

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Public Hearing for 2021 Budget  
Russiaville Town Hall  
September 20, 2021

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum  
Town attorney, Corbin King, was also present.

Ned Sutherland gave prayer, and Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the public hearing for 2022 Budget.

Jeff Lipinski read the figures for the 2022 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$1,395,258.00. \$252,640.00 is the ARP Coronavirus funds.

There were no comments from the council or guests.  
Jeff Lipinski closed the 2022 Budget public hearing.

Jeff Lipinski – Council President  
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had written a fence permit for 583 N. Union St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes was present. No new business to report.

Historical Society – No new business to report.

Park Board – Jill Newby was present and talked about the circle at Community Center Park. She said the landscaper thought it might be a good idea to put a couple of boulders in the rocks, so that kids would not ride bikes through it and tear it up. The Park Board discussed this and thought it would be nice to put a couple of benches in this area. They had some leftover bricks, and Reba talked her brother, Jr. O’Neal, into donating his labor to construct the benches. With the cedar for the benches and concrete pads for the benches to sit on should be \$500.00 or less. Council agreed that the benches look really nice. Don Parvin made a motion for Jill and Megan to figure out where the money could be taken from and pay for the benches. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Jill Newby said there would be a dedication on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for the Iron Wheel Sculpture, and the Crane Soul Sculpture.

Jill also said they were planning a “Keep the Light Shining Walk” at the walking trail on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. They are selling luminary bags for \$2.00 each to raise money for this. This will start the fund raising for the Community Center Park playground and shelter.

Jill Newby brought up possibly putting bathrooms near the walking trail/community center park. It has been suggested to her that they have them. Jeff Lipinski said several years ago that he would have like to see several organizations work together and upgrade the ballpark bathrooms. Jill said the ballpark did redo their bathrooms. Jill also said that someone suggested to her to put the bathrooms at one end of the shelter when we build it. A bathroom would

increase the points for a DNR grant also. Jeff said we would sure look into this and keep it in mind to hopefully include. Jeff also said it would have to be patrolled more by the police.

Rick Homkes said the craft fair is coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup> at both the Community Center and Lions Club from 9am-3pm. Booths for this is almost full. Rick also had a draft of the survey that they must do for the DNR as part of the 5-year plan.

Don Parvin asked about having care for kids while moms/dads are at events at the community center. Don said it is just something to think about for events that happen. Jeff Lipinski said he had gotten some good feedback from the events that have been going on in town this year.

Greg Landrum suggested a community calendar for more communication on the events that happen. He said Megan does a good job of putting things on the sign out here, but sometimes he does not stop to read it all the time. Things are on Facebook but there are some people that are not on social media and would not see it there.

Wastewater & Streets – A written report was given. Don Parvin said the town workers will be doing some tree trimming soon. Greg Landrum said there is a bush that needs to be trimmed down by him on Union St. Pat said the stop sign at North and Cooper is twisted, Josh Fulkerson added there is one at 775 W. and 330 S. also. This one may be the counties. Don Parvin said he would look into them.

Rick Homkes asked if the Community Center could be mowed possibly on the October 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> for the craft show and sculpture dedications.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. Josh added to this by saying there was a IPEP safety grant that he would like to apply for. Josh has talked to Craig and Don for their input, and had a list of things to apply for with this grant. It is an 80/20 grant; the total is \$35,124.34. He has included in this a message board and speed sign, this is a \$20,000.00 sign. If we get everything, we have applied for we would need to come up with \$7,047.92. After some discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to apply for the IPEP Safety Grant. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna



voting for passage. Pat Reel said he would like to take the money out of Local Road and Street (LRS).

Josh Fulkerson asked if the Halloween hours would be set this year as normal on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 pm. Council agreed, and Don Parvin made a motion to set the Halloween hours as stated above only. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Josh Fulkerson said they got the WEX Cards and they work.

The Durango is almost done.

Library is having their community/safety day this Saturday (25<sup>th</sup>). They will have the Durango there and Max (K-9)

The trailer at 315 E. Seward St. has been issued a citation on 9/2/21. Josh said he talked to the owners of the trailer and they agreed to keep working on it with weekly progress and to have it removed in 30-days. If it's not done, they will pay the fine. At this point Josh said it has fallen down and looks a mess. The owner of the home (mother of the owner of the trailer) said that her daughter is not worried about it and are willing to pay the fines. He does not know what to do at that point. Corbin King said, after the 30 days is up, then each day is a new offense, so if he wanted to fine them \$400.00 each day he could.

Corbin said to send them a letter that if the trailer is not removed with 48 hours, we will take them to court, and will start fining them \$400.00 every day that this is not rectified. This will include court costs, attorney fees, and removal of the trailer and mess. Josh said he would take care of it, and confer with Corbin on the matter. Josh said this is the same person that we had dog issues with and worked with her on that to get it fixed. Josh said he would talk to her and hopefully get this issue fixed before it costs more than it needs to.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel had written reports. She added that the budget adoption meeting and regular council meeting would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (October 25<sup>th</sup>) in October instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to fall break.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin said we are still waiting on Duke Energy for the lighting project. (This is the 20 lights throughout the town.)

The Main Street lighting project will be November or December before it is complete.

We did not get the Wastewater upgrade grant this time. Hopefully we will get it in the second round.

The South Union Street sidewalk and the Interurban projects will be most likely in 2022.

Don asked the council to look at the draft of a nuisance ordinance that will be sent to them soon from Dave Kieser.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the trailer court – the police get called there often. As a board, do we have any kind of recourse for this. Josh Fulkerson said there was a new manager there and they are working on it to try to clean it up. Corbin said there are only certain things you can do, like if you are called there too often.

Josh Fulkerson asked an alarm permit ordinance. Subway' B&E alarm has been going off quite frequently. The Sheriff's Dept. has asked him to look into it, this way we could site them for all the calls that are sending the sheriff's Dept. and out Dept. out here for the alarm going off several times a week.

Road Repair and Alleys – Don Parvin said this could be taken off of the agenda as it is too late in the year to do.

Ordinance 2021-03 Amending 2018-05 for the Controlling of Animals. Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-03 of the third and final reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Ordinance 2021-04 Amending 2018-11 for the Traffic and Parking Regulations. Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-04 of the third and final reading. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Below are the changes that were made in Ordinance 2021-04 on pages 3 and 4.

**PROHIBITED PARKING ON STREETS AND ALLEYS.**

It shall be unlawful to park in any alley or on any of the streets below within the Town of Russiaville.

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| (1) On the east and west side of South Union Street. | (2) On the east and west side of North Union Street. |
| (3) On the east side of South Liberty Street.        | (4) On the east side of North Liberty Street.        |
| (5) On the east and west side of East Street.        | (6) On the east and west side of Grant Street.       |
| (7) On the west side of Mesa Drive.                  | (8) On the south side of Yellowstone Drive.          |
| (9) On the east side of Chaparral Drive.             | (10) On the north side of Pueblo Drive.              |
| (11) On the north and south side of Walnut Street.   | (12) On the north and south Side of Lions Street.    |



- (13) On the north and south side of Main Street.
- (14) On the north side of North Street.
- (15) On the east and west side of Lincoln Street.
- (16) On any street located in the Honey Creek Hills Subdivision.
- (17) On the south side of North Street from East Street to North Union Street.
- (18) On First Street from College Street to State Rd. 26 (Main Street).
- (19) On the west side of First Street from State Rd. 26 (main Street) to Seward Street.

**PERMITTED PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWN.**

Parking shall be permitted only on certain streets in the Town as follows:

- (1) On the west side of South Liberty Street.
- (2) On the west side of North Liberty Street.
- (3) On the east side of Mesa Drive.
- (4) On the north side of Yellowstone Drive.
- (5) On the west side of Chaparral Drive.
- (6) On the south side Pueblo Drive.
- (7) On the South side of North Street from North Union Street to North Liberty Street.

**Temporary parking on any street without curbs so long as it is deemed safe.**

All vehicles must park only in the direction of the flow of traffic.

Fire Contract – Corbin King said his suggestion is to pay them \$20,000.00 for this year, and tell them we need the contract for 2022 by the council meeting on November 15, 2021. If we do not have it by then, in December we will pass a contract of our liking. When we give them the check, we need to tell them this. Don Parvin made a motion to pay the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department \$20,000.00 for 2021 contract and that if we do not have a fire contract from the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department by the November meeting, we will make our own contract for them for 2022 and pass it in the December meeting for this year and going forward. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage. Rick Homkes asked if this was for the 2021 fire contract. Don Parvin confirmed that it was.

David and Joanna with AdPro Concrete Coating were present and presented a product for the Community Center floor to possibly be updated. Joanna had previously met with Don Parvin to discuss this. There was a quote for \$29,000.00 with their evolution chip system. Megan asked how long it would last, David said there is a 5-year commercial warranty. It is slip-resistant (not slip proof). It is easy to clean with any cleaning solutions. There was some more discussion on this, and it was decided to meet at the community center on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am to look at it and talk about it further. It will be taken under advisement at this time.

Jill Newby asked if there would be any sound absorption from this sort of floor. David said no there would not be.

Don Parvin said there need to be some paint repair done at the Community Center. He also said they are still looking into fixing the sound baffles. Don asked if the sound baffles need to be a priority to the council. Greg Landrum asked what generated the necessity for the floor at the Community Center. Don said there is ugliness and are several cracks. Greg said the floor has been an issue for some time. Pat Reel suggested that the town workers paint the inside of the Community Center, colder weather is coming and will be a good time to have some inside projects. Don said we cannot match the paint anymore. Pat said we need to paint the whole wall, and could change the color of the paint if we did that.

Corbin King said there were a couple of places that Don wanted him to look at in town to see if some trees were in our easements or on homeowner's properties. Corbin said the only way to know for sure would be to have a survey done.

Corbin King also said he looked into lowering the speed limit to 20 mph on town streets. He said to do that we would have to do an engineering traffic study. You can lower them to 25 mph with no problem. Just have to change the signage. Jeff Lipinski asked about the green address signs. Corbin said we are our own local unit. They do not have to have the green signs. They just need to have their address prominently displayed on their house or mailbox.

Ned Sutherland was present and said he and several others looked at and talked about the Community Health Network building on the corner of Liberty and Main Streets. He has a vision for this building for community and ministry. He would like it to be a community building for people to go for different programs. They are just in preliminary stages at this point, and brainstorming. A restaurant would be an awesome idea, but this building is not exactly set up for that and might take a lot of work. Everyone agreed that we do need a nice sit-down restaurant in this town.

Don Parvin said there was some trash that did not get picked up for fall cleanup. Megan said she had a call into Waste Management about the houses that were missed.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims were presented and approved.

Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myrna Claar seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer