

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Town Council Meeting
October 19, 2015

Jeff Lipinski opened the October 19, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p m with prayer. Also present for town Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Member Rob Hewitt and Town Attorney Corbin King. Jeff Lipinski thanked Don Parvin for a job well done with the planning and completing of the paving. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.

Mike Kanable, Executive Secretary of the Planning Commission, reported issuing a permit for a fence. Roger Waddell, reporting for Dustin Redding, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, stated there was no new business.

Marsha Berry, Director of the Russiaville Historical Society, stated they received the books from the Treasurer and are planning an audit. The leak in the eaves at the rehabilitated interurban will be repaired. Marsha stated the completion of the building is the priority. The small building is also in need of repair. Plans are underway.

Reba Casler was present for the Park Board. Jeff Lipinski reported that County Commissioner Paul Wyman stated that the County is very interested in assisting financially with the walking trail. Reba reported that the walking trail is also a priority of the Park Board. The Community Center parking lot paving has improved the appeal of the Center. The spaces will be marked as originally laid out. Jansen and E & B are two potential companies to do the stripping. Jr. O'Neal has finished the repairs and painting of the center he will also clean the fans.

Craig Thompson reported for the Streets and Wastewater. They are prepared for winter. Trees in the right of way have been trimmed.

Roger Waddell presented the report for the Marshal's Department. Roger is a member of the committee called to select anew radio system for the County. Because a significant member has backed out the County has found it necessary to have units purchase their radios. An answer was needed the end of September and Russiaville committed to give them monies by the first quarter of 2016. The amount it will cost to supply the necessary equipment to the Marshal's Department alone is \$14,230. It was noted that units could piggyback on a potential three million dollar loan to finance the project. Don Parvin was upset that we do not have the option of a plan B. Roger explained that a major source of funding was lost when the city backed out. The system that is to be put in place is excellent. There will be no dead zones as is currently the case. Communication with neighboring counties will be much improved. It is said to have a twenty year life span. It is impossible to get parts to repair the current system because it is obsolete. Don stated that a downside of the paving is an increase in the number of speeders. The purchase of a new police car was discussed. The purchase of equipment and graphics may be purchased with 2015 monies. The car can be ordered in November. The Council agreed that the all wheel drive vehicle is what will be ordered. Randy VanNatter said that gas mileage will be better on a new vehicle. He also reported that twelve golf cart permits have been issued to date. These permits

will be good until this time next year. Marshal Waddell stated that the EMA Director Janice Hart has expressed an interest in the police car we will be replacing. The car is valued at about \$2,000. It was noted that this is worthwhile organization that has given the Town many hours of service without cost and the car will not need to be stripped if given to them. The Council expressed an interest in this prospect and will take it under advisement.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Corbin King reported that the preparation of the TIFF District was estimated to cost \$10,000 to \$12,000. The firm of McNally LLP will handle all the aspects of setting up the TIFF District for a flat fee of \$10,000.

Corbin King discussed the contract with a company hired by IAW that will authorize Russiaville to collect payments for Indiana American Water. There are a few concerns with the contract and Jeff proposed that if we collect payments for them, they give us meter reads free. Don agreed that if we do this courtesy they should do us the favor.

Jeff reported that SBC, the cell tower people, have come to him again with a buyout offer. We sold half the rights a few years ago for \$50,000. They offered \$50,000 then \$57,000 and Jeff countered with \$75,000 and they offered \$65,000. We currently receive \$385 monthly on a fifty year contract from SBC with an increase of %10 every five years. Rob thought the offer was getting close. Don stated he is not in a hurry to agree. Corbin stated he believed there was a benefit in taking the funding now and doing something to improve the community. This will be discussed further with a full Council.

Plans are being made to update an ordinance that regulates parking and passing on the streets. Specifically Liberty Street, Honey Creek Hills Subdivision and Western Heights Subdivision will be addressed.

Don made motion to suspend the rules and present for passage n the second and third reading an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow side and back yard fencing to be no more than six feet high instead of the current five feet. The front yard fence height will not change. Rob seconded and the motion carried with Rob, Don and Jeff voting for passage. Motion was made by Rob and seconded by Don to pass the amendment. The Amendment passed with Don, Rob and Jeff voting for passage.

Don presented an agreement from Duke Energy for additional street lighting in Russiaville. The cost to install sixteen additional lights is \$23,000 to be paid over a period of time. Don asked for Council permission to give him and Jeff authority to accept the contract. Rob made the motion and Jeff seconded and the motion carried with Rob, Don and Jeff voting in the affirmative. It was noted in response to a question that Duke owns the lighting.

Jeff would like the new council to address the purchase of a new sign for the Town Hall.

Jeff presented the 2016 Budget Estimates Resolution. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Don and seconded by Rob. The motion carried with Don, Rob and Jeff voting for passage.

A salary increase of \$1.50 was approved for Michael Collins on motion made by Don and seconded by Rob. Affective immediately Michael Collins salary will be \$14.00 hourly.

Don stated he would like to see an undated personnel policy.

There being no further business, claims were presented and approved and the meeting adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clk. Treas.

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