

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
July 19, 2021

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum.

Corbin King, town attorney, was also present

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski said prayer. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from June 2021 regular meeting and a special meeting on July 14, 2021 were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had issued one permit to Kimberly Wilson for a fence.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business

TIF Board – No new business

Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present, and stated we are receiving grant money for the interurban station and thanked the council and Dave Kieser. Myrna Claar said that she had talked to Randy Waddell, and he had told her that he had taken out 2 metal posts at one time from the inside that were part of the structure. Dave Kieser said he would take note of this and would make sure things were done correctly on construction when they were ready.

Park and Tree Board – Don Parvin said Davidson Excavating had installed the new water fountain at the town park, and Craig and Paul had gotten the water line installed for it.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and gave a written report. Craig stated the north lift station in New London had taken a lightning strike. They are getting by at this point, but it will need to be fixed and will need 2 new

drives. Jeff Lipinski asked if this was something that needed to be turned in on the insurance. Craig said he was waiting on a price to be able to fix it. He will let the council know when he finds out in case there needs to be a claim done.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and gave a written report. Josh would like to use the golf cart money to buy a set of toners for their printers. Don asked Megan if this would be ok, she said yes, it would come from general either way. Don Parvin made a motion to allow them to get the toners using the golf cart money. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave a written report. Jeff Lipinski asked when we would get the ARP money. Megan said she would be submitting the request for payment and the paperwork to get the money tomorrow. Then she assumes we would have the first draw within 30 days.

Dave Kieser – Dave was present and said that the State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF) grant was applied for last week for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. \$1,243,000.00 was applied for and we should hear whether we will receive this or not about the middle of August. Hopefully we can use ARP money and some local funds for the match of \$280,000.00.

The RBDG grant for \$95,000.00 was received for the South Union Street Sidewalk project, and the money is obligated and available. Our local match on this is \$25,420.00. Pat Reel asked what the timeframe was on this project. Dave Kieser said there were several things that had to be coordinated, including working with INDOT. He is hoping this year but it could go into 2022.

We also received \$50,000.00 from the Heritage Support Grant, our match on this will be \$7,500.00. We will get 90% of the funds up front to be able to start the project.

Dave said that John from Kieser Consulting is working with Don Parvin on the lighting project on Main Street. Don Parvin said they have a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am with the boring company and Duke Energy about this.

Pat Reel made a motion for the ARP money, in the amount of \$252,639.47, to be used on the wastewater plant project next year. Don Parvin seconded. Don said this project is about a \$1.6 million dollar project, we are going to have to come up

with part of the money and if we use the ARP money it will keep us from having a rate increase if we get this grant. The motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said they are still working on the sidewalk and shelter grant.

Jeff Lipinski said there is a program coming up for LED lighting for all our lights that will have rebates if we do it. Dave Kieser agreed that it would be beneficial to do the program. Don Parvin said Donnie Alexander is supposed to bring us info on this.

Road Repair and Alleys – Don Parvin said we are still waiting on this.

Ordinance 2018-05 and 2018-11 – Don Parvin said he has made a mistake! On Ordinance 2018-05 it has that you must register your cats and dogs. Since Don Parvin is the only one who registered his cat the last 2 years, he would like to take “cats” out of the verbiage pertaining to registering cats. It costs money for the tags that we are not recouping. Don Parvin read the ordinance and the all of the places that we need to remove the words “and cats” up through section 4.2. People in town still need to register their dogs each year.

Pat Reel made a motion to remove “cats” from ordinance 2018-05 up to section 4.2. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said in section 4.5.1 is where his mistake has been made. It says you can have 4 hens (chickens). Don said it should have been 6 hens. Pat Reel made a motion to change that you can have 4 hens to that you can have 6 hens in section 4.5.1 in ordinance 2018-05. Don Parvin seconded. Greg asked if the hens had to be registered. Don Parvin said they did not. However, you must get a chicken coop permit yearly. Corbin King said we would have to amend the ordinance. The motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said in ordinance 2018-11 it says under “prohibited parking on streets and alleys” you (under #15) cannot park on the south side of North Street, and (under #16) you cannot park on the north side of North Street. Don would like to



change parking to be allowed on the south side of North Street from Union Street to Liberty Street.

Don said the ordinance under “prohibited parking on streets and alleys” (underneath #23) says “there shall be no parking on streets with no curbs or otherwise.” He would like to take that out. Then under “permitted parking on certain streets in the town” he would like it to say, “temporary parking on any street without curbs so long as it is deemed safe.”

Myrna asked for a definition of safe. Replies of: holidays, parties, gatherings, etc. were given.

Don Parvin made the above changes to ordinance 2018-11 in the form of a motion. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said we are having some issues with chickens on the loose. Don asked Corbin King if section 11.0 of ordinance 2018-05 would cover the chickens for a violation/citation. Everyone agreed that it sounded like it was only for dogs. Corbin suggested we add chickens to the verbiage so it would cover them too. Don made a motion to add “the definition of animals shall include but not be limited to chickens” to section 11.0. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin said on the fee schedule in ordinance 2018-05 it says (under letter G) “attendance of dog at Russiaville Summer Fest.” Don said this was put in there due to dog issues that the Summer Fest. After some discussion, the council decided to change the verbiage on this to say “attendance of dogs at any Russiaville town sponsored events.” Don Parvin made the above in the form of a motion. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Sean Smith -320 E. College St.- Asked about getting a tutoring program started up again and possibly be able to use the Community Center. Jeff Lipinski asked if he would get something in writing for the council. He said he would for sure.

Don Parvin said they had some trees trimmed on Union St that were partially in our easement and partially in 2 of the homeowner's yards. He made an agreement to split the cost of \$1,600.00 with each of them.

Don Parvin also said there are a few trees here in town that need to be trimmed that are beyond what the town workers can do. There are a couple in the power lines, etc. Don would like to have the authorization to have the trees trimmed along with 2 in the park. Myrna Claar made a motion for Don to have authorization to have the trees professionally trimmed that need to be. Greg Landrum said he is for it if they need to be trimmed but he would rather we not cut any down unless they really need to be. Don Parvin seconded. Pat Reel abstained. The motion carried with Myrna, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, and no more comments from council or guests, the claims were presented and approved. Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer