

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Budget Public Hearing for 2025 budget
Russiaville Town Hall – 5:00 pm
August 26, 2024

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, and Roger Waddell.
Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Don Parvin gave prayer, mentioning the Hewitt family and the loss of Rob Hewitt.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Don Parvin opened the public hearing for the 2025 Budget.

Don Parvin read the figures for the 2025 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$1,081,630.00. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the 2025 budget figures as read. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Greg voting for passage.

There were no comments from the council or guests.
Don Parvin closed the 2025 Budget public hearing.

Don Parvin – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan said she has made an additional report for the appropriations. It is up to date as of now, instead of as of the end of the previous month, and it is a little easier to read. Megan added, she is still working through an audit with the state.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was not able to be here but left a written report. Pat Reel said the contractor for the North and South Union sidewalk project will be back the second week of September to finish. Pat Reel said the creek and banks at the wastewater plant had been cleaned up. This will help with water flow.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. Our 2 new reserves are here tonight, training is going well and they are doing a great job. Josh had a quote for Axon, for 4 body cameras and 4 tazers. This was previously discussed. Josh talked to the prosecutor's office, and they have agreed to pay for the first year in the amount of \$7,181.21, of the 5-year term for this totaling \$31,192.31. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the Axon 5-year contract. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Greg voting for passage.

Josh also had quotes to get the inside of the Police Department painted. One from Heritage Custom Painting for \$4,200.00, and the other from Royal Custom Painting for \$2,800.00. Roger Waddell asked when the last time it was painted, it was said that probably the last time Roger did it. Roger said that was 1998. Roger Waddell made a motion to allow Royal Custom Painting to paint the interior of the police department for \$2,800.00. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Greg, and Pat voting for passage.

Josh said he is working on Flock Camera info as requested and the quotes for the cars for next year to see if we can swing it.

Don Parvin asked reserve deputy Kelley and reserve deputy Jarrett how things were going. They both agreed that things are going well so far.

Public Safety and EMA Advisors – Don asked Megan to flip flop those 2 items on the agenda so that EMA was right after the Marshal's Dept.

Heath Dept – No new business to report.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said the easements are all done and recorded. Corbin said he was asked to look into the property at 220 Lions St., and the 5-acres north of the sewer plant. These 2 just need to be annexed into town. There are also railroad easement that Corbin will watch and advise on. Roger Waddell made a motion for Corbin to take care of these things. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Plan Commission – No new business to report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Megan said there is a property that the owner would like to rezone, and there is another property that the owner would like to split the current lot. She has asked the BOZ president a couple of times and has not heard back from him. Don Parvin said we will get it figured out.

Historical Society – Don Parvin said Dave Kieser is working on Phase II of the Interurban plan.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said the DNR will respond by October 14th letting us know if we were approved for the grant for the playground or not. Also, Jill said they are looking into replacing the little elf tree thing in Brady Park.

Trash Contract – Waste Management representative, Daniela, was here and provided 2-year extension prices per household for 2025 (\$14.12) and 2026 (\$14.68). There was some discussion regarding starting from scratch and bidding this out, or extending our current contract with Waste Management. Pat Reel made a motion to extend the current contract with Waste Management for 2 years with the rates listed. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Megan Reel added, that after we decided last month that it would be ok that Waste Management changed the trash day, they decided they no longer wanted to and were going to keep trash day as Friday.

Livestream – Megan Reel had a quote from AV PRO for just over \$7,300.00. This will be taken under advisement and is tabled at least until September.

2025/2026 State Highway Sidewalk Project – Pat Reel said he just wanted everyone to be aware there would be sidewalks put in down State Rd 26 in the next couple of year. This is a state project.

Scott Gill was present to start a talk about a mobile coffee shop idea he has. Pat Reel asked about a permanent building, and Mr. Gill said he could be open to that. Roger Waddell had some zoning concerns. The council asked Mr. Gill to come up with a plan as to where he would put it, and what would be needed to be able to do it, and then they can talk further.

Resolution 2024-03 – A Resolution to appropriate ARPA funds to be able to use them. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Resolution 2024-03 so that we can allocate and spend our ARP money by the end of 2024. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Greg voting for passage.

Alley between College and Kinsey and First and East Streets – Megan said she was approached by a resident along there that said she will not mow the alley any more, because her neighbor drives down it. After some discussion of the past issues with this same alley, Roger Waddell made a motion to table it for now and hopefully the neighbors can come to some sort of agreement as he is not in favor of doing anything with it. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Greg, and Pat voting for passage.

Pat Reel said he had some residents in the Honey Creek Hills subdivision concerned about cracks in the roads. He saw the man from Pickett's Paving and got a quote for \$10,000.00. Pat also called Preferred Asphalt for a quote and it was \$3,900.00. There was some discussion about how bad it was and if it needed done now. Roger Waddell made a motion to table the crack sealing in Honey Creek Hills, and revisit it in 2025. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Megan Reel said she had the representative from textmygov contact her again. She also had someone contact her from Reach Alert. These are both text notifications. Roger Waddell asked how much would we use this. The council felt

the money would be better used at this time somewhere else. Pat Reel made a motion not to do any text alert programs at this time. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Lori Seaman from the library was present and said Rhiannon Thompson had helped to put a community calendar page on the Town of Russiaville website. This way organizations and people in general will know what is going on and hopefully events don't get overlapped. If there are things that need to be added, there are a few people that have agreed to do this for our community. Pat Reel said he really appreciated Rhiannon doing this, and doing all the website work, and always helping where she can for us. She does it on her own time and we are grateful that we have her.

TIF Board – Mark Fulk was present and said Clifford Signs will refund the downpayment for the “Welcome to Russiaville” signs as they cannot install them and that was part of the contract. Mark said the TIF board wants to make sure the council still wants the signs on State Rd. 26 and 750 W. Mark said the 2 signs for 750 W. are different than the ones on 26, so if the council is ok with Clifford still doing those the cost is \$5,097.15. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Clifford Signs to do the 2 “Welcome to Russiaville” signs on 750 W. only. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Greg voting for passage. There was some further discussion about the signs that were wanted on State Rd. 26. Pat Reel made a motion for TIF board to pursue other contractors to quote doing these signs. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

TIF Board is still working on TIF # 2 parcels.

There were no comments from guests.

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. Greg Landrum seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:16pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer