

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 with Council Members, Ward Byers, Les McFarland, Terry Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person and Attorney Alex Hoover on conference call. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via the Town of Bourbon Facebook page.

MINUTES: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 14,21, and January 4, 11, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

BOARD REORGANIZATION: Member Clemens nominated Ward Byers to serve as Council President for 2021 with a second coming from Les McFarland. Member Clemens nominated Les McFarland as Vice President with President Byers offering the second. The nominations passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Member McFarland made the motion to retain Alex Hoover as the Town Attorney for 2021, Member Clemens seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISORS: Member Clemens motioned to retain William Martin as Police Chief, Roger Terry as Street/Parks Superintendent and Steve Stacy as Water/Wastewater Superintendent. Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Laura Walls, CEO and President of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation first appeared before the Council to introduce herself as the new director. Ms. Walls gave an insight to her background and experience in economic development and stated that she was anxious to work with the Town of Bourbon. Member McFarland voiced his concern because of experiences with the past director and Ms. Walls assured him that she was here to work individually with the towns on their vision.

Sealed bids were presented and opened for the 2012 Dodge Ram Police truck. Member Clemens motioned to approve the high bid of \$5,123.00 from Chase Schmucker, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Member McFarland stated that if the high bid fell through, then we would take the next highest bid from Joe Mersch in the amount of \$3,380.00 and council agreed. Other sealed bids received were as follows: Philip Fiscella for \$2,653.00, Hundt's Auto Salvage or \$2,255.00, David Clanton for \$2,200.00, Nic Lindsey for \$1,601.00, Yousef Dabbagh for \$1,575.00, Charles Salyer for \$1,500.00 and Edward Truty for \$1,000.00.

A contract for Chuck Dewitt was presented to fill the position of Zoning/Code Enforcement Commissioner was presented for discussion. Member Clemens motioned to approve Mr.

Dewitt's employment and contract for \$12,000.00 per year, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented a letter for Council approval to terminate the contract with Marshall County to eliminate the handling of building permits for the Town of Bourbon. A motion by Member McFarland, a second by Member Clemens to table the contract termination until research can be done by Chuck Dewitt on online possibilities for the town. The motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers asked Council permission to send a letter to the owners at 410 N. Washington Street. Currently, there is a fence panel that has fallen and laying in the adjacent property owner's yard and he would also like an update on the rehabilitation project to the home. McFarland motioned to allow the letter, Member Clemens seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented a slate of citizens to serve on the Economic Redevelopment Board. They are as follows; Member Les McFarland, Bobby Goodman, Robert Firestone, Jason Lemler, Athena Stenstrom and Terri Barnhart, non-voting school representative. Member Clemens motioned to approve the members, McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. The members term of service is one year.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion to purchase a new police interceptor was brought back to the table. Member Clemens motioned to buy a 2021 non Ecoboost Explorer from Oliver Ford in the amount of \$34,728.00. Member McFarland seconded the motion and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of December claims #2918 - 2984 in the amount of \$337,807.17 and January 2021 claims #2985 – 3018 in the amount of \$99,993.43. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Ms. Berger presented to Council the end of year transfers as well as the year end Fund, Appropriation, Investment, and Revenue Reports. Berger presented the Conflict of Interest forms for signature to Councilmen Ward Byers and Les McFarland as they are employees of Marshall County in which Marshall County is a vendor for the Town of Bourbon. Nepotism forms were also presented to the Council members for verification of not hiring family members. The following utility accounts were presented to be balanced off; Allison Parker, @254.07, Jen Rowe, \$228.59, and Amber Paseka, \$57.77, Member McFarland motioned to accept the accounts as bad debt, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

William Martin, Police Chief appeared next before the Council and offered his monthly report. Chief Martin offered thanks to the council during his recent time off due to illness. Chief Martin shared with the Council that the Reserve Officers filled 240 shifts in 2020 which saved the

town's budget approximately \$32,996.00. The Council and Chief Martin expressed their appreciation to all the Reserves and special thanks to Reserve Officers Dave Mitchell and Ray Gleason for all of the extra shifts that they filled in.

Roger Terry, Street Department Supervisor, presented his activity report. The Council offered their appreciation to Mr. Terry's department and the Utility department during the recent ice and snowfall that occurred. Mr. Terry wanted to thank the Utility department for their recent assistance in finishing the wiring for the Splash Pad.

Steve Stacy, Water/Wastewater Superintendent was not present.

Zoning Department was not represented.

Mike Chapman, Fire Chief, had to leave for a fire call. The department had 6 calls the month of December; 1 medical call, and 5 fire calls, in which 3 involved transformers due to the ice storm.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover informed the Council that he had spoken to Mr. Vanderpool, Karen Holm's attorney and he stated that he was confident that Ms. Holm would sign the agreement on her properties that was presented in December. Member McFarland voiced his concern that he did not want to give her anymore than 30 days to sign the agreement. Council agreed, and instructed Mr. Hoover to proceed with legal hearings if the contract was not signed in the allotted time frame.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: There were no patron's comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President Byers stated that the Town received a letter from the DNR stating that our upcoming sewer project would have no historic disruption and could proceed as planned.

Member McFarland again stated his appreciation to the Town employees for their dedication during the recent power outage and ice/snow storm.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., a second was offered by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

Ward Byers, President