

TOWN OF ADVANCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
LOCATION: TOWN HALL

October 11, 2022

7:00 PM

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Council Members: Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

**Attendees:** Council Members: Jim Caldwell, Amanda Lyles, Dale Thompson and President Melody Fry

Marshal: Brad Thomas – not in attendance

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Deputy Marshall Shaun Hitch, David Gregory, Mike Gass, Bob Hill (with cow bell), and David Lumpkin.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rules of Order**

**Ladd Engineering Report – Engineering Report – AMP Proposal for CCMG due December 1, 2022.**

CT advised that the requirement to apply for CCMG is now annual due December 1, 2022.

**Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve for Ladd Engineering to complete the road Asset Management Plan for \$800.00 and for President Fry the authorization to sign the approval. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**The Public Hearing for sealed BIDS for Generator(s) at Sewer were opened.**

CT advised there are two bids; one for a portable generator and stand-by generator. CT also reminded that the funds to pay for generators were from County ARP funds.

Buckeye Power Sales presented a BID for a 30kw portable generator for \$38,343.00 and a 77kw for \$31,117.00 for a total of \$69,460.00.

EVAPAR presented a bid for a portable generator of 20kw for \$33,530.00 and an 80kw for \$34,080.00 for a total of \$67,610.00.

Discussions ensued regarding costs and kw needed.

The Council tabled to allow BID specs to be reviewed by town engineer and for recommendations to be made.

President Fry closed the Public Hearing, and the regular meeting was opened.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2022. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2022. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve claims for October 11, 2021, in the amount of \$217,543.44. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Council signed off on reconciliation for September.

Park – no one present.

Trick-or-Treating hours were discussed. It was decided trick-or-treating would be on October 31, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**UMAC – President Fry read report:**

Gallons pumped in September was 777,000 and billed was 680,000 for a difference of 97,000 or 12%. The Water System had a three-year inspection. The deficiencies were the screen on overflow (needed to be smaller), and sample taps need to be installed at each well.

Quotes were obtained for cleaning of the tower and an inspection.

The WW had two deficiencies; testing which included changes in laboratory procedures. The second was inflow and infiltration issues which are being reviewed with the town engineer.

CT suggested that the new sewer use ordinance could be at sump pumps in residences that would be emptied in system and Councilman Caldwell stated there were unused tanks that needed to be capped.

Letters were written and need to be signed by President Fry. Councilman Thompson made a motion for President Fry to sign IDEM Letters. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised differences on billed vs. used on water could be contributed to tanker training and fires.

Mr. Elless suggested a company that works with towns to do water tower painting. CT stated this is something the Council could review.

President Fry presented two proposals for inspection on water tower from Dixon for \$5,500.00 and Clouse Inspection services for \$4,300.00. Any debris pumped out of tank would be the responsibility of the town.

Discussion ensued regarding quotes.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the Dixon quote of \$5,500.00. The reason he voted for this quote even though it was more, the proposal was more in depth and the other quote was one page. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Hopper Excavating – President Fry read report:**

Work completed in September was line locates, disconnects, and reconnects, septic pumping, jetting a sewer line, mowing, checked tank, burned brush, repaired a meter lid, and repaired sewer line.

**IMPA – President Fry read report:**

In September, 8 service requests were completed. No poles were replaced, and there were no outages.

**IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:**

Councilman Caldwell stated IMPA's rates were increasing by 8.8%. This rate will be reflected in the tracking factor. Other power providers are much higher and there are potential blackouts in other states because of what kind of power was purchased. NIPSCO was increasing 16.5%.

CT advised she had a meeting with Cyber company and an assessment was done. Phishing exercises will be conducted. Another meeting will be held, and a computer sent to office to begin cyber breach.

CT reminded that Fire, UMAC, and Hopper contracts were up for renewal this year.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion that the Town does not charge REMC for hotspot placement. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Fire – Keith Cromwell read report:**

For the month of September, the fire department had 2 EMS, 1 Fire , 6 Cancelled, 3 MVA, and 1 Lock Out.

**Police – Deputy Shaun Hitch presented report (no physical report presented):**

Tickets were being delivered to Bob Hill daily for code violations.

For the month of September there were 7 runs. These included a welfare check, dog bite, lock out, traffic stop, sex offense (county took over as it involved a juvenile), and a suspicious person. Issues of 407 S. Main shooting offenses occurred. Councilman Thompson expressed his displeasure regarding 407 S. Main and how it was handled (county reply), being the second offense.

Discussion regarding the dog bite and safety protocols ensued.

**Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:**

Fund and appropriation reports were presented without comment.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of September 2022, in the amount of -\$1149.00. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. Councilman Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion passed.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to amend Resolution number 2022-03 to 2022-07. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

TRECS – The town will be getting a good refund from the state surplus refunds.

Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan discussions were tabled, as well as the Investment Policy.

Discussion of insurance policy ensued.

Councilwoman Lyles stated that Carried Douglas and Mike Broach couldn't make meeting to discuss annexation.

Discussion of annexation from 75 to 32 ensued and the County expansion ensued. In addition, upgrading the utility system ensued.


**Old Business: None Presented**

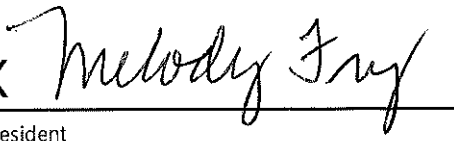
**New Business: None Presents**

**Billing Disputes:**

**Request to Speak:**

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:54.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday November 14, 2022 (Budget Adoption) at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.