

TOWN OF ADVANCE
MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: TOWN HALL

April 9, 2024

7:00 PM

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Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and David Lumpkin

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Amanda Lyles, Dale Thompson, and David Lumpkin

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Legal Counsel, Amy Nooning, Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Kyle Schnoor, JR Shelton, Marshal Thomas, Kristen Linton, Scott Roby, Doug Meissel, Stacy Sutphin, David Gregory, and Robert Hill Jr.

President Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Engineering Report – Gary Ladd: No report presented.

Public Hearing opened for BID on vacant lot. No BIDS received. Legal Counsel Nooning advised that the could vote on a lower minimum bid and advertise twice, with one of the publications per new legislation being online. The Council would then accept the highest bid and they would not have to be sealed.

Mrs. Sutphin requested to voice an opinion that the lot was worth \$38,000.00 and if she had known, she would've bid on the lot.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to advertise a minimum bid of \$30,000.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

President Caldwell closed the public hearing on BIDS. President Caldwell opened the public hearing for the additional appropriation.

CT Johnson summarized Resolution 2024-02 stating it was for police equipment in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2024-02 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2024. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for March 11, 2024 in the amount of \$106,772.73. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The council signed off on reconciliation for March 2024.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. No comments were presented.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of March 2024, in the amount of \$-380.13. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

TRECS is being uploaded and nothing has been collected to date.

CT presented quote from SHI for town emails in.gov. for \$1,072.00 for 14 lines.

Councilman Lumpkin made motion to approve the SHI quote for \$1,072.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Park – (no paper report presented, no meeting in March, just update given) Kristen Linton:

Ms. Linton advised the eclipse went well. For Easter, 35 kids participated, and 400 eggs were distributed. Mr. Roby and Ms. Linton will be meeting with Ms. Kouns who is the director of community engagement with the Boone County Community Foundation and see how the foundation may be able to help. The Park will be holding a polo match to raise funds for the 501C3 and 30 volunteers will be needed for the second Saturday in June for the event.

President Caldwell stated if the Park did not submit anything for the Boone County Solid Waste grant by July 1, the Fire Department would.

Ms. Linton stated she didn't know anything about Klooz Brewz donating part of their sales.

M. Thomas stated a de-brief would be held on Friday. CT Johnson stated she made \$37.00 facepainting and she already gave the cash to Mr. Roby.

UMAC – CT Johnson read report:

For the month of March, gallons pumped were 753,000 and gallons billed were 642,220 which is a difference of 110,780 gallons or 14%. The UV was installed for the summer months and disinfection has begun. The Water and WW plants have been running well with no violations to report. The plant in February ran at 99% capacity. Hydrant flushing will happen in the next few weeks and REACH Alerts will be sent out to residents when a date is set.

President Caldwell stated Mr. Ladd, town engineer, was contacted and town may obtain a new grant administrator; therefore, there may be some positive results. He hopes to double the size of the sewer plant. IEDC might help with the LEAP district coming.

Hopper Excavating – (no paper report presented) Keith Cromwell:

For the month of March 2024, work done were lines located, a tree taken down on the vacant lot, water leak, turned on water, mowing at Park, and pumped Well's School septic. Mr. Cromwell stated he would like to keep the rotation on the school every 2 years. He also stated he received several line locates that had nothing at the location and he did not charge the town for them. CT questioned if he wanted to change the map on 811 and Mr. Cromwell advised no.

IMPA – CT Johnson read report:

In March 2024 there were 2 service requests, no poles were replaced, and there was one emergency reported, a pole down at 414 E Wall St.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

President Caldwell stated IMPA is working on cost reduction and the ECA should go down in July by 3% per kw. This goes through the tracking factor. A large grain bin operation to go in at 75 and 50 South which may be 4000 amps. IMPA has engineers looking into what may be needed and the size of the utility may need to be increased. All that happened in Lebanon has affected the western communities.

President Caldwell questioned Councilman Thompson on the report requested. Councilman Thompson stated he never got the spreadsheet. CT advised it was sent and asked if it went to a spam folder. She stated she would resend.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of March 2024, the fire department had 13 EMS, 4 fire, 1 MVA, and 3 cancelled in route, 2 persons in distress, and 1 power line down.

Police – Marshall Thomas: (no report presented – verbal):

There were 11 runs in March. Runs were discussed.

Code enforcement with property on Walnut Street resident advised property was in his wife's name not his. Concerning the Main Street property the town could tow the car and discussion stated that was a concerning option. President Caldwell stated he would contact attorney to have owner remove junk/car from the Main Street property.

Discussion ensued.

P. Caldwell stated attorney needs to write letters to code violators. CT stated M. Thomas needed to get her names and addresses of violation properties so she can advise attorney who needs letters. More ticket books need to be ordered.

Attorney stated wife could be included in litigation.

M. Thomas is working to get the G.E.D. program up and running with Mrs. Taylor and options to find those that could benefit from the program. P. Caldwell stated M. Thomas needed to find an organization fund the program. M. Thomas tried to call Workforce Development, but they have not returned his phone calls. M. Thomas also said he has organizations that would get the laptops for the program.

The truck should be shipped in four weeks. P. Caldwell stated costs are needed. Lights need to be out of the current truck before the trade in can occur.

Reserve Demaree will be working with new drivers on what to do at traffic stops.

M. Thomas requested buildings in town/park be dedicated to those who were influential in town.

The Eclipse went well and approximately 864 people came and many were out-of-state. The band raised the price \$700.00 the night before the event. Donations were made. The event may come up \$1,000.00 short.

P. Caldwell advised M. Thomas contact Keystone for a donation. Discussion ensued.

Old Business:

CT Johnson presented Ordinance 2024-02; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-05 Setting Salaries for the Calendar Year 2024.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2024-02 on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion Ordinance 2024-02. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Billing Disputes:

None presented.

Request to Speak:


None received.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:47.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Advance Town Council meetings.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday May 13, 2024, at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.