

TOWN OF ADVANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

July 22, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshall: Brad Thomas

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

**Attendees:**

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

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Aletha Lumpkin, Gary Ladd, and David Gregory

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

President Caldwell opened a public hearing.

Town Engineer, Gary Ladd, opened sealed bids:

- G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coating LLC: \$140,000.00
- Maquire Iron, Inc.: \$110,000.00
- Currens Construction Services, LLC: \$128,100.00
- Viking Painting LLC: \$142,650.00
- O & A Coating and Painting Corp: \$92,424.00
- Classic Protective Coatings: \$171,300.00

Gary Ladd of Ladd Engineering recommended the Council take under advisement and a determination will be made at the August 12, 2024 Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Lyles requested something else besides town name be painted on the tower. President Caldwell stated if additional painting caused the price to increase, he would rather use the funds for other town needs.

CT stated that the town ARPA funds received approximately \$116,000.00. There was a surplus of funds from the generator funds given to the town from the County's ARPA funds. She advised that when she was at her conference she questioned an auditor about the surplus and was advised these funds needed to be returned to the County. CT advised she would ask county if these funds could be re-allocated.

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to take BIDS under advisement and vote at the next Council meeting on August 12, 2024 per Mr. Ladd's recommendations.**

**Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

CT presented ISC's proposals for conversion of the electric system from Dover on SR 75 to CR 50 s.

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve ISC proposal and for the town to pay \$80,000.00 for conversion to 12K, and President Caldwell to sign the proposal.**

**Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the authorization to proceed with work for Mr. Smith's to pay \$330,500.00 and President Caldwell to sign the proposal.**

**Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Councilman Thompson questioned if the line would be bigger, and P. Caldwell stated no. The town is also looking to pursue an infrastructure grant to assist with the cost of the Town's conversion.

Discussions ensued regarding electric costs.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**(The meeting did not need to have a public hearing).**

CT presented a recommendation to the Council of a 4% raise to all employees and elected officials for the 2025 Salary Ordinance.

**Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve a 4% increase to town employees and elected officials for 2025. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

CT presenting the legal counsel agreement for 2025 with a \$2,000.00 increase from 2024 from \$17,000.00 for the retainer to \$19,000.00, and the hourly rate from \$300.00 to \$350.00 an hour.

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the legal counsel agreement for 2025. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for July 22, 2025 in the amount of \$207,825.39. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to ratify President Caldwell signing the purchase agreement with DPatrick for the purchase of the new police vehicle in the amount of \$48,765.25. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the TKO Graphics quote in the amount of \$1411.82 for police car graphics and for President Caldwell to sign. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to buy back the damaged police car and approve the settlement from Progressive at \$7786.00. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for the police department to remove the old equipment from damaged vehicle and sell the vehicle. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

CT will request attorney write up a surplus resolution for vehicle.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:38.**

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Clerk Treasurer

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President