 #16 for Crosby Construction in the amount of \$119,587.05. Member Best motioned to approve Pay App 16, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Change Order #1 in the amount of \$10,637.00 was presented. This change order is for our community crossings grant to redistribute funds within the project from a underrun with not additional cost to the Town. Member Best motioned to approve Change order 3, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented a sidewalk program request from the resident located at 206 N. Thompson. The Town's portion would be \$1,600.00. Member Best motioned to approve, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger informed the Council that she was approached by Heidi Carroll of Bourbon Street Pizza and would like to do a fund raiser to start a fund for Spay/Neutering stray cats in town. Member Best motioned to allow, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger reminded the Council that the adoption of the 2025 budget will take place on September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. She also informed the Council that the medical insurance rates for 2025 had a zero percent increase.

Berger also reminded the Council of the Fall Fest that will take place out front of the Town Hall on September 28<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Chief Martin submitted the Police Department's monthly report. Chief Martin asked the Council to accept the resignation from Dan Sammartano from part-time police status. Member Best motioned to accept the resignation, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry informed the council that the fence has been installed at the Town's property located at 700 S. Ecker Street. Discussion ensued with the decision to open the gate back up to the public beginning September 16, 2024.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director gave an update on the BZA meeting that was held on September 9, 2024. Schaetzle stated that Tim McIntyre resigned from the BZA due to personal conflicts. Schaetzle asked to appoint Jill Montalbano to the BZA. Member Best motioned to approve Montalbano, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. She also mentioned that she had received complaints concerning dogs not being walked on a leash and allowed to potty in other's yards without picking it up. President McFarland stated that the Police Department is the only one that can write Ordinance Violation tickets.

Clerk-Treasurer gave the report for Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Department Chief. She reported that the department had 6 calls last month, 2 medical assists, 2 Signal 9's and 2 gas leaks. She also informed the Council that the Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A request to close off Park Avenue was made, Member Best motioned to allow, Member Clemens seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover had nothing to report.

PATRON’S COMMENTS: Greg Hildebrand from the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation was present to give updates on Economic happenings in Marshall County. Mr. Hildebrand also asked for financial assistance from the Town in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 2024 and an additional \$10,000.00 in 2025. President McFarland asked that the request could be tabled and set up a work session with the Council and Mr. Hildebrand for September 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President McFarland thanked the students that were in attendance.

Member Best stated that he had reached out to several companies to acquire a quote for the roof on the park pavilion with no luck.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m., a second was offered by Member Best and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

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Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

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Les McFarland, President