

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 with Council Members, Ward Byers, Les McFarland, Terry Clemens, Attorney Alex Hoover, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. 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 January 12, 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers recognized Street Superintendent Roger Terry for his 30 years of service to the Town of Bourbon. Terry was presented a plaque and congratulated by the Council Members and Clerk-Treasurer for a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers introduced the idea of changing the meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. beginning with the March 9, 2021 meeting. Member Clemens motioned to accept the new start time, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger presented an update and timeline from Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources on the upcoming Wastewater grant application. Ms. McLeod is planning on submitting the grant on Friday, February 12, 2021 with hopes of construction to start around June 1, 2021.

A contract for the Bourbon Fire Department was presented for approval. There is no change in the contract from 2020. Member Clemens motioned to approve, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Appearing next before the Council was Susie Schaezle with a request to close West Center Street to the ally during the Farmer's Market that will take place on Tuesdays starting May 15th through September 15th. Member Clemens motioned to approve the request, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Ms. Schaezle informed the council that they will no longer be pursuing their Main Street Accreditation and now will be called Rediscover Bourbon. Schaezle asked if the Town of Bourbon would pay for the benches that a grant was awarded for through Marshall County Community Foundation and then they would repay the Town when the funds were released. Member McFarland asked for the Town to match that grant of \$800.00 to be able to purchase more benches. Member Clemens motioned to approve the match, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger asked permission to advertise for mowing bids for the 2021 season. Member McFarland motioned to advertise, Member Clemens seconded and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. The bids will be addressed at the March 9 Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The suspension of building permits with Marshall County was brought up and asked by President Byers to table due to an upcoming meeting with Ty Adley of Marshall County Building and Planning. Member McFarland motioned to table, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #3019 - 3100 in the amount of \$232,956.92. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

William Martin, Police Chief appeared next before the Council and offered his monthly report. Chief Martin reported that the new vehicle should be here around the end of February. Martin asked to hire Mitch Scott as a part-time police officer. Member McFarland motioned to approve the hiring, Member Clemens seconded the request and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Chief Martin requested to move Reserves Ray Gleason and Dave Mitchell to part-time status.

Attorney Hoover stated that he had reviewed our insurance policy and did not see any problem with them moving to that status. Chief Martin stated that they would have 2 years before they would have to commit to the Police Academy or retire from the force. Member Clemens moved to table this request, Member McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Martin informed the Council that Officers Sahlhoff and Truty will be taking the physical agility test for the Police Academy on February 22 with classroom instruction beginning on March 14th and pending graduation on June 25, 2021.

Member McFarland introduced Resolution 2021-11 to give the Police Department a standard procedure for impound vehicle release at a administrative fee of \$20.00. Member McFarland motioned to approve Resolution 2021-11 on first reading, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry, Street Department Supervisor, presented his activity report.

Steve Stacy, Water/Wastewater Superintendent presented his activity report.

Zoning Department was not represented.

Mike Chapman, Fire Chief, presented his report that the department had 5 calls the month of January; 1 accident, and 4 fire calls. Chapman informed the council that they would be applying for a radio grant. He also stated that the department has two new member, Tyson Horter and Randy Rolston and 2 junior firefighters Nate Amsden and McClain Middaugh. Chapman informed the council that recently an awards dinner was held where Derek Gross, Brandon

Chapman and John Gomola were awarded 30 year service pins, Chad Stepp, 10 years on the department and Shane McIntyre was awarded for the most runs during 2020.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover informed the Council that he had spoken to Mr. Vanderpool, Karen Holm's attorney and he stated that due to Ms. Holm's recent illness that she was not able to sign the agreement in the allotted time frame. Mr. Vanderpool asked for an extension on her behalf. Discussion ensued and Member McFarland motioned to proceed with court proceedings due to the fact that we have heard all these excuses in the past, Member Clemens seconded the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member McFarland stated his appreciation to the Town employees and the Fire Department for their dedication during the recent snows.

President Byers presented an agreement with Courtney Finlinson, owner of the old drive-up bank, to cease conversion of the building and waive the utility bill for 30 days. Member McFarland motions to approve the agreement, Member Clemens seconded and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

Ward Byers, President