

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE TOWN HALL

September 14, 2020

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: President Fry, Amanda Lyles, Dale Thompson and Jim Caldwell

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Others in attendance: Dirk Garriott, Jeff Hopper, Keith Cromwell, Matt Bowen, Jenna Thomas, Karen Hiese, Greg Masten, Shawn Hitch, Lisa Henry, Dan Bewley and Larry Bartlow

President Fry called to order the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Greg Masten and Larry Bartlow from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association presented Brad Thomas the McQueen Excellence Award from district for doing good things for the community and making the community better.

Dirk Garriott – IMPA/ISC:

Mr. Garriott discussed the metering program. Councilman Caldwell shared thoughts on how the system would also improve line-loss, loss of water, efficiency, return on investment, savings of man power and other benefits.

Discussion ensued.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the AMI Service Agreement, the End User License Agreement and any other agreements moving forward. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 10, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes from August 5th and August 27th. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

President Fry opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget.

CT Johnson read the budget report and explained the budget process and where funds come from and that some funds need to be reduced to support the upcoming budget. No comments were made.

Mr. Bewley with the Park Department questioned if the street to the Park be paved. Discussion ensued regarding the paving of the Town Hall Parking lot and using the millings at the park entrance.

CT Johnson read the Reduction Resolution 202-02.

Councilman Caldwell suspended the rules and considered the Reduction Resolution 2020-02 on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Reduction Resolution 2020-02. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

President Fry closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Council meeting.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for August in the amount of \$109,790.80. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

UMAC – :

No report was presented.

Hopper Excavating- Jeff Hopper read the report:

Locates, septic pumping, mowing, patching holes, turning on utilities, installing signs and a floor jack and handling low hanging wires was done in August.

IMPA/ISC, President Fry read:

For August, 10 service request were completed and there no power outages. Seven of eight tickets were related to meters, two were faulty street lights and one to fix leaning poles. No poles were replaced, but engineering will schedule.

Brief discussion ensued regarding a rate study for electric being done and updating applicable fines.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For August, there were 9 EMS, 3 fire alarms, 4 MVAs, 1 Power Line and 1 Public Assist.

Park – Dan Bewley:

The dirt pile was extended for the RC track and a building will be sent. More grants are being pursued by the Park's Department. A cement 110 foot sidewalk, 5 foot wide going to driver's stand needs to be installed.

Councilman Caldwell requested that estimates be given to help construct an accurate budget.

Weeds had been sprayed.

The 24th of October, the Park would like to hold a terror trail. CT Johnson stated she had sent an email to the Boone County Health Department for recommendations.

Councilman Caldwell stated if a motion needed to be made to hold the terror trail and be compliant with the health department, he would. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson questioned what hours they wanted to hold the trail. Mr. Bewley stated starting around 6:30. They would like to burn a brush pile with chili, hot dogs and buns.

The Park received plastic bins for trash with the grant from Solid Waste.

CT Johnson stated the Clerk's office would like to highlight businesses and events going on in town.

Items needed in future are more cameras and a chain link fence around the RC track.

CT stated she did not need to request additional appropriations because she would be able to re-appropriate within the budget.

Police – Marshal Thomas:

Marshal Thomas presented 19 runs were done in the month of August with more serious cases being run. COVID has made kids restless. There is a runaway M. Thomas is trying to catch and filed a warrant.

Discussion of various cases ensued.

Councilman Caldwell discussed removal of the abandoned properties in town.

Issues with those with unpaid utilities were discussed. CT Johnson stated that her office is pursuing the Utility Exchange and that policy states if you move from one residence to another the old bill MUST be paid before new service can begin. Deposits can be tiered. Discussion with Mr. Carter who owns many properties needs to be contacted about how new renters are being moved in. CT discussed bringing in Servline which is an insurance policy on utilities.

M. Thomas stated that 4 abandoned cars were removed and many properties were cleaned up. The resident at 205 S. Main won the grill. Discussions ensued.

M. Thomas is contacting Whitestown for sale of another Tahoe to the Town, and it needs to be approved.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

No discussion regarding Fund or Appropriation Report was presented. CT Johnson did point out that water is out of debt and up to \$69,000.00 in revenue.

CT asked the Council if they wanted her to take 10% of the unspent budget to Rainy Day and the Council advised “yes”. She advised Rainy Day could be used for anything in town; however, it is good to build up and have as a cash reserve.

A goal that the CT held was for funds to exceed a million. She stated the town will have a million in the bank.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve adjustments of \$-1642.65 for August. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. President Fry voted aye, and Councilman Caldwell abstained.

The Codification should be done with fines and fees. CT Johnson is scheduled to have another surgery on September 24th and hopes to get work done while off.

Three quotes presented for parking lot paving were Grady Brothers, Young and Sons and Baumgartner. Baumgartner was the lowest bid, had more depth in asphalt and included striping of the lot.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Baumgartner’s quote of \$25,443.00 to repave the Town Hall parking lot. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson presented a quote from Joe Wilson, who had done concrete before for the town. Mr. Hopper and Councilman Thompson needed to present quotes for the removal of the existing sidewalk and having new handrails put in. The Council requested to have billing delayed into 2021 to have funds to complete. Contractors were in agreement.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to purchase furniture from Patrick’s Furniture at \$6038.15. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CT Johnson stated what has been paid out of SRF and the OCRA grant so far. PPR included a spreadsheet of all costs of project to date.

Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve payment to Ladd Engineering of \$503.00 from SRF Funding. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

IMPA Commissioner's Report – Councilman Caldwell:

Councilman Caldwell discussed the report from IMPA to see rates in comparison to other entities. IMPA will review next year during the rate study. Discussion ensued of REMC, Duke and NIPSCO rates.

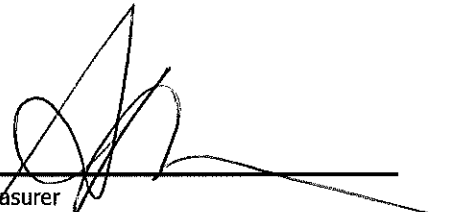
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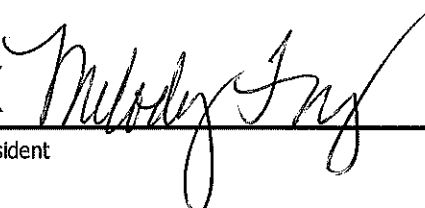
Century Link contract needs to be approved by them so we can bill rates. Mr. Bowen questioned if anything can be leveraged. Councilman Caldwell stated no it is a federal government directive. High speed is working to come into towns.

New Business:

Billing Disputes:

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:23.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the Advance Volunteer Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance, IN. **(Budget Adoption Meeting)**