

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
January 14, 2025

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

Corbin King, attorney, was also present.

Don Parvin said a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers for 2025:

Greg Landrum made a motion to elect Don Parvin as President. Don Parvin declined. Therefore, the motion died for lack of a second. Jake Gibson made a motion to elect Roger Waddell as President. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Pat, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Roger Waddell made a motion to elect Pat Reel as Vice President. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Jake, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Minutes from December 23, 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan said in 2024 with our budget numbers and appropriations we were set up to spend about \$115,000.00 of our cash reserves. We didn't end up spending about \$83,000.00 of our appropriations, so we only ended up spending about \$32,000.00 of our cash. This is only in the general fund, but this is good.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson didn't have time to do a written report as he was plowing snow all day. Craig thanked Pat for helping as Paul was out sick today. There is nothing else pressing at this time.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had written reports. Josh had a quote to fix Carl's Charger from Misfit Towing in the amount of \$2,889.06. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Misfit Towing to do the work for \$2,889.06, and turn

it in on insurance as our deductible is \$1,000.00. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Josh also said the production for the Tahoe has been pushed back and will now start in July. He asked if we could push the money into 2026 because of this.

Megan said we will figure it out, and encumber the money if we need to.

Josh said the Axon body cameras and tasers will be here soon, and the Police Dept. is almost done on the inside.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson said there was nothing new to report.

Public Safety – There is nothing new to report.

Health Department – Rick Homkes said the first of 12 workshops that the Howard County Health Dept. is doing for the year that has been advertised is tomorrow night at the Lions Club, along with stop the bleed training.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he is working on the 2 properties for annexation. He is waiting on Megan at this point for the wastewater portion.

Plan Commission – Megan Reel said that Mike Kanable told her he had no new business for the last 2 months.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes said they are still waiting on all signage projects to begin. Don Parvin said he was asked about Donna Shepherd on the TIF board. He said she is on the TIF for a 2-year term so he thinks she can until her term is up, but we can replace her if that is what the TIF Board would like, since she is no longer on the school board. They will talk about it in February.

Historical Society – Nothing new to report.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby said the January meeting was canceled due to illness and they didn't have enough members coming to hold it. They are still waiting on the DNR about the grant for the playground.

Dave Kieser – There is nothing new to report.

Community Center rate and the Comcast quote for the Community Center – Roger Waddell asked about the quote from Comcast. Megan said it was a 3-year term that we would have to be locked in for, and was \$275.00 per/month for 2 years and then the 3rd year it would go up by \$45 per/month. Council decided to research this some more before making a decision. We are ok right now, but the internet is not great so we will need to do something in the near future.

There was also discussion of raising the rates for the Community Center rental. Jake Gibson made a motion to raise it to \$400.00 stating that he had checked a few places and their amenities and even at \$400.00 it was low. Pat Reel seconded. There was further discussion. Jake and Pat were in favor of the motion and Don and Greg were not. Roger Waddell did not vote in favor of raising the rate at this time. The motion did not pass.

Roger Waddell said he would like to have a special meeting to discuss this further. The special meeting was set for January 22nd at 5pm.

Arbor Day Resolution # 2025-01 – Roger Waddell read the resolution proclaiming April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the Resolution 2025-01. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Jake voting for passage.

Comments from Guests – Darlene Homkes said that the Lions Club does rentals also. Let's work together for rentals.

Comments from Council – Don Parvin said it has been a pleasure serving as President on the board these past several years. Roger Waddell said bring your knowledge

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Gibson seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 5:54pm.

Roger Waddell, President
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer