

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

May 13, 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: Deputy Shaun Hitch, Keith Cromwell, Kyle Schnoor, JR Shelton, Marshal Thomas, Scott Roby, Doug Meissel, David Gregory, Bob Hill (Sr.) and Robert Hill Jr.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

P. Caldwell – State of the Community Report:

CCMG was discussed and town is pursuing the second round of grants to complete West Wall Street. A meeting was held with a grant administrator and engineer to find funding sources to double the Sewer Plant's capacity. Costs could increase to \$118.00. The Water Tower painting/maintenance funds can be used from ARPA funding. Work is being done so water meters can be read from the office. A large grain bin operation is being placed north of town at 50 S. and 75. IMPA is looking at options of most cost-effective solutions. Comcast has contacted town about placement of fiber.

Engineering Report – CT Johnson read.

Second round of CCMG Grant for 2024. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the construction cost estimate from Ladd Engineering for the CCMG grant

not-to-exceed amount of \$1,100.00. Councilwoman Lyle seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ladd Engineering cost of \$2,900.00 for design and bidding phase and \$19,000.00 for the construction phase for the Water Tower Storage Tank Rehabilitation project. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

BIDS for Vacant Lot:

CT advised one BID was received. President Caldwell opened the BID and stated that the BID from Brad Thomas was \$30,000.00 for the lot if the Town would pay the closing costs.

CT stated that Legal Counsel Nooning advised the Council must question what the purpose of lot purchase would be. P. Caldwell questioned M. Thomas and M. Thomas stated the lot would be used "to build a new building for Jawbone." Council questioned what the closing costs would be, and Councilman Lumpkin stated it should be approximately \$1,500.00. CT advised legal counsel stated this could be negotiated.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the contract for purchase, acceptance of the \$30,000.00 BID, and authorizing P. Caldwell to sign all documents relating to the purchase. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the recycle dumpster.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for May 13, 2024 in the amount of \$129,182.06. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

The council signed off on reconciliation for April 2024.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

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

CT shared a positive email received regarding the eclipse.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of April 2024, in the amount of \$-182.73. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

TRECS has had two letters written.

CT advised Council that new legislation has been passed that will require the town to record and post all meeting minutes effective July 1, 2025. Ways to archive and trainings will be upcoming.

Park – JR Shelton:

Mr. Shelton advised that the park submitted a request for the Solid Waste Grant. P. Caldwell advised the grant was not very good. Mr. Shelton advised he did not write it. P. Caldwell understood, but stated they needed to be specific on the dollar amount being requested. He also stated trash cans would not be approved.

Discussion of flags ensued. P. Caldwell stated he would like to have flags up by Memorial Day. CT advised she and Park President Linton discussed the flag situation, whether the Park Board wanted to purchase the flags with the military banners going up. CT questioned did the park want to put a lot of money into the flags or placing flags above the banners? She stated cost of better poles would need to be reviewed.

P. Caldwell questioned the 5-10 year plan and where it was. Mr. Shelton advised that is still being worked on.

The first RC race will be Memorial Weekend (a trophy race and campers overnight).

The Polo match is scheduled for June 14th. P. Caldwell stated he spoke with IMPA, and if they put up their banner and sponsor event, sponsorship would be anywhere from \$500.00 - \$1,500.00. Mr. Roby stated that invitations would go out to the Council, Jawbone, and Hoppers the next week for sponsorship. P. Caldwell reiterated if the Park Board wanted IMPA sponsorship, to let him know.

P. Caldwell questioned about the finances. Mr. Roby advised with his work hours he had not had a chance to get them. P. Caldwell stated as soon as they got the statements, to give them to CT Johnson.

Mr. Shelton stated the equipment picked out was \$69,000.00 and that cost did not include installation. A gaming license was obtained to do .

Mr. Shelton also stated that the park wanted to have Mr. Thompson make a custom drag to drag the trail. Spraying has been done. Co-op has a good weed killer. Discussion ensued.

The Board has someone to clean up park and paint restrooms. P. Caldwell questioned if the board had a credit card. The board needed to discuss with CT funds to purchase the paint; however, if they were using 501C3 funds, the Council did not need to approve.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to purchase paint. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

UMAC – CT Johnson read report:

For the month of April, gallons pumped was 914,000 and gallons billed was 729,030 for a difference of 184,970 or 20%. The WWTP ran at 94% capacity in March. There were no violations. The water system was flushed, and flow tests will be done in the fall. There was a hydrant issue north of town caused by a rock in the valve and the valve being under the sidewalk.

The annual report has been completed and will be mailed out with a lead line customer survey to identify line materials entering homes. This survey is part of the lead line inventory that is due October 2024. CT advised IDEM violation letter had been sent.

Councilman Thompson stated that the reports for usage and electricity was not matching.

CT advised she missed getting a motion for CCMG and for President to sign all forms.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve President Caldwell to sign all forms relating to the CCMG grant. Councilwoman Lyles. All in favor, motion carried.

Hopper Excavating – CT Johnson:

Work done in April, were line locates, septic pumping, turn on water, move table at Town Hall, remove concrete from window at the Town building, expose water shut off. There are multiple upcoming jobs.

CT stated the lift station needed to be sprayed and Mr. Cromwell advised it had been done. CT also requested invoices be submitted as soon as possible so she could create an accurate budget. Mr. Cromwell advised invoices should be at the office.

IMPA – CT Johnson read report:

In April 2024 there was 1 service request, no poles were replaced, and there was one emergency reported.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

P. Caldwell stated IMPA has to meet the carbon-free/renewables for power to be 30% renewable and IMPA is close to that. Currently batteries are too expensive and don't last long; therefore, they are not currently an option. Discussion of renewables was discussed. IMPA looks at the least expensive way to do things.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Master Service Agreement with ISC and for P. Caldwell to sign. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of April 2024, the fire department had 9 EMS, 3 fire, 2 MVA, and 1 power line down.

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

There were 9 runs in April. Runs were discussed.

Solicitors in town, claiming to sell meat. M. Thomas reminded everyone if someone knocks at your door, make it known someone is home.

Code Enforcement is up to date. Photos were returned from legal counsel, and he has resent to both emails. The status of the police truck is still up in the air. CT advised she will submit an additional appropriation for the truck. M. Thomas stated he would get an updated quote from TKO for graphics and is having Smart Manufacturing submit a quote to install lights and sirens.

M. Thomas gave a GED update. The program wanted to see the classroom space and was impressed that volunteers were running. There are 7 people waiting to take the course. Inspection needs to happen.

Old Business - nothing presented.

New Business:

WAM submitted a Summer Program update. Wes Mikesell will be heading up the program with a student intern from Western Boone. The program will run from May 28th – August 1st on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 19:48.

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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 June 10, 2024, at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.

Post close of meeting, Bob Hill Sr. tried to speak. P. Caldwell advised the meeting had concluded. Mr. Hill became irate stating he needed to speak. Councilman Thompson advised he needed to complete a request to speak.