

8-6-2020

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

Mayor Dan Wright called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

1. First order of business Mayor Wright called for any public comments. There were none.
2. Dan asked if the council had time to look over the minutes from last meeting. Shelly needed to go over the minutes with the clerk again, there were several important items left out. John made a motion to table the minutes until next month and Danny Stark gave a 2nd to this motion with all in favor.

Shelly also recommended that the minutes be recorded from now on.

3. Dan Wright asked the listing of the vouchers. He wanted to know if we needed to go back to signing the original vouchers. Jean did bring the original vouchers if anyone had a question. John did have a question on the Lowes bill, he checked it out and it was ok.

Concerning the vouchers, when quickbooks is up and running we can print off an official listing of the claim vouchers.

Dan asked Jean to check with State Board of Accounts to see if we needs to go back to signing each individual voucher.

John made a motion to sign off on the vouchers for payment with a second by Shelly with all in favor.

4. Dan Wright has been contacted about the car show that was canceled in June due to the covid virus. He has been asked by the group if they could hold one on the Vernon streets in August. They are asking for the use of Pike Street to Brown and Brown to Perry be closed from 8 am to 4 pm on Saturday, August 8. Dan already told them there would be no rest room facilities open. Discussion, Shelly made a motion to approve this request with a second by Danny stark with all in favor.

Council:

5. Danny Stark asked the council for their opinion on new doors for the back of the gym. He wants to know if they are alright to go ahead and get them or wait until more money stars coming in. Discussion with Dan Wright saying he would like to have a good quality commercial door installed by someone who is a professional installer. He would like to see the push bars on the doors for opening. Ron suggested Kinney Glass, he offered to contact them for a quote.

Dan Wright reported the basketball goals will be put up first and the floor this fall with the money coming from the Pacer grant money.

Danny Stark asked about the sign post areas they are a weedy mess. John Roberson cleaned up one, but the other one is still a mess. The council asked Jean to send John a thank you for this work. Discussion with Ron saying he would talk to Travis about the probation workers cleaning it up.

Danny Stark asked about low hanging limbs around Town, and could someone clean them up. Ron will address this with the tree work listing he has to present tonight.

6. Shelly Davers spoke next, she is concerned with the covid 19 virus about our funds being cut with the Towns budget. Dan Wright said he knew the CCG grant money would be pulling out of paving projects and we may see some reduction (estimated 5-20% reduction), but it should not be that much as we are on the low end of allocated money.

She is also concerned about the truck and tractor payments. Dan thinks we will be fine. Discussion only on this matter.

Concerning Quickbooks, Shelly has been working with the gym fund on recording payments and deposits for reconciling. Shelly and Jean still have a lot of input to do, and our accountant needs to do a sit down with us to make sure everything is on the right track.

Shelly asked Jean if they could meet up 2 times a week for 3 hours or more to get this input done and try to get everything to run off by the first of September. Jean agreed and they will set up times via email.

Shelly asked to please have the minutes to the council by the first Tuesday after the meeting. Jean will work on this.

Shelly asked Danny Stark to start labeling his deposits for the gym customers so we will know what kind of rent is being paid for and for so much per hour. He told her whether it is for floor time for basketball, volleyball or parties it is \$25 for two hours, \$50 for four hours. She explained that she wants to be able to show how the gym is making money and make more to sustain the gym fund.

Shelly asked the council to be sure and look over the Credit Card policy, the Oversight Clerk Treasurer Records and the Internal Control Policy and any comments get to her by 8-25-2020.

7. Jean only had the late payments on the water/sewer accounts. The late payment letter was printed and sent out to the customers, but to date no one had paid or contacted her about setting up a payment plan.

8. John Post asked about the fall cleanup day. We didn't have the one in the spring because of the covid virus. Discussion with 10-3-2020 from 8 to noon this is the 1st Saturday in October being agreed on.

This needs to be published.

The post office building has been sold

John has had a couple of streetlights fixed and a couple left to call in.

John asked about the sewer work on Brown and Perry. Are they going to do the curbs? Discussion with Ron explaining about the ramps and the grates. Dan Wright said he would talk to the county to help with the cost.

John asked Ron about ? the alley behind the Apple Log Cabin. Ron thinks it would be best to go up the alley and not across. Discussion only on this matter.

9. Brad Kage informed the council that he had looked over the election code and what we discussed last month was correct. If Felony Conviction or Plea to Misdemeanor – unable to run for elected office.

Also, McDonald property hearing scheduled for 17 August 2020 at 2:15pm.

10. Ron first discussed the tree survey of work that needs to be done and said first we need to decide which ones we should do first. Shelly offered a listing : 72 Washington

S Street #2

S Street #3

60 St Hwy 3 & 7

45 E Brown

25 W Jackson

35 S Perry St.

75 E Gaines (stump removal)

119 S Pike Street (stump removal)

50 N Perry

Stump grinding of existing stumps from last tree removal were discussed as part of the tree removal needs in town.

Shelly thought Pike Tree Care for 11950.00 would be the way to go. She has had work done by this company. Discussion on which fund to take the money from to pay for this service. John made a motion to go with Pike Tree Care with the previous listing and pay for it from the Cedit Fund, this motion was given a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Ron asked if everyone has seen the cap on the new truck. Ron asked about the tool box that came out of the back of the truck. Dan said we should keep it for now and possibly sell later.

Ron has posted all the sewer work with Pub Works.

Ron posted suggestion plans for the old fire house when we take the building over and asked the council if they had any comments. No comments. He did report 1 broken window at the firehouse at the left end of the station. No comments from the council.

Concerning the curb/sidewalk project on the West side of Pike Street. Omara gave an estimate of 21900 on this project. He said more work would need to be done concerning the ramp drive into the

county parking lot made the cost higher. Shelly suggested getting another estimate without the ramp. Dan suggested talking to the county on this matter. Dan also suggested Ron get another estimate from Harmons.

Ron asked on a personal matter about building a garage behind his property. He has applied for a variance from the county. The garage he is planning to build will be on the alley line that comes from Brown Street straight back dead ending at the railroad, no encroachment. The council said as he has already filed a variance with the county and there will be no building on the alley there should not be a problem. Town will not "vacate" the alley.

Jean asked Ron about the Sandy Downs request for the variance on the conversion of the garage into an apartment for her son. This garage is located on the property she purchased on Poplar Street. Shelly said she received the variance to do this for her son, but if she sold the property or her son moved out of the apartment/garage it would revert back to a garage not a rental. Sandy was not at the meeting tonight but if she comes to check on the cost of the connection to this apartment they would be the Water tap fee of \$250.00 and the Sewer tap fee of \$250.00 and a capacity fee of \$600 on the sewer that is paid to the clerk treasurer and then paid to North Vernon.

11. Fire Chief Eric Kirkham asked if the clerk could get the cost of 2000 gallons of water to him. His email is vfdcapt@yahoo.com. Jean will get this cost to him.

Britt Burgmeier had a request. The conservation officer had given a sign to Britt and asked if he could put it up by the river at the commons. John made a motion to approve this with a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Nothing more to discuss, John made a motion to adjourn with a second by Danny Stark.

Meeting Adjourned



Dan Wright, Mayor



M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer