

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, with Council Members, Ward Byers, Terry Clemens, Les McFarland, Attorney Alex Hoover, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION: Ward Byers opened the floor for nominations for Council President for 2023. Member Clemens motioned to appoint Ward Byers as President and Les McFarland as Vice President, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MINUTES: Member Clemens, made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2022, meeting, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to come before the Council

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers introduced Eric Walsh and Tyler Coffel from BakerTilly whom presented loan and rate information on the upcoming proposed 5.5 million dollar Water Plant Construction. Walsh presented Bond Ordinance 2023-1 which is needed to move forward and give authority to issue a bond. President Byers asked the members if they had any questions or concerns before entertaining a motion. Member McFarland motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-1 on the First reading, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. McFarland then motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2023-1 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Member Clemens and pass 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. President Byers introduced Ordinance 2023-2 addressing Water rates, Member McFarland motioned to passed Ordinance 2023-2 on the First reading, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Walsh stated that the construction bids will be opened on February 7, 2023. Eric Walsh stated that there will be a public hearing on the new Rate Ordinance at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Byers then introduced Greg Hildebrand, interim director of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation. Hildebrand gave an update and stated that he has been working with Shells, Inc. on a possible 5.8 million dollar personal property tax abatement. President Byers introduced an agreement for 2023 with the MCEDC in the amount of \$10,000.00 split between the General Fund and the Redevelopment Fund. Member McFarland motioned to approve the agreement pending the Redevelopment meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the reappointment of a non-voting member appointed by Triton School Corporation, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers introduced Contracts and reappointments for 2023 as follows; Attorney, Alex Hoover, Police Chief William Martn, Public Works Superintendent Roger Terry and the Janitorial Contract for Heather Chupp. Member Clemens motioned to approve the contracts and reappointments, Member McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #5020-5092 in the amount of \$568,383.74. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Berger presented the year end reports and interfund transfers. Ms. Berger had the Council sign the Nepotism and Conflict of Interests forms to be in compliance. Berger presented the Cancellation of Warrants to be receipted back into the appropriate funds. President Byers thanked Berger for the year end transfer of \$57,722.00 to the Rainy Day Fund from the General Fund.

Chief William Martin submitted the monthly and yearly report. Martin asked the Council to hire Timothy Hubbard as a new Patrolman. Member McFarland motioned to approve, member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Chief Martin also asked the Council for approval of the training reimbursement form for new hires. This agreement states that a new hire must stay for a period of 3 years, or reimbursement for training would be recouped at a prorated rate. Martin also asked the Council to approve the New Pursuit Policy approved by the State of Indiana that addresses pursuits and deadly force. Member Clemens motion to accept the policy, Member McFarland offered a second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented the activity reports of the departments. Terry reminded the Council of the Community Crossing bid opening on February 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department stated that the Plan Commission and BZA both had meetings on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. He praised the members of both boards and encourage the Council Members to attend one of their meetings.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, was not in attendance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover advised the Council of the upcoming Court hearing on January 10, 2023, concerning the Jackson and Konkle properties.

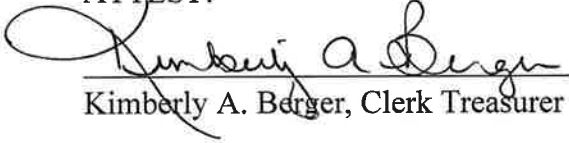
PATRON'S COMMENTS: There were no Patron's Comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

President Byers thanked the Triton School Corporation students for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., a second was offered by Member Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

  
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Ward Byers, President