Rockville Town Council Meeting

Minutes for July 14, 2014

The Rockville Town Council met on July 14, 2014 for the regular meeting in the Town Hall at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were Debra Olson, Parke Swaim, Steve Waltz and Liddy Dowd Wright. Josh Sorrels was absent.

Council requests to be on the agenda included Dixie Kunze, President, Cliff Kunze, Trail Development Chair and Miriam Blane, Vice President - CBGTA and Deen Rogers, Umbaugh. Public requests to be on the agenda included Walt Jenkins and Lee Ann Brubeck. Mrs. Kunze stated the organization received a matching grant to purchase land/property to continue the stretch from the Parke Co. food pantry, Camp Ground to the Depot. There are between 8 and 9 property owners along Indiana Street, White Tail Lane, Olive Street and the Prather Lot 25 that are in question. Mike will check into ownership of the mentioned properties. Deen Rogers presented the findings of the rate study for the electric, water, wastewater and storm water utilities which included Pro Forma Financial Information and Supplemental Data. He stated that the information presented did not result in a rate increase for the electric, water and wastewater utilities. However, storm water could use a slight increase to be used for future improvements. Deen suggested referring to the Storm Water Ordinance for direction.

Walt Jenkins requested to be on the agenda to discuss the dumpster ordinance and request the Council revisit the ordinance to include the size of the dumpster for households. Mr. Jenkins commented on the manner in which the ordinance was delivered by Chief Smith. Mike stated that the ordinance was not a notice of violation and it was a courtesy and not a requirement. Mike also stated that several public meetings had taken place to discuss the dumpster ordinance. Mike invited Mr. Jenkins to attend the next Plan Commission meeting scheduled for September 8, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Lee Ann Brubeck was present to discuss her concerns with the disconnect ordinance and how it pertains to those individuals that require medical devices. Mike explained the ordinance states standard language from the Indiana Administrative Code that disconnection shall be postponed for 10 days if prior to disconnection the customer provides a medical statement from a licensed physician or public health official which states that disconnection would be a serious and immediate threat to the health or safety of a designated person in the household of the customer. The postponement of the disconnection shall be continued for one additional 10 upon receiving a provision of an additional medical statement. Mike, Lee Ann and Stephany will meet to discuss in more detail.

Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to approve the minutes with corrections from the June 23, 2014 regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Josh(m)/Debra(2) to approve the July 14, 2014 claims. Parke questioned the cemetery utilities. Chad stated there is a leak that hasn’t been found. Steve suggested turning the water off at the meter when not in use. Parke also questioned the Duke Pole Project was the Strawberry Road Project that IMPA assisted with. Chad confirmed. Steve questioned the Bloomingdale Home Telephone invoice for electrical line boring. Chad confirmed. All voted aye. Motion carried. Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to approve the billing adjustments totaling $5,250.05. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chad distributed a quotes for contract paving from Hesler Paving ($73,116.00) and Milestone ($72,500.00) for the area including Hughes from Martin to Virginia; Marshall Road from Starke to City Limits; Martin from City Limits to Hughes and Intersection of Starke and Erie. Chad recommended Hesler even though the bid $616.00 more because Hesler did work for the Town in 2013. Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to approve the Hesler bid removing the Intersection of Starke and Erie to meet appropriated funds. $22,000.00 will come from LRS and up to $47,000 from MVH for a total of $69,000.00. Debra, Parke and Liddy voted aye. Steve opposed stating that Milestone was the lesser of the two bids. Motion carried.

Chad also distributed an estimate for repairs to the cemetery truck for 1,200.00. Council action was not required.

Rodney distributed the Incident Frequency Report for June. Rodney distributed the RPD Shift Coverage Policy. Mike stated that the sick day policy needed to be reviewed. The current policy states 36 sick days. The Council would need to decide if a reduction in the number of sick days for officers is applicable. Debra stated that she and Rodney attended a meeting with the Sheriff’s Office, Fire Department, EMS and Amy Hensley to discuss the Emergency Response Plan for the Town. She commented that all emergency services have a plan in place. It was suggested that the Council determine memos of understanding for various services (power, fuel and clean-up) in the event of an emergency. Jeff Ramey stated that a table-top exercise will be scheduled and recommended the council attend. Also the emergency services groups have another meeting scheduled to determine the date of the exercise.

Steve stated that Structure Point will conduct smoke testing beginning in August through September. The smoke testing will help determine where leaks are occurring in the sewer system. This information is required to develop a plan for repairs.

Steve also commented that Parke, Chad and Stephany attended an early coordination meeting with INDOT for the Howard Avenue project.

Parke stated that the Town received a Beautification grant from the Community Foundation to purchase banners for Hwy 41 in the amount of $2,000.00. Parke received a quote from Ace Sign and Awning in the amount of $3,200.00 for 72 banners. The quote had a misprint of 72 banners and should have been 76 banners. Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to approve $1,200.00 for the balance from the light fund community improvements appropriation. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Parke mentioned that the Council approved $10,000 for the PBIF/OCRA grant. It was discussed that the funds would come from the Urban Development fund. Mike stated he will prepare an affidavit to release those funds for the next meeting. Parke also stated that the Rockville Economic Development Commission (EDC) has approved projects including street infrastructure and high speed internet for the Town. The EDC will present to the County to use TIF dollars to fund the projects. Debra(m)/Liddy(2) to adopt the Resolution Approving Rockville Economic Development Commission Project Recommendations. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike presented Ordinances clarifying and amending the Code of Ordinances for rates and charges for the sanitary sewer and electric utilities. Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to adopt the ordinances. Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to adopt an ordinance on same day and at same meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Utilities medical variance was discussed and tabled for further discussion between Mike, Lee Ann Brubeck and Stephany Dowd. Spousal carve-outs and spousal surcharges for the Town’s Medical plan were mentioned and being reviewed.

Jon McLain, Big Mac Disposal, submitted a request to be the agenda after the Friday, Noon deadline. His concerns with the dumpster ordinance had been addressed earlier in the meeting. Jon was invited to attend the Plan Commission meeting in September.

Liddy(m)/Debra(2) to adjourn the meeting.

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