

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Budget Adoption for 2024 budget
Russiaville Town Hall
October 23, 2023

Council Present – Don Parvin, Myrna Claar, and Jake Gibson

Don Parvin opened the Budget Adoption meeting for 2024 Budget.

Don Parvin read the figures for the 2024 Budget. Adopted budget is \$903,700.00 with a tax levy of \$416,052.00 and tax rate of 1.2206. Adopted budget for home-ruled funds are \$364,596.00. Total for the budget is \$1,268,296.00. Jake Gibson made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget figures as read. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Myrna, and Don voting for passage.

There were no comments from the council or guests.
Don Parvin closed the 2024 Budget Adoption meeting.

Don Parvin – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Regular Council Meeting
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Myrna Claar gave prayer. Jake Gibson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the September meeting, Plan Commission meeting and Special Council meeting on October 9, 2023 were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports.

Streets/Wastewater – Don Parvin said the manway on the vac truck is almost done. The Grasshopper mower is being repaired.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh said he would like direction from the board on 323 N. Carter St. He said the property has been cleaned up a lot, and wants to make sure the council is happy with it or does he need to take further action. Don Parvin and Jake Gibson had both been by there and agreed that it looked much better. They are happy with it at this time, but asked Josh to continue to keep an eye on it.

Josh said the Marshal's Dept. would be out patrolling on the 31st for Trick-R-Treat from 5-8 pm.

Josh said the Durango is having issues again, and is going to the shop tomorrow to be looked at.

Josh said they are patrolling on South Union Street as much as they can, he knows it is an issue.

EMA Advisory – Nothing to report.

Fire Department – Jake Gibson said he still had not received any reports from them.

Health Department – Nothing new to report. There is an exercise coming up, Josh said he was going to try to make it but was unsure at this time.

Attorney Comments – Megan Reel said Corbin called her this afternoon and he is still working on the easements.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was not present to report. However, he did call Megan a few minutes ago and said he didn't think he had any permits but would catch up next month if he did.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Roger Waddell was present and said they are having problems with the state on permitting for the new signs.

Also, the generator project for the Community Center is on hold for now. The TIF meeting has been canceled for this Thursday, they are rescheduling but not sure when at this time.

Historical Society – Don Parvin said Dave Kieser is wrapping up Phase I at the Interurban, and will finish out the grant.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said the signs are done for the park, and Megan said she would get them picked up.

Jill said she met with the guy from PlayPros about the swing in the Russiaville Park. The fall zones are an issue, and he suggest one of two things. One – bring the park play area out toward the west farther. This means a lot closer to the basketball court. Two – remove the monkey bar dome climbing structure, put the swing in where it is. However, the Gaga Pit would have to be moved over where the existing wood framed swing is now. There was some heavy discussion on this. Roger Waddell was present and he said he would like to consider not doing any of that and put in a full basketball court in the park, stating there is almost always someone playing basketball out there.

The council decided to table the swing set change at this time to figure out more and what to do.

Jill Newby said April 1st is the deadline for fundraising for the new playground as the DNR grant is due in June. In kind donation count toward this also.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin said there is nothing new to report on.

Flock Cameras – Jake Gibson said he is looking for funding for this as he knows it is a big expense for the town. He will continue to work on it as he feels it is a good tool. Jake said to take it off the agenda at this time.

Quotes for the Town Hall – Megan Reel said she had gotten quotes a couple of months ago to fix the glass on the window in her office, and to replace the front door. The window was \$564.68 and the door was \$4,343.29 from Kokomo Glass. Megan got another quote from City of First Glass. The window was \$306.00 and the door was \$2,459.23. After some discussion and questions, Jake Gibson made

a motion to approve the new window and door for the town hall from City of First Glass for a total of \$2,765.23. Myrna Claar seconded and the motion carried with Jake, Myrna, and Don voting for passage.

Megan said she also got a quote from Monroe Construction for several things to be done at the town hall to seal up some of the cracks and crevices and try to keep in warmer in here during the winter. This also includes installation of a new payment drop slot, as the door is being replaced and we will need one. All of the items on the quote are \$4,368.00. The only addition will be that we would buy the actual mail drop box, and they are anywhere from \$40 to \$140 depending on what you get. Megan said she would like to take the money from Building and Structures appropriation. Myrna Claar made a motion to allow the quote from Monroe for the repairs at the town hall for \$4,368.00. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Myrna, Jake, and Don voting for passage.

Megan Reel said the AmVets are doing a flag retirement ceremony at the Lions Club at the new fire pit put in for this exact purpose by a local scout. It is on Veterans Day, November 11th starting at 10:00 am. There will be a lunch to follow.

Don Parvin said they would look at and decide what to do with the property south of the cemetery. An inventory will need to be done.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Jake Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myrna Claar seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:15pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer