

Town of Russiaville
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2016

Steve Bishop from Main Street Christian Church opened our meeting with a prayer touching on the tragedies that have happened in our town in the past few days.

Tina Henderson began a public hearing to which she will add the minutes for. The public hearing closed.

The regular council meeting began with the review and approval of the minutes from previous meeting.

(Council members present were Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Cindy Aeschliman, Kyle Parvin, and attorney Corbin King.)

Mike Kanable from the Planning Commission was present and had nothing new to report.

Roger Waddell spoke for Dustin Redding with nothing new to report for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Historical Society had nothing new to report. Don Parvin added that the problem with the weather seal in the historical society room at the town hall had been fixed. He also added the tree at the interurban station had been trimmed, but needs to be taken down and gotten rid of. Council needs to make a decision about getting water restored to the historical society office at the interurban station to water the plants. Don Parvin is working on estimates to repair office.

Laura Redding for the Park and Tree Board reported that the airplane and cement under it had been removed at Brady Park. Don Parvin met with the Park Board prior to the council meeting to discuss issues at the park. It was also stated that Jill Newby is generously donating a picnic table to put in the place of the airplane.

There is an Eagle Scout that contacted Park Board about doing something for the park, they are not sure yet what that will be.

Seniors from Western will be coming May 17th.

Laura Redding also asked (if it is ok with the council) to dedicate the walking trail to Deputy Carl Koontz as long as it is ok with his family.

She also added that there will be a prayer Vigil at the Jeff Stout Community Center at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Don Parvin made a motion that we support recommendation for the walking trail as proposed by the Park and Tree Board. It was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin also added that he would help with the specs to try to move forward with this project. After we get an estimate with what this will cost, we can then move forward with seeking grants and donations for this project. This will not happen over-night, we must be patient.

Don put it out there to maybe look into getting a flag pole out at the Community Center.

Rhiannon Thompson was here and said that things were going good with the Summer Fest planning.

Mike Collins reported for the street department. He said the ball park people are driving on the grass at the community center, and there needs to be something done because it is getting really tore up. The council asked for Mike and Craig to come up with what they felt was the best way to keep the people from driving on the grass.

Don Parvin and Mike Collins discussed moving the Kiwanis can recycling bin. As Don was approached by the drop off person for the recycling company to relocate the Kiwanis bin. Craig, Mike, and Don will look for an alternative location.

Don Parvin, Mike Collins, and Craig Thompson are to meet with Dave Wagner on April 6th at 9:00 am about the sewer ordinance.

Council asked Mike about potholes – he said they were planning on doing that the first part of April when the hot patch plant opened. Jeff asked for it to be put on the sign out front when we do it.

Jill Newby was present with her daughter Kendra Metcalf to say they will be doing Western senior day again this year. It is on May 17th with a rain date of May 18th. They reported that this is their 5th year for doing senior day. They have several ideas for this day, but will take any suggestions we may have. Reba Casler is getting a list of senior citizens around town that may need help from 2016 Western seniors. Town employees will be available to assist with these projects.

Don Parvin asked Laura Redding if the seniors could do the mulch or pea gravel at the park this year. Laura said she will need to check on compliance and cost of this. Rhiannon added that we need to order pea gravel well in advance if we want it by a certain date.

Just before the Marshal's report this was read by Jeff Lipinski and written by Don Parvin:

On March 19, 2016 around 12:30 am Howard County Deputies Sgt. Jordon Buckley and Deputy Carl Koontz and Russiaville Police Officer Randy VanNatter attempted to serve a pair of warrants at 380 West Chandler Street. After officers entered the residence they were met with gunfire and returned gunfire on the resident. Sgt. Jordon Buckley and Deputy Carl Koontz were both wounded and transported and treated at Community Howard Regional Health before being airlifted to Indianapolis. On Sunday, March 20, 2016 Deputy Carl Koontz lost his battle to his injuries. Our hearts and prayers are with these courageous and dedicated officers who protect and serve our community without regard to their own safety. Russiaville will forever be indebted for the ultimate sacrifice Deputy Carl Koontz gave for us.

Russiaville police officer Randy VanNatter showed outstanding courage in extricating Deputy Carl Koontz from the danger and calling for assistance for the wounded deputies.

We would like to thank Howard County Sheriff's Department, Kokomo Police Department, Indiana State Police, EMS, and all that were involved in assisting in this horrible and senseless act of violence in our community. We are extremely

proud of our men and women who protect us from that unforeseen evil that may await us.

Roger Waddell gave a copy of the Marshal's report. Roger is working on Randy's new police vehicle. He will be putting all the wiring together and console. Roger Waddell said "In my 35-year career – I would like to forget the last 40 hours or so." Randy Vannatter is highly commended for what he did at 380 Chandler St. and went above and beyond to help protect our community during the shooting. Don Parvin said if Roger or Randy needed anything to just ask.

Jeff Lipinski added they would offer to pay for any counseling needed. He also said it was awesome how Deputy Koontz was brought home. While watching this procession, Jeff said it was nice to see pride in our community again.

After much emotion had been brought to the meeting, Roger said if there wasn't anything else the council needed from him, he would like to be excused as he had a lot of things to do.

Megan Reel reporting for the treasurer's report. She asked about a delinquent list that she had compiled of people that were behind on their wastewater bills in Russiaville and New London.

Corbin King said to get the list to him and he would give me input on how to handle said accounts. Don asked Corbin if we could shut off water through Indiana American Water for non-payment of wastewater bills. Corbin said yes, that was in the contract.

Megan also asked about paying BBC pump and Brock out of New London, since the amount of these 2 bills were large and there wasn't much more than this in the account. The council decided to pay the BBC pump in full. Don made a motion to pay \$1625.00 of Brocks bill and sent a letter that the balance would be paid in 90 days. Motion was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

The cell tower contract was present and was signed by all council members. There will be payment in the form of a check from SBA Towers in the amount of \$70,000.00.

TIFF District ordinance 2016-1 passed on 2nd reading with a motion made by Cindy Aeschliman. Motion was seconded by Kyle Parvin and the motion carries with Cindy, Kyle, Don, and Rob voting for passage. Don Parvin and Jeff Lipinski have compiled a list of potential candidates for the TIFF district board. Jeff as council president has 3 appointees, and the council has 2 appointees. For a total of 5 members to be selected by the council. There will be a meeting scheduled for this to appoint the 5-member board at a later date.

A resident, Jeff Condo, asked about the taxation rate. Would the consumer pay the tax, but we get 100% of the money? Jeff Lipinski said Indiana American Water would have to raise rates across the board for them to charge the consumer.

Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 2016-1 on the second and third reading. Motion was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion passes with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Council asked Corbin King about the Indiana American Water billing agreement. He said he had not heard anything, but he would check on it again.

Don Parvin said that when we get a reading from Indiana American Water, that is the reading we must go by for wastewater unless IAW gives them a credit.

Don Parvin made a motion to buy 14 new flags to have for the adopt a flag program, and to buy 14 more flags and the hardware to have for replacements. Rob Hewitt seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin stated that there needs to be some things done as far a building maintenance. Particulars will be mentioned at a later date, to be discussed at budget meeting for 2017.

Megan Reel asked the board to approve direct deposit for regular payroll. It will be \$15.00 a month and .15 per item. Corbin King looked over the contract, he said it was pretty standard and it looked fine. Don Parvin made a motion to do

direct deposit. Motion was seconded by Kyle Parvin, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Cindy, and Rob voting for passage.

Don Parvin said the Russiaville Lions Club approached him about the town giving them a donation to help them put on a new roof. The total cost of the roof is \$32,000.00 and the Lions Club can come up with half. The council will look into this matter.

It was brought up that Linda Downey needs payment for her hours that she has worked since retirement. Also going forward, maybe just on a consultant basis, at \$11.00 per hour. Don Parvin made a motion to pay Linda for this time accrued (when she brings in the total number of hours) and going forward if Megan needs her. Rob Hewitt seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Russiaville Library called about their water bill. We have not charged them in the past due to agreement we had with them. Since Indiana American Water has taken over, they now get a water bill. Indiana American Water stated that by law, they must charge for water. However, we still do not charge them wastewater per our agreement from prior. Corbin said he would look into IAW not charging them for water.

Russiaville Volunteer Fire contract was presented. It was signed with an agreement to pay \$8,935.50 in January and \$8,935.50 again in June, for a total of \$17,871.00 for the year. Don Parvin made motion to accept the contract. It was seconded by Cindy Aeschliman, and the motion carried with Don, Cindy, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage.

Health insurance is up for renewal – Jeff Lipinski said he will look into this.

Don Parvin added while we were on the topic of insurance, he is having Gangwer Wyrick Insurance Agency quote our liability insurance.

The wording on the road cut permit was changed slightly as some of it was not very clear. This was under ordinance 2015-4. Don Parvin made a motion to

accept the new wording on the road cut permit. It was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Council comments – Jeff Lipinski and Don Parvin discussed if we could get some kind of renter’s ordinance or something to know who is renting within the trailer court or apartment buildings, etc. That way we would know each individual person’s name within our town.

Mike Collins and Don Parvin discussed that Chandler Street has been over paved and the street is breaking. E&B Paving has said they realized that they over paved and will fix it for free. Don said he was glad that they were finally seeing his side if this.

Claims were presented and approved by the council. There being no further business to come before the council, Jeff asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Parvin made the motion to adjourn. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage. The meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer