

TOWN OF ADVANCE
MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: TOWN HALL

October 15, 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, JR Shelton, Marshal Thomas, Scott Roby, Kyle Schnoor, Doug Meissel, Linda Randle, Gerald Randle, Kristen Linton, David Gregory, Tammy Plutchel, Jane Taylor, Aletha Lumpkin, Keith Cromwell, Reserve Alex Smith, Joey Flack, Alec Beeson, CJ Hegel, Boone County Commissioner, Jeff Wolfe.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

A moment of silence was held for Stacey Sutphin.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Budget Resolution 2024-07 for 2025. Councilman Thompson seconded, Councilman Lumpkin voted aye, and President Caldwell abstained, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the change order for \$1,461.37 with All Star Paving for a final total project costs of \$119,441.38 and for President Caldwell to sign. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for October 15, 2024 in the amount of \$157,094.13. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

President Caldwell commended the G.E.D. program and recognized the graduates of the program. Graduates were Joseph (Joey Flack) Flack, Alec Beeson, and C.J. Hegel. M. Thomas stated it was an effort between the APD and retired educators and the program name of LEEDS.

CT advised M. Thomas that she had received documentation from the IRS for LEEDS under the Town's address. She returned this documentation with a letter to the IRS as she was unaware of this being done and the EIN could not be put under the Town. The EIN was invalid, and the program would need to contact the IRS.

The council signed off on reconciliation for September.

Councilwoman Lyles questioned the 501C3 donations for Ms. Sutphin. Scott Roby advised donations to date was \$3,470.00.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented. No comments made.

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

No TRECS update.

CT gave an update for the Best Day in Boone. She thought the shirts would need to be paid by the town, but the Town did pay for the paint supplies. Discussion of improvements done by Festool.

The benefit for the park will be held in May to allow ample time to prepare and the event will be "Ride for Slides".

Councilman Thompson made a motion to ratify President Caldwell signing agreement with O&A for Water Tower refurbishment, and any documents moving forward. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to approve the agreement with Cunningham Construction for the READi Funds and for President Caldwell to sign any documents moving forward. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised that Mr. Ladd had in fact contacted ilines about removing equipment for painting the water tower and on the chatter stated they were not. She stated for clarification there was correspondence regarding.

CT advised she received confirmation from SBOA that the general fund could pay for work on the sewer plant if needed but recommended proper rates to be set.

CT advised a Comprehensive Plan needed to be done with the growth in the county, as well as the Council begin looking at annexation.

Park – Kristen Linton:

The park equipment needs a definitive answer on delivery; once delivered, a dedication ceremony will be held. The donations for Ms. Sutphin are being received and the park 501C3 wanted to meet with her family to put up a memorial. The military banner program has begun; an online form is available as well as paper copies in the Town Hall. The deadline for submission is November 30, 2024.

A Halloween trunk-or-treat event in partnership with Jeepers Creepers of Boone County will be held October 25, 2024 from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Free food will be served.

Discussion of a November potential movie night was being discussed as well as a town tree lighting December. CT requested the town purchase the tree due to funds running low in park fund, if the park board cannot get a donation of a tree.

UMAC – CT Johnson read report:

The water tower painting has been completed and the tank is filling. The LSLI was completed and submitted. There has been an issue at the Sewer Plant either clarifier drive or motor. CT verified with operator that this issue was not part of the Sewer Plant upgrades done in 2021. Meter testing needs to be done, and vendors are being sought.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:

Work done in September 2024 were line locates, mowing, septic pumping and repair of a meter pit. Mowing completion for the year was discussed.

IMPA/ISC – CT Johnson read report:

In September 2024 there were 2 service requests, 1 pole installed, and no emergencies. President Caldwell discussed a bad pole at the end of 250 South that needs to be replaced. CT advised a work order would be submitted.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

P. Caldwell advised the tracking factor would be going down and no rate increase will be needed. Other power company rates were discussed. IMPA looks at every way to keep cost down.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Tracking Factor with an increase of .28, new factor .012234. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ISC Halftime Report: President Caldwell

Discussion of work done for the Town by ISC. CT advised the largest services was engineering, services requests, and then outage restoration. Lastly was vegetation, i.e. tree trimming.

President Caldwell discussed the conversion of 4KVA to 12KVA. Temp service needed to be installed for construction at 75 and 50. Discussion ensued.

President Caldwell discussed meter location. There is a meter south of Town that is buried under a pile of manure. A proposal would be to shut the meter off and place two meters at house and barn. All properties at one time were owned by one person. P. Caldwell stated the options were to discontinue meter and place new meters at house and barn and remove manure off original meter. This work was done many years ago. Discussion ensued. Councilman Thompson stated the line would need to be split and the lines would need to be separated, and the residents should pay to split the lines, and the town would pay for the meter pits. President Caldwell stated if there were issues to contact the Council. Councilman Thompson stated the Town must have access to the meter.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of September 2024, the fire department had 4 EMS, 3 fire, and 4 cancelled en route, 4 false alarms, 2 persons in distress, 3 MVAs, 1 building collapse and 1 power line was down. Advance assisted Jamestown on runs. Discussion ensued.

Police – Marshall Thomas:

There were 9 runs in September. Runs were discussed.

A Belgian Malinois was gifted to the police department. The dog was to be a comfort or assist dog to veterans. The dog obeys 20 commands. M. Thomas intentions are the dog would be for relations in schools.

M. Thomas wants to purchase \$3,500.00 worth of ammunition, new brakes for the Tahoe, and training. CT questioned if some ammunition could be purchased this year and some next as the budget for this year is winding down? M. Thomas advised yes.

Code enforcement: 203 can be removed. 407 will be taken to court. 103 and 202 are still being discussed with the attorney. 301 Roark is working on a fence. Discussions ensued regarding properties.

Ms. Linton questioned if the town held CPR classes. P. Caldwell advised he would work on scheduling a class.

Old Business – Resolution 2024-06

CT read Resolution 2024-06.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2024-06 on its first hearing. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06. Councilman Lumpkin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Jeff Wolfe - County Commissioner:

The LEAP District has put a lot on the western side of the county. There is a developer who has asked to place a business at 65 and 47, and this business wants to be outside the Lebanon city limits. When LEAP came in discussions were made to regionalize water and sewer districts. The sewer district would serve the business at 65 and 47. If the smaller towns were members there would be a bigger share of the resource. The autonomy wouldn't change with planning and zoning of the town. They would like to create a sewer/water district from the north edge of Lebanon from 421 to 500 West and South to the County Line around Jackson Township. If a cooperative is formed it would pass expenses to a larger base of rate payers.

CT advised that SRF looks positively at regionalizing.

Mr. Wolfe advised this project would allow a larger bonding capacity. The downside is the sewer rates would be for the district. Lebanon wants to expand their district to 200 South to 75. If Advance wanted to annex north, Advance would need to ask for permission to provide utility to that district.

Councilman Thompson questioned who would approve all of this? Mr. Wolfe advised the IURC.

CT questioned if the district would control the Town's rates? The rate payers would have a certain amount of debt, and the rates would need to cover, explained Mr. Wolfe. Discussion of a board ensued. Mr. Wolfe advised that this was for support of regionalization and not a definite commitment.

Councilman Lumpkin made a motion to agree to moving forward with a sewer district. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried .

Mr. Wolfe stated he may need a letter of support. CT advised she would draft.

The READi Grant was discussed, and Mr. Wolfe advised it was a difficult process and CT concurred. CT asked who she would need to contact regarding funds, and he advised to request the funds from the Auditor.

Billing Disputes:

None presented.

Request to Speak: Tammy Plutchel

Ms. Plutchel stated she had lots on Oak and Cherry Street and owns the mobile home park. The LEAP district is bringing 4000 contractors and requesting placement for RVs. Ms. Plutchel stated she has placements in Zionsville and Westfield and is requesting temporary use of lots on her property for RVs. She stated the RVs are not typical mobile home residents, and would be a 3-6 possibly 10 year residents. She wanted housing on a temporary basis and convert once the project is over to mobile homes.

President Caldwell stated the Town code doesn't allow for RVs. He stated there have been issues before of people residing in RVs.

Ms. Plutchel stated this is a different situation, as they are not low income individuals bringing in nice RVs and she had hoped Advance would partner. Ms. Plutchel stated they would be great residents and cooperative.

CT Johnson spoke to the Council stating her husband lived in a transient community out of an RV for work, and he had many RVs that had to be relocated because they work hard, but they play harder, and she did not want to subject residents to this.

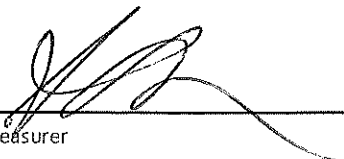
M. Thomas stated if this code was changed, then anyone in town could have someone at their residence living out of an RV. CT reiterated the Ordinance would have to be changed and what you do for one, has to be done for all. CT also stated 10 years isn't temporary, it was a long term.

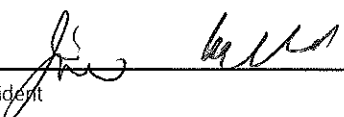
Ms. Plutchel argued she would monitor the properties, and they wouldn't be in and out. P. Caldwell stated no to RVs.

Discussion for additional mobile homes and sewer capacity ensued.

Ms. Plutchel stated there were laws that would allow her to place mobile homes on Oak Street and P. Caldwell stated local law supersedes.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:28.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Advance Town Council meeting(s). The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, (Budget Adoption) at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN.