

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

January 9, 2023

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

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Others in attendance: John Demaree, Aletha Lumpkin, Dan Bewley, Keith Cromwell, Troy Elless, Linda Randle, Gerald Randle, David Gregory, Ginger Claremohr, Jeff Hopper, Hudson Truitt, Alex Smith, Jenna Scott, Brown Puckett, Dan Smith, Tommie Toude, Carla Kellogg, Deputy Hitch, Amanda Lumpkin, and Austin Scott.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

**Clerk-Treasurer Johnson swore in Councilman David Lumpkin, Councilwoman Amanda Lyles, and Reserve Alex Smith.**

**Marshal Thomas spoke regarding Mr. Smith and programs for community (policing).**

President Caldwell requested help from community growth with LEAP. Discussion ensued regarding annexation, sewer, water, (regionalization) road improvements. Pres. Caldwell met with Superintendent Ramey for Western Boone school and there is a need for more students.

**AFD2 Linda Randle gave report:**

The food pantry has been in service for three years and sponsored by The Advance Volunteer Fire Department serving the town and surrounding communities. Report included families served and dollar amount of services. The Council was advised there is a 24 crisis message line. Sponsorships were shared and in 2022 received from NSSB Humanitarian award. Discussions ensued. A pet pantry through the Human Society will begin in February 2023 and AFD2 will use the Town's gravel lot.

**Engineering Report: CT Johnson spoke to this.**

President Caldwell stated the town needed to move forward with Mr. Ladd presenting an agreement to complete a PER for the WWTP and to work on the second round of CCMG funding.

Troy Elless discussed issues with the WWTP on I&I and issues with IDEM. Infiltration continues to happen, and the source needs to be found. President Caldwell questioned sump pump connections and CT Johnson advised the Sewer Use Ordinance was passed allowing the town to inspect the pumps.

Mr. Elless also stated smoke testing could be done and the best time to perform that test is in August and is most cost effective. He stated millions can be spent and only have a 5% improvement. The new pumps that were installed run a lot through to prevent backups occurring in town. The town capacity has not changed. An additional oxidation ditch needs to be installed. A plan with a time table needs to be done.

CT questioned IDEM 3 strikes rule? Mr. Elless stated if issues aren't fixed it could be a violation and then go to an enforcement and would be an agreed order. A sewer ban can be placed. Agreed funding can help with funding, but Mr. Elless didn't think we were there yet. CT stated she would schedule a meeting with Mr. Ladd, Mr. Elless, President Caldwell, and herself to discuss WWTP issues.

David Gregory questioned annexation, and President Caldwell stated we don't know until discussions with an attorney occurred.

**Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2022. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for January 9, 2023, in the amount of \$114,933.48. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

**Council signed off on reconciliation for December.**

**Park – President Caldwell:**

No report, no meetings and stated President Caldwell stated Mr. Bowne had COVID. He advised President Caldwell there was no communication on the 501C3 status.

President Caldwell questioned mowing into November. Mr. Hopper stated they mulched leaves up.

**UMAC – Troy Elless presented report:**

The new lead and copper and rule inventory need to be done by October 2024 on water lines. The EPA ruling was sent to the Council. An inventory needs to be done on every line in town. Lines can be verbally documented and lines installed after 1987 should be ok. Both sides of the meter line need to be inspected. Work needs to be done with the homeowner to do inspections. A database needs to be compiled and sent to IDEM and the EPA. If any lines are found they need to be placed and once submission of report is done, a final report will be presented by the EPA. CT Johnson questioned how long we would have to replace the lines. Mr. Elless stated he was not sure; however, funding would be available to replace lead lines. Mr. Elless stated 120Water out of Zionsville can do the reporting for the town and be approximately \$2000.00.

Mr. Hopper stated the town didn't have much lead. Mr. Elless stated 120Water specializes in this work and all lines need to be documented whether its lead, galvanized, or copper. Homeowners will be responsible to replace lines if lead is found on their side. CT Johnson stated the Council would need an agreement to sign to have 120Water.

CT read report from Mr. Ladd on Generator delivery. President Caldwell stated old generators would be considered surplus.

**Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell read report:**

Work completed in December was shut offs of water, snow removal/salting, and a safety lid was installed.

Councilman Lumpkin questioned area on East Wall Street that has been torn up. President Caldwell stated stone could be placed.

Councilwoman Lyles questioned the furniture that was dumped behind the town recycle bin. CT advised she had already called Smith's to remove.

**IMPA – President Caldwell read report:**

In December there were no service request, no poles were replaced, and there were no outages.

**IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:**

Substation attacks were discussed. Plans of security need to be discussed for Town. CT advised security cameras need to be installed around Town.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:**

For the month of December, the fire department had 6 EMS, 3 Fire, Cancelled in Route 3, and Person in Distress 2.

**Police – Marshall Thomas:**

For the month of December there were 6 runs. Runs were discussed. FTO hours were discussed. Deputy Hitch stated Reserve Demaree had in 244 hours and Reserve Perisho had over 400 hours.

Tokens for computers are in and almost ready for police computers.

Reserve Smith needs to go through a pre-basic through the county.

Code Violations were discussed. Mr. Hill has had tickets written for 5 month. CT stated she spoke with the town attorney, and she is making one more effort to speak to his son, to get clean up done; otherwise, the town will go to court again.

Computers are needed for the police department. A missing child report has to be done within 2 hours.

Deputy Hitch took a run in December delivering NARCAN and saved her life.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

Fund and appropriation reports were presented without comment.

CT advised the Council the trash was in a negative fund balance but should be in the positive by April.

Many adjustments were unpaid utility bills that went past the 10 year statute of limitations.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of December 2022, in the amount of -\$24,401.65. Councilman Thompson seconded. Councilman Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

TRECS update; usually funds don't start coming in until March.

HEA 1271 gives municipalities through 2024 the capability to put 15% of the Town's unspent budget into the Rainy Day Fund.

CT read Resolution 2023-01.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-01 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT explained to Councilman Lumpkin the appropriation report and categories, and her authority to move money between categories, but the Council must approve movement between classifications.

CT Johnson read Transfer of Appropriation to Different Classifications: Resolution 2023-02.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-02 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT questioned who on the Council would like to attend so she could register then, and President Caldwell would be speaking on the Town's behalf. All the Council requested to attend.

CT questioned who would like to attend the AIM Legislative Dinner. President Caldwell and Councilwoman Lyles stated they would like to attend.

President Caldwell stated invoicing needs to be presented within 30 days. CT Johnson stated invoicing is crucial for her to do an accurate budget. CT stated what is the hard date to not pay an invoice. Discussion ensued. Sometimes there will be special circumstances but 30 days is when it needs to be submitted.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Billing Disputes: None presented.**

**Request to Speak: None presented.**

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:14.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 13, 2023 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.