

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall – 5pm
July 22, 2024

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, Jake Gibson, and Roger Waddell

Corbin King, attorney, was also present.

Myrna Claar gave prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable said he wrote 2 permits – one for demolition and one for a new convenience store, both at 215 W. Main St.

The minutes from the June 24, 2024 meeting and a special meeting on July, 17, 2024 were approved with a motion by Roger Waddell and a second by Pat Reel. All members voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. She said she had been working to get caught up from her recent absence, and added a special shout out to Lynn Waddell, Harlee Reel, and Pat Reel for helping out. Megan said she is in the midst of an audit and working on budget. The budget meeting with the DLGF is coming up on July 30th.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson said he didn't have a written report as time had not allowed. Craig said the drain by First Baptist Church is being worked on and the drainage issue on South Union St. is being worked on. They had to find the break in the line with a camera and hydro excavating, and there will need to be pipe ordered for the repairs as well. There is a new quote from Davidson Excavating to fix both of these issues in the amount of not to exceed \$74,000.00 unless problems arise, and at that time a decision would be made and dealt with. The pipe that is needed will be extra money and not part of this quote. Pat Reel made a motion to approve the new quote that replaces the old one for Davidson Excavating to fix these 2 drainage problems as stated above. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Ned Sutherland thanked the town for solving their issues with this drainage.

Pat Reel made a motion for Craig to order the pipe that is needed for the project and take it out of MVH approp. #362. Jake Gibson seconded. Craig said it should be around \$4,000.00. The motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Craig Thompson had sidewalk quotes from AR Custom Concrete to rebuild and repair sidewalks on North Street (Liberty to Union St.) in the amount of \$22,800.00, and on East St. (Main St. to the alley) in the amount of \$9,400.00.

Pat Reel said the ARP money needs to be spent this year. He would like us to use this on these projects:

To finish the North and South Union Sidewalk projects for about \$159,000.00

To take care of the drainage issues at First Baptist Church lot town drain and S. Union Street drainage and catch basin for about \$74,000.00.

To take care of North St. and East St. sidewalk repairs and rebuilding for about \$21,000.00 (this one is only partial balance). The remainder of this sidewalk project will come from Rainy Day in the amount of \$11,300.00 (total project \$32,200.00).

Pat Reel made a motion to spend the ARP money on the above projects to be able to use it. He knows in the past we have said we were going to use it on the lab building at the new wastewater plant, but we need to spend it and he is not sure if the timing will work right so he would like to use it on these projects instead. We will need a resolution to be able to use the ARP money. Corbin King said he could take care of this. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh said our 2 reserve officers are waiting on one final piece of training, and then they will be able to start riding.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

EMA Advisory – Nothing to report.

Health Department – Rick Homkes said they will have an active shooter drill table top exercise coming up soon.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said the easements for the sidewalk project are almost done. Corbin asked what we want to do with the new off-road vehicle ordinance that the county now has. There was not a definite answer just some discussion. Roger Waddell made a motion to table this for now until we have more info and Corbin talks to the county. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Don Parvin thanked Judi Johnson for all her work on the easements and helping to get them notarized. He also thanked Lynn Waddell, and Harlee and Pat Reel for all their help recently.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes said they are still working on signage placement, and TIF District # 2 is being worked on.

Myrna Claar was present and said that Patrick from Clifford Signs said they are not bonded to do the sign installation work on the new signs. The original quote for the new signs was for the signs and installation. There was discussion about this as it is felt that it is not right that it was quoted as everything included and they cannot install it now. Roger Waddell made a motion to ask for a refund from Clifford Signs as they can't follow through with what they quoted. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Rick Homkes asked to run this through the upcoming TIF meeting this Thursday to work through this.

Greg Landrum made a motion to work this problem out at the TIF meeting with the motion that was just made of requesting a refund from Clifford as they can't install the sign and are not holding up their end of the contract. Jake Gibson seconded. Roger Waddell was opposed. The motion carried with Greg, Jake, and Pat voting for passage.

Historical Society – Nothing new to report.

Park and Tree Board – Rick Homkes said they had just over \$300K with money and in-kind donations for the playground. Dave Kieser is working on the grant application for this and it will be ready for review this coming Wednesday, and will be submitted before the deadline of August 1st.

Dave Kieser – Dave said the sidewalk project on South Union St. is underway and North Union sidewalks will follow. He is working on a plan for the next phase of the Interurban. He is also working on a layout for the lab and maintenance building for the new wastewater plant.

Trash Contract – Megan Reel said she had not received the pricing she was supposed to get from Waste Management for extending the current contract another 2 years. With this information then we can decide how to proceed. This will be tabled again for this month and revisited next month.

Trash Day Change – This was previously discussed. Megan said Waste Management asked her if we would be ok with them changing the trash day from Friday to Wednesday. Roger Waddell gave a few reasons he thought it could be a good idea. After some discussion, Roger Waddell made a motion to allow Waste Management to change trash days from Friday to Wednesday with the contract through 12/31/2024. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Jake, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Live Streaming – We will check with Corbin on this.

Sidewalks – This was talked about earlier in the meeting.

Sealing – Pat Reel said he got quotes from Jansen Asphalt Sealing and Preferred Asphalt Sealcoating to have the Town Hall, Community Center, and trail sealed. Jansen's quote for all of these was \$12,555.00, and Preferred quote for all these was \$16,250.00. Pat Reel made a motion to accept Jansen's Asphalt Sealing quotes for all 3 locations in the total amount of \$12,555.00. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

3 Trees – Pat Reel said this is just info but wanted everyone to be aware that the 3 trees that needed to come out for the sidewalk project will cost \$4,200.00. This is part of the grant.

Community Center budget - Craig Thompson put together some budget numbers for the Community Center. Our recent budget work session meeting prompted this to see if the Community Center could sustain itself like it was supposed to be able to. The rate of the rental was discussed as the last 2 years it has come out in the red. Pat Reel made a motion to change the appropriation for the community center fund to \$20,000.00 for 2025 and take everything out of it, and not use the community center appropriation line within the general fund. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Darlene Homkes was present and wanted to make sure the public was aware they have coffee and conversation on Monday mornings for anyone who wants to come. They usually have about 18-20 people. They now do blood pressure checks on Monday mornings and exercise classes on Fridays.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Gibson seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:40 pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer