

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
June 27, 2022

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

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Budget meeting was set for July 19th at 5pm for the council to discuss budget for 2023.

Streets/Wastewater – Paul Sattler was present. There were no reports this month.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. He said the bike rodeo went very well. Carl and the library did a great job putting it all together. There were 120 people there and about 60 of them were kids. They gave 10 bikes away thanks to donations from Walmart and Fire Pizza and 40 helmets and several other prizes from other businesses.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he is working on getting the Lions Club money to them. He is looking at different ways to be able to do this the right way.

Corbin said he is still working on the South Union Street sidewalk project with Don and the surveyor for the easement lines on the west side. He is getting the paperwork ready for the easements when all this gets lined out. He has sent additional information to the title company about the purchase of the land on West Street.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the hang up on the money for the Lions Club. Corbin said he needs to make sure we are doing it correctly for Megan's sake with the SBOA.

Council asked if Riverboat money could be used. Corbin will look into this and also the Edit fund as a possibility.

#3 on old business – Ordinance 2022-03 creating a fund for the Community Center deposits (fund# 8976) – Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2022-03 on the second and third readings. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage. Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2022-03 on the second and third reading. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the Community Center agreement. Council had talked about allowing alcohol and having a price increase and separate agreement that included someone licensed to serve it with insurance. Council asked Greg Landrum what his feelings were on the matter, as he hadn't been at the meeting when they talked about it. Greg said he would be ok with it if the people were willing to jump through the hoops and hurdles to protect us, he would be ok with it. Corbin said he would get a contract for council to look at, and then they could have a vote on the issue.

Plan Commission – Mike was not present, but Megan reported that he had written 3 permits. One for a fence at 435 N. Cooper St. and two for 517 S. Union St. (one for demolition of a garage and the other for a new pole building.) There is still a vacancy on the plan commission that needs to be filled.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – The next scheduled TIF meeting is July 21st.

Historical Society – No new business to report.

Park and Tree Board – No one was present to report.

Dave Kieser – Dave said we were approved for a \$98,000.00 grant for the North Union Street sidewalk project.

Dave said he spoke to Commonwealth Engineers. They are looking to serve the wastewater for the West Middleton area and has asked Dave to see if it is

possible for us add it with our current capacity. Dave said he would look over the numbers on this. Dave said he told him we are currently working on a land acquisition to the north to allow for expansion of the plant.

Dave said there are grants out there for solid waste if we are interested in eventually making the existing wastewater plant area into one.

Dave had a layout for the Interurban Station. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to accept the design and move forward with the project. Don Parvin seconded. Greg Landrum asked who would do the work. Dave said it would go out for bid. The motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Duke Energy – Don said he and Myrna and Megan had a meeting with Duke Energy to discuss the 14 new lights mostly on West Main Street, and a few that will be repositioned. Duke will finalize and send an agreement.

Also discussed was switching all the street lighting in town to LED. There were different terms and payment options. We are currently paying about \$2,900.00. With the rebate offer we would start paying \$543.70 per month with a one-time rebate of \$2,470.00. This was the best rate and would not have to come up with any up-front money.

Don Parvin made a motion to do the option with the rebate (option 1). Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he talked to Mark Rice about taking the tree to the east of the fence in the park taken out. Rice can do it for \$700.00. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Rice Tree Company to remove the tree for \$700.00. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Don, and Greg.

Don Parvin said July 23rd from 11am-1pm the Masonic Lodge will have free hot dogs in the park at the pavilion for the community.

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

Greg Landrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer