

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 16, 2015

The Regular Russiaville Town Council Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Lipinski. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Rob Hewitt and Greg Landrum.

Roger Waddell reported for Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Dustin Redding, that there was no new business.

Don Parvin reported that the Historical Society has a new board in place.

Rhiannon Thompson, chairman of the Summer fest announced that on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm the First Annual Russiaville Christmas Celebration will be held here at the Town Hall. The large pine in the park will be decorated with ornaments made by those in attendance. Popcorn and cranberries will be strung. Cookies will be decorated and consumed along with hot chocolate. There will be an opportunity to visit and have your picture taken with Santa beginning at 6:45.

Jeff Lipinski announced that there will be an opportunity to celebrate the retirement of the Clerk Treasurer, Linda Downey beginning at 5:30 on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center. The regular Council Meeting will be held at the Community Center at 7:00 following the event.

Craig Thompson reporting for Wastewater and Streets stated that the State inspection at the New London Wastewater Plant went well with the plant passing five of five. E & B Paving will stripe the parking lot at the Community Center. They plan to try to complete it this year, weather permitting. Davidson Excavating presented a quote to fill and grade the edge of the paving at the Community Center. The cost is not to exceed \$4,000. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept the quote. Don Parvin seconded and the motion carried with Don, Rob and Greg voting for passage. The storm drain problem on East Street was discussed. It had been hoped that the paving would help correct the problem but Don believes it is worse. There may also be a problem working around a gas line. Davidson Excavating has quoted \$15,000 to repair the drain. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the Bid from Davidson. Rob Hewitt seconded and the motion carried with Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt and Greg Landrum voting for passage. Don Parvin stated that Craig's Dodge truck was in need of tires and the cost would be \$1,100. Don made the motion to approve the purchase of the tires. Rob Hewitt seconded and the motion carried with Don, Rob and Greg voting for passage.

Roger Waddell presented the report for the Marshal's Department. Roger reported attending a meeting concerning the new radio system the County is to purchase. He stated that Kokomo is still trying to determine if they are on board with the project. Roger also stated that radio towers may be erected here and in Greentown. The County wants to erect its own tower in these areas instead of using towers already erected. Although the cost of the radios is high, Roger reiterated that this is the first time we have purchased radios. The County has always provided us with radios. Don Parvin was concerned about the maintenance of the towers. Roger stated that the towers would belong to the County and not be our responsibility. It was noted there is a ten year warranty on the equipment. The reason for making the change is because the equipment is outdated and the new will offer better service to the fire police and ambulances in Howard Co. The band width on the new scanners will be 800 mgh. The placement of the tower is yet to be determined. The Town will require the tower area be fenced. Jeff Lipinski stated that he has spoken with Jerry Bates and he believes that they have all their bases

covered. Don stated he was sure they would but he just needed some clarification. Trick or Treat went well. There were three residential street lamps broken and spray painting done on a couple houses and streets. Roger will order the new police car this week.

The contract with Delk McNally LLP for legal services for setting up the T I F District was approved by the council.

The process of paying for the new street lighting was discussed. There are several options. Don Parvin recommended the five year contract which will require payment of \$558.00 per month with an additional \$88 increase in electricity. Jeff Lipinski thanked Don for all his work on the additional street lights and expressed the need for the lighting. Roger noted that lighting deters crime and is a great benefit to pedestrians. Rob Hewitt made the motion to approve the installations of the street lights and the five year contract for payment. Greg Landrum seconded and the motion carried with Rob, Greg and Don voting for passage.

There was discussion about contacting Tina Henderson, our grant administrator about grants available to assist with the purchase of decorative lighting.

Corbin King will work on the parking ordinance as soon as he gets some information from the clerk.

The sale of the cell phone tower was discussed. They have informed us that the tower will not be in use for the length of the 75 year contract. Don PARvin would like to get \$105,000 for the remainder of the contract. SBC has offered \$65,000 which is \$15,000 more than we received for the first 50% of the contract. Rob Hewitt would like us to sell it and make use of the cash. Jeff Lipinski is still negotiating with them.

Jeff received a quote of \$14,995.00 for a new sign for the Town Hall from Huston. It was noted that the lighting will be restricted so that it will not bother our neighbors. The CEDIT Fund can be used to pay for the sign. Rob Hewitt made a motion to approve the purchase of the electric message center to be installed by Huston. Greg Landrum seconded and the motion carried with Rob, Greg and Don voating for passage.

The Council approved the Mutual Aid Agreement between EMA and Russiaville on motion made by Rob Hewitt and seconded by Greg Landrum. Voting for passage was Rob Hewitt, Greg Landrum and Don PARvin.

The Contract with the Kokomo Humane Society for 2016 was approved on motion made by Rob Hewitt and seconded by Don PARvin.

The Maintenance Contract for Key Billing was approved on motion made by Rob Hewitt and Greg Landrum.

Jeff Lipinski will talk some paperwork from Tina Henderson for the County Commissioners to sign regarding the New London Project.

It was noted that the work at the wastewater plant on the skimmer arms was performed by CIC for \$5,339.00 instead of the \$7,000 estimated cost.

There being no further business to come before the Council, claims were presented and approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk