



Open Council Meeting:

Call to Order:

David Messer – Council President, Becky Perkins – Council V President, Robin Boucher – Council

Others Present:

Teresa Hester – Clerk Treasurer, Andy Ebbert – Fire Chief, Brian Vaughn – Maintenance, Brian Pryor – Police Chief, Attorney – Tracy Newhouse

Public Hearing: Open for Alley Closure

- David Messer opened the Public Hearing for public comments
- There were no public comments.
- David Messer closed the Public Hearing

Minutes – Approve minutes from July 11, 2022 council meeting. David moved to approve, Robin Boucher second. Motion carried 3-0.

Guest:

Sheryl Wright – Request for town to add gravel to the alley running east/west between 203/205 White Street David Messer moved to approve, second Becky Perkins, motion carried 3-0.

Steve Brock/John Berglin – Wastewater/SRF Project

- Steve Brock explained the procedure for the procurement bond and all that needs completed to move forward.
- Bond Ordinance and engagement letter:
 - David Messer moved to approve engagement letter, second Robin Boucher. Motion carried 3-0
 - David Messer moved to approve Bond Ordinance 2022-0808B on first and second reading, second Robin Boucher. Motion carried 3-0.
 - Becky Perkins moved to suspend the rules for ordinance 2022-0808B, second David Messer. Motion carried 3-0
 - Becky Perkins moved to approve the third reading of ordinance 2022-0808B on the third reading, second Robin Boucher. Motion carried 3-0.
 - David Messer moved to allow Steve Brock to move forward with the financials and bond work, Becky Perkins second. Motion carried 3-0.
 - David Messer moved for John Berglin to move forward with the alternative procurement (Design Build), second Becky Perkins. Motion carried 3-0.
 - David Messer moved to allow+
 - the Town attorney Tracy Newhouse to move forward with the procurement bond, second Robin Boucher. Motion carried 3-0.

James Turpin – Turpin Consulting. Review our operation, review permit to give a quote to do our testing.

- James will be getting back with the council after reviewing our wastewater treatment system.

Department Head Reports:

Utilities – Nicole Alexander

- 28 Delinquents
- 17 Door Tags
- 2 Shut Offs

Fire – Andy Ebbert Fire Chief

- Received \$100,000 from Hancock County Commissioners for addition to Fire Station
- Fire Department has approved and signed contract with the Architect.

Maintenance – Brian Vaughn

- Weed spray for the ponds \$2165.4; David Messer moved to purchase, Robin Boucher second. Motion carried 3-0.
- Vacation time out pay
 - Brian Vaughn gave Council his two week notice, his last day is August 12, 2022. The council approved to pay out Brian Vaughn's vacation over the next two weeks.

Police – Brian Pryor Police Chief

- Holsters and magazine pouches – approved to be purchased with ARPA funds
- Hire
 - Bryce Viehweg as full-time officer. David Messer moved to approve, Robin Boucher second. Motion carried 3-0. Council requesting that Bryce Viehweg sign a contract stating he will work for the Town a certain amount of time after he goes through the academy.
 - Zach Fuhrman as a part-time officer. Council President stated we will not be hiring part-time officer.
 - Brandon Depp & Logan Capps as reserve officers. David Messer moved to approve, second Robin Boucher. Motion carried 3-0
 - Received 72,000 from Hancock County Commissioners for ADE's, radios, and dog kennel.

Town Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Hester

- Financial Reports
- Accountability
- November 2-4 Town/CT conference/training. Cost \$199-\$345 plus hotel. Requested for either clerk/treasurer or council member to attend. David Messer moved, Robin Boucher second. Motion carried 3-0.
- Comp Time:
 - 2022 Comp hours Brian Vaughn 0; Wendell Davis 0
- Clerk/Treasurer reminded that only emergency decisions should be made through text messages and emails. Attorney Tracy Newhouse agreed.

Old Business:

- Council approved \$300 to spend on weed edger. Spent \$395.98. Has interchangeable attachments. We purchased the trimmer, additional line, and a brush cutter attachment. No comments were made.
- PD Vest: David Messer moved for the Police Department to purchase 12 vest that are needed for the Reserve officers. This will use a portion of the ARPA funds. Second Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0.
- Rezoning of Fire Station Property. Hancock County Zoning Certification and Ordinance 2022-0808. David Messer moved to approve, Robin Boucher second. Motion carried 3-0
- Park
 - Concession stand window to be replaced with plex glass.
 - Ball Fields Rental fees for 2023 currently have one team that completed application. Applications will not be accepted until after the first of the year. Discussion of fees was tabled.
 - Shelter House Rental fees 2023: discussion was tabled.
- Denney Alley closure Ordinance 2022-0808A: David Messer moved to accept, second Becky Perkins, motion carried 3-0



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- USDA Grant Update – Grant was awarded and PD can move forward with ordering the vehicle. Awaiting invoices and USDA release of funds.
- Parking lot improvement on S Railroad between the Depot and Dr's Office Not heard from Bens Bar. Tabled for now.
- ARPA Funds discussion on how council would like to spend.
 - Authorizing that the funds be split between all departments to purchase needed items or toward other main project.

New Business:

- Request to change the Oct. 10th meeting to Oct. 17th. Request granted.
- Request to spray for Mosquitos this week. Maintenance stated they were planning to do this week.
- Archivesocial Becky Perkins proposed that this company be contracted to achieve our FB social media. Council would like more definite information. Becky Perkins stated she would get the information and bring to next council meeting.
- Wages/other: Council agreed to the following:
 - Council approved a 3% wage increase for employees in 2023.
 - Council approved Wendell Davis as the Lead Maintenance person with a wage increased to \$20 per hour. Effective when Brian Vaughn leaves.
 - Seasonal person doing the mowing
 - Will report to the Council
 - Do general maintenance on lawn equipment
 - Check trash containers on Main Street
 - New full-time person will mow at Lagoons.
 - Police Department
 - New full-time person will start with the 2022 salary. Will receive a 3% increase at the beginning of 2023. An additional 3% after completing the Academy.
- Council approved a 5% (of yearly wages based on 40 hours) for Hoosier Start Retirement for full-time employees.
- We have advertised for Maintenance 2 position on FB will be sending to the papers this week.

Claims:

- Approve Payroll Allowance Dockets – David Messer moved to approve Becky Perkins second. Motion carried 3-0
- Approve Claims to be paid – David Messer moved to approve Robin Boucher second. Motion carried 3-0

Adjourn:

David Messer (Council President)

Teresa Hester (Clerk/Treasurer)