

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Budget Public Hearing for 2024 budget
Russiaville Town Hall
September 25, 2023

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, and Myrna Claar.
Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Myrna Claar gave prayer. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Parvin opened the public hearing for the 2024 Budget.

Don Parvin read the figures for the 2024 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$1,268,296.00. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the 2024 budget figures as read. Myrna Claar seconded. Don Parvin voted in favor, therefore the motion passed with Pat, Myrna, and Don.

There were no comments from the council or guests.
Don Parvin closed the 2024 Budget public hearing.

Don Parvin – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, and Myrna Claar
Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan had more information on the positive pay and ACH Alert that the bank offered for fraud protection. It is \$60.00 per month for both of them. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to get the fraud protection on our accounts at the bank. Myrna Claar seconded. Don Parvin voted in favor, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, and Don voting for passage.

Streets/Wastewater – Paul Sattler was present. He said he had been working on some issues with the grasshopper mower, and getting caught back up since he had been off. Don Parvin said Craig did not have a written report yet as a lot of his data was lost from his computer. He was working on recovering what he could, and will have a report again soon.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. He said he was approached by Hollingsworth Lumber about getting a solar speed sign to slow people down, saying they would contribute to the cost of it, to help with the speeding down there. Josh will follow up with them on this.

The Durango is back in the shop.

There will be a notice delivered to the property at 323 Carter Street that needs to be cleaned up. The homeowner did not pick it up at the post office when it was mailed and it has been returned to us. It will be hand delivered tomorrow.

The food truck event went well, Josh said they counted almost 400 people, and the bonfire at the library had almost 300. It was a good night all around. Josh said he would like to thank Craig and Paul for hauling tables and set up, and also Bo and Lori Britton for all their help.

Don Parvin expressed his upset with the recent destruction in the park. He is tired of these kids just getting away with these things. We put in better cameras for this purpose. He doesn't want an apology he wants this handled with consequences. Josh said it was very clear on the video and asked if the council wanted him prosecuted or the piece paid for or both. After some discussion on this, the council asked Josh to talk to the parents and see what they would like to have done on the matter. If they want to handle it on their end and have the kid pay for the piece to fix the playground equipment, or if they would like to take it further than that. Josh will gather all the info and talk to the parents.

EMA Advisory – Pat Reel said there was nothing new to report.

Fire Department – Nothing new to report.

Health Department – Nothing new to report.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said the property for Rutherford has been completed.

He is still working on the sidewalk for South Union.

Corbin said he was contacted by the attorney representing Ted Salsbery, and asked about a grant for tearing down the old wooden elevator at the end of South Liberty Street. Council said they would look into this with Dave Kieser to see if there was anything out there for anything like this.

Plan Commission – Megan Reel said that Mike had one permit for a deck at 200 N. Third Street.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Roger Waddell there was nothing new to report. Don Parvin said there was some trouble with permitting for the new signs, they are working on it.

Historical Society – Don Parvin said Phase 2 will go to design soon.

Park and Tree Board – Nothing new to report. Vandalism was already talked about.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin said he is still working on the wastewater plant and the sidewalk projects.

Flock Cameras – Tabled for now.

Don Parvin said the tree had been cut at Kinsey and First Street, and also the dead mulberry tree cut out of the power lines at the edge of squirrel creek on south Liberty St. The stump was left at the edge of the bank to keep it stable.

Don Parvin said there were 2 houses on South Liberty that had been cleaned up, cutting and mowing. They were very overgrown and the owners were not taking care of them.

Road Sealing – Pickett’s Paving gave a quote of \$25,000.00 for sealing on North and South Liberty Street, North and South Union Street, Kinsey Drive, and East and West College Street. This will be the hot rubber that fills cracks. They require ½ down and the rest upon completion. Myrna asked if we got any other quotes. Pat Reel said this was the only company they asked that said they would do it. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the quote for \$25,000.00 from Pickett’s Paving. Myrna Claar seconded. Pat said the money can come from 2203001590 (\$10K) and 2201001363 (\$15K). Don Parvin voted in favor, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna and Don voting for passage.

Lighting – Don Parvin said the 2 on Main Street that were out had been fixed. Pat Reel said he is still working on the overhead rights for the 2 new lights on College St. Don Parvin said there are still 2 lights that have not been changed out to LED. To get this expedited, Duke Energy sent contracts for these to speed up the process. It will be \$7.39 per month for each one of these lights.

One of them is at the Interurban. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the contract from Duke Energy for the light changeout at the Interurban. Myrna Claar seconded. Don Parvin voted in favor, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, and Don voting for passage.

The other one is at the entrance of Honey Creek Hills. Myrna Claar made a motion to accept the contract from Duke Energy for the light changeout at the entrance of Honey Creek Hills. Pat Reel seconded. Don Parvin voted in favor, and the motion carried with Myrna, Pat, and Don voting for passage.

Don Parvin signed them, and Megan will get them back to Duke. This will complete all the lights in town being changed out to LED.

Myrna Claar said she had complaints again about the speeding on South Union. Pat Reel said he knows the Marshal’s Dept. has been patrolling as much as they can down there. Myrna said she understands they cannot be there 24/7, and when they are down there, cars go the speed limit because they see them.

Pat Reel said the Turnabout banquet went very well. It was a good time, and they raised quite a bit of money. He is not sure on how much.

DNR flood plain paper – Corbin has a copy and he will follow up on it as to what needs to be done.

There were no comments from guests.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Myrna Claar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:45pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer