

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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 YouTube Channel.

MINUTES: Member Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022, meeting, which was seconded by Member McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

PUBLIC HEARING: Member McFarland motioned to open the public hearing on the 2023 budget with Member Clemens offering the second. Clerk-Treasurer stated that the 2023 budget was advertised in the amount of \$1,647,825.00, with additional Home-Ruled Funds EMS, \$30,150.00, Fire \$50,000, and Park \$10,000.00. Patron Donna-Green Kain asked where the budget could be viewed. Clerk-Treasurer Berger instructed her how to see the budget through Gateway. Being no further questions, Member Clemens motioned to close the public hearing with Member McFarland offering the second.

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Byers introduced Laura Wells of Marshall County Economic Development. She introduced Mr. Bill Davis, the MCEDC chair and Mr. Tim Harman, Bourbon's representative on the Board. Ms. Wells presented an update on the Redi grants and labor statistics for Marshall County. She also informed the Council that she has been working with Travis Heckaman of CT Polymers on the possibility of a new industrial site. Ms. Wells stated that the MCEDC will market the land, but implied that the Town would need to invest in the MCEDC or pay for the process. President Byers stated that he felt that conversation needed to occur at a different time and place. Tim Harman spoke about his vision of Harmony Marketing Group and the success they have experienced over the last 22 years. Harman also presented the Council with copies of the Comprehensive Plan and stated that he felt there needed to be a coalition formed for growth and sustainability for Bourbon and implied that the Town needed to act on this vision. President Byers stated that many of the items discussed and planned for in the Comprehensive Plan has been implemented and is something that as a Council continues to be on top of moving forward with our 30 year plan. Member McFarland praised Harman for serving on the Board.

Adam Sitka of Wessler Engineering next appeared and presented Amendment No. 2 to the Water Treatment Plant Improvements. He stated the additional fees of \$10,000.00 would be to make the necessary changes to replace a submersible pump/motor to a vertical turbine pump in the wellhouse, and fees to assist in applying for an OCRA grant. Member Clemens motioned to approve the amendment, Member McFarland seconded the motion, and it passes 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented Ordinance 2022-2 on first reading which addressed the increase in rental fees for the Matchett Center beginning in 2023. The Ordinance will be published and voted on for final approval in October. Member Clemens motioned to pass on first reading, Member McFarland offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President Byers presented an agreement between the Town of Bourbon and Real Services for use of the Matchett Center. Member Clemens asked for this to be tabled for further review and Member McFarland agreed because they had not reviewed it prior to the meeting.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims #4657 - 4750 in the amount of \$334,868.23. Member McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger stated that Maci Helton was hired by her office as the new Deputy Clerk at a starting pay rate of \$15.50 per hour. She also informed the Council that the proposals for the trash and recycling contracts had been sent out and will be addressed at the next meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Berger reminded the members that the 2023 Budget Adoption will take place on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Trick or Treat for the Community was set for Monday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Chief William Martin submitted the monthly report. Martin thanked the council for their patience and well wishes while off on medical leave. Chief Martin advised the Council that they received a plaque from the First United Methodist Church commemorating September 11, 2001.

Roger Terry, Supervisor of Public Works, presented his activity report and the report of the Utility Department. Terry introduced Ryan Anderson of JPR Engineering to give an update on the current Community Crossing's project and Ryan stated that no Pay App had been received yet from the contractor. Terry stated that leaf pickup will begin about the middle of October.

Chuck Dewitt, Zoning Department stated his displeasure with the members of the Plan Commission not participating in meetings and feels that it might be time to replace several members. Dewitt gave an update on the upcoming construction at Slabaugh Fabricating after being rezoned.

Chad Stepp, Fire Chief, was present and gave an update that his department responded to 5 calls the past month. Chief Stepp stated that they have one firefighter that will be completing their Class 2 training very soon. Stepp also thanked the First United Methodist Church for the plaque.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Hoover gave an update on the properties at 408 E. Liberty Street and 201 E. Quad Streets and stated there is a scheduled review in front of the judge on November 18, 2022. He stated that he and Mr. Dewitt did a walk through at Karen Holm's properties and

stated that the only thing that she has not been in compliance with is the payment of the past-due utilities at 206 N. Washington Street in the amount of approximately \$2,500.00.

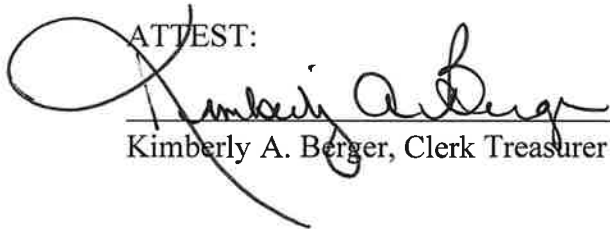
PATRON'S COMMENTS: Mr. & Mrs. Kain stated that they appreciated the work that E & B Paving did on the sidewalk and driveway approach during the recent Community Crossings construction. They did ask if there was any way that homeowners could be notified prior to construction being done in the future.

Mr. Tom Faulkner was present to inquire about vacating the remainder of Patricia Street and was very concerned about some trees in that area. President Byers stated that he and Roger Terry and they would look into the matter further.


COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no Council Member comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 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