

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2015

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on March 10, 2015, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

Heather Barron appeared before the Council on behalf of the library. She explained her summer programs and activities at the library as well as her “hero” program, upcoming. She also asked the Council to contribute again to the summer programs being presented by the library. After brief discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve a donation of \$350.00 to the library, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council then reviewed a request from the United Pentecostal Church, asking for support of an upcoming program they were having. The town attorney expressed concern about making a donation to a religious entity. No action was taken on this request by the Council.

Brian Kitch next appeared before the Council and mentioned that the FFA auction would be upcoming. The Council asked department heads to think of things that might be obsolete and could be put into this auction.

The Council then discussed the letter it had received from the town’s insurance carrier about the appointment of the fire chief for the town. The town attorney was asked to draft a contract with the fire department for the Council’s consideration.

The town attorney then presented to the Council, Ordinance 2015-3, which would prohibit the enforcement of any traffic or moving violations in the town through the ordinance violation bureau. A discussion was then had about the letter that the Clerk-Treasurer had received from the Board of Accounts, which would make it difficult to run fines from such violations through the ordinance violation bureau going forward. After a brief discussion, Member McFarland moved to suspend the rules so that Ordinance 2015-3 could be passed on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council. Member McFarland then moved to pass Ordinance 2015-3 on all three readings, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Jerry Chavez of the Marshall County Development Commission next appeared before the Council to report on the proposals that he had received from parties interested in preparing the town’s comprehensive plan. He indicated that he had reviewed these proposals with Mr. Keyser and that they would recommend that the MACOG proposal to do this plan for \$28,500.00 be accepted. A discussion was then had by the Council about the

need for this plan and how it could be paid for. Questions were asked of both Mr. Keyser and Mr. Chavez about the parties submitting proposals to do the comprehensive plan for the town. After further discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to approve the MACOG proposal and to pay for the same out of the rainy day fund of the town, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then brought to the attention of the Council the Gibson Insurance proposal. A discussion was had about letting the current insurance provider know that the Council was considering other options with respect to its insurance coverage. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to contact Clevengers in Warsaw about this. The Council tabled the Gibson proposal until their next meeting.

Member McFarland then announced to the meeting that the annual Business Appreciation Dinner is now scheduled for May 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He indicated that several local office holders had been invited to attend and that all businesses in town would be invited to this luncheon as well.

Member McFarland then announced to the meeting that the next TIF meeting had been rescheduled to March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. He also asked the Council about obtaining more technology for Council use. He spoke in particular of the need for equipment so that power point presentations could be made to the Council. He also discussed the possibility of obtaining laptops for the Council's use so that the Clerk-Treasurer could transmit information to them on an easier basis. He then asked John Grolich, who was present for the meeting, if he could come up with a proposal on providing this additional technology to the Council. Mr. Grolich indicated that he would try to have such a proposal prepared and ready for the next council meeting.

Member Hanley then reported to the meeting on his visit to the park pavilion and improvements/repairs that he thinks should be made particularly to the kitchen in that pavilion. The Council asked that he obtain some quotes for the improvements/repairs he thinks are needed and to present to the Council at its next meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on the Brownfield Grant status. The Council complimented her on pursuing this grant and obtaining the same.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council that Mr. McIntyre, the Athletic Director at Triton School Corporation, had asked for the town's help in lawn care for the softball diamond this year. The Council agreed to equally share the cost of this lawn keeping service to the softball diamond.

Chief Bill Martin then submitted his monthly report to the Council. He also reported on the Reserve Program and that Kirk Ebersole and Rodney Ronk be added to the reserve list. He explained to the Council the background checks and other efforts made to make sure that they qualify to serve as reserve police officers. The Council approved his request to add them to the reserve program.

Chief Martin then reported on the acquisition of the Hummer and equipment for the same. He emphasized that this vehicle and equipment was obtained at no cost to the town. He also explained that it would be beneficial if they could add lights and sirens to this vehicle so that it could be used now in emergency situations. He indicated that it would cost \$1,199.00 to make this Hummer operational. A discussion was had by the Council that it should only be used in the event of an emergency and that its use must be approved by Chief Martin. After further discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved that the request to make the Hummer operational at a cost of \$1,199.00 be approved, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

Chief Martin then brought to the attention of the Council that one of his police cars is 5 years old and that normally it would be replaced with a new car. He said he would like to lease a car instead, so it could be paid for over the next two years out of his budget. The Council asked him to bring in quotes for this leased vehicle to the next meeting.

Roger Terry then submitted his monthly report to the Council. He indicated that his part-time employee was starting now with the better weather coming. He also reported that community day had been scheduled for May 9, 2015. Mr. McFarland asked that some leaf pick-up be done this spring since many people were not able to get their leaves out last year for pick-up, due to the weather. Mr. Terry agreed that he could make some extra pick-ups. The Council also asked that his letter on yard pick-up regulations be sent to each town household. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that she would work on getting that letter out.

Lyn Donathen next appeared before the Council to submit his monthly report. He also announced his retirement as of May 1, 2015. He emphasized though that he would like to remain with the town until his replacement could be found. The Council unanimously thanked Mr. Donathen for his service to the town and expressed their regret on his retirement. They all wished him well in that retirement. Mr. Donathen suggested to the Council that they consider combining now the water and sanitary sewer departments. He complimented Mr. Stacy on his work and felt that he could serve as department head over both departments going forward. The Council indicated that they would consider this and that they would start the process to find Mr. Donathen's replacement.

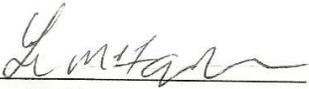
Steve Stacy then presented his monthly report to the Council.

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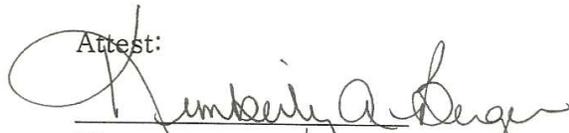
Mr. Keyser then appeared before the Council and reminded them of the upcoming Plan Commission meeting on Thursday and what matters would be taken up at the same.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer