

02-05-2019 at 4 PM Mayor Dan Wright opened the only bid the Town received for trash removal and recycle. Kim Schafstall a representative from Bestway was present. No one else came to the meeting, so Dan opened up he only bid and asked a few questions and told her the meeting for the council would be Thursday evening at 7 PM and he would get the copies to the council members and discuss it at the meeting. He thanked her for the bid. Meeting closed.

02-07-2019 Regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Town Council.

Present: Mayor Dan Wright, Council Shelly Davers, John Post, and Danny Stark, Marshal Britt Burgmire, Attorney Brad Kage and Clerk Treasurer M. Jean Rockey.

The meeting was brought to order at 7 PM by Mayor Dan Wright. Dan wanted to go ahead and do the bid with Bestway first. All the council members had questions concerning the cost, billing vacated houses, if we only do the trash now can we add recycle later. The questions were all answered. The cost to a customer would be \$12.60 for trash and \$3.00 for recycle. As we need to add people or remove people this can be done with a call to their office. After much discussion John made a motion to table the decision until next month to read the bid again and make sure all the questions are addressed, this motion was given a second by Shelly Davers with all in favor. John did ask Jean to get the cost for setting the billing up on our current water and sewer bills.

The second order of business was with the Boy Scout Troop #541 from Vernon. Troop# 541 consists of Scouts: Zach Wettrick, Raekwan Ruffin, Colin Sharp Davidson, Ian Campbell, Zander Madden, Angel Zarate, Davey Shaw, Elliott Holman, Paul Matern. Leaders: Dave Shaw, Eddie Shephard, Jeff Wettrick, Rhonda Wettrick. Zach is requesting permission from the Town to a project on the Brown Street Property for his Eagle Scout Badge. He would like to landscape around the benches with gravel and make a pathway connecting them. The ground would be dug out and the gravel or stone put down. John asked if an edge would be put around the gravel, Zach explained they will work with the

Town on any suggestions. He had a map printed out for the council to review and a poster set up on what he intended to do. He was asked how long it would take him to complete and he thought it could be done in a couple of weeks depending on the weather and the volunteers. Also when could he start, again it depends on the weather. Dan Wright did request not to start until the end of April for the Civil War reenactment, they have already requested to use the property that weekend. Dan also said that Cummins and Lowes have helped the Town with supplies and workers on projects for the Town in the past.

Everyone seemed to think this is a good project, John made a motion to give Zach the permission for the project on the Brown Street property this motion was given a second by Danny stark with all in favor.

Mayor Wright and the Council thanked the Boy Scouts for their presence at the meeting.

Dan Wright asked the clerk to read the minutes of the previous meeting, John made a motion to pass as read with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Dan read letter the clerk had received from the Heritage asking for permission for the use of the Brown Street property for the Sassafras Days Festival and the Civil War re-enactors. They would like to close off Pike Street to Ripley during the days. They also request the use of the gym for the Gray & Blue Ball, and the use of the school yard on Saturday night. Danny Stark checked his gym book and it is open. John made a motion to pass this request with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Council:

Shelly had a report that was done on the condition of the buildings and the property the Town owns. A copy is attached. She went over the Firehouse and some things that need to be done concerning the trash and old mowers behind the building is contributing to water & moisture in the bath rooms. Some of the brick is loose on the front, ceilings need to be painted. Eve troughs are needed on the back of the building.

Next she discussed the old green barn at the end of Brown Street. Nothing has been removed and the barn is in terrible shape. After much discussion, the council asked Brad to send a letter to Jimmy Grogg that he will be given 30 days to remove his things or the Town will have to have it done. The council thinks maybe they can find someone to salvage some of the things.

Next the gym and the storage building, lighting, broken windows, trash , just to mention a few. As I said a copy is attached. Dan thought we could look into making the gym an emergency shelter and could possibly get CFF grant with a 20% match.

Second is the gas credit card policy and the Lowes credit card. She explained that there are certain rules to follow on these.

Third is the Internal Controls and the overseeing of the Clerk Treasurers work. She is going to go through 2018 so when the next audit is done this should all be taken care of.

Dan suggested that the council table these three topics until they have time to look over her reports. This was accepted by the council.

John Post had contacted some Rumpke customers in Town and the offer we have from Bestway is a better offer.

He reported the County has passed an ordinance that no trucks (Big Trucks) will be allowed on Rock Rest Road the sign will be posted at US 50.

Streetlight at High and Perry has been repaired.

John commented on the new sheriff suggestion on an ordinance ticket Discussion on this matter only.

Brenda King will have the poll books for the election ready. All he needs to do is find workers.

John had been contacted by Mike Barber about the alley recently opened behind the Manlief property. He want to know if it is an open alley. Discussion with Dan saying that some would have to cross the State of In property by the highway or the Manlief property to get to the alley and then it would a dead end, because the alley ends at the corner of the Manlief property.

It was brought up that when it rains the millings that were put on this alley that is not used, the black junk runs down onto the next property. Which John suggested that this spring when the highway will be repaved that they look into the drainage situation from the highway onto Gaines Street. Dan did not think it would do any good.

John suggested contacting the county about using the meeting room at the annex when we are expecting a crowd like this evening. John will check with county about this.

Brad reported on the closing of 29 N Montgomery Street property on 1-28-19

On the Debra King property another hearing is set in February.

On the McDonald building, someone moved the equipment off the sidewalk, but the APC is still working on some issues.

Britt talked to the IT guys about cameras for the gym, but they thought he would be better off looking at Best Buy. He checked with them about wireless with an Arlo brand, he thought he would be looking at 4 wireless cameras for around 600 dollars. Mr. Davers brought up the fact that putting them at the gym with the cameras being high they might be better off going with hard wired, that way they would not need extra batteries or worry about changing them. Discussion with John making a motion to allow \$1500.00 be spent on equipment, and get an estimate to hard wire them in. He asked Mr. Davers to work with Britt and Danny. This motion was given a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Ron Hendershot reported that H & L came back down and sliced up the logs on Gaines Street. The probation department is starting to clean up by the tunnel.

Ron has been in the old Town Hall and there is a lot of old records in there that need to be shredded. He contacted the county and they told them the company they use. He contacted them and they said there is a worker that lives in North Vernon and he can bring the truck home one evening and save us a trip charge. The cost is \$6.00 per banker box. Dan said to go ahead and set up a date to do this, and take the other equipment to the recycle center and have John bring Jean a bill.

The blacktop is breaking by the culvert on Washington Street, where it was paved last spring. Dan said we need get an estimate to have someone clean out the drainage pipe and put some big rock n there and pack it down. He will do some checking.

Discussion on the parking spaces for the Jennings County Sheriff Dept. on Pike Street. The council deciding two flat parking spaces on Pike Street just off the highway on the right.

Danny Stark wanted to discuss the gym and cameras but it has already been done.

Jean was asked by Wayne Zamora about a big tree by the new basketball courts that needs to come down. Dan asked Ron to look at it and start a list for this year on trees.

The annual report is almost done.

Jean also told the council that Tom Lawson came and took pictures and measurements on this building, Adam Hatton hired him to sell the building. He also came back and showed it Wednesday afternoon. The cost now is 69000.00 and has to go through Tom Lawson. She is leaving it in the hands of the council to find her a place for the office if the building sells.

John asked if a hidden driveway sign could be put up by the Steve Harding home on Pike Street. Dan will take care it.

Shelly asked what could be done about all the trash behind the Beeman home on the highway that is for sale. Discussion only on this subject.

Dan is looking into the CCMG paving projects for next spring. An ADH transition plan will be needed. We will need to start in July through September for next spring round.

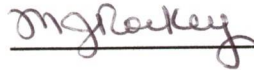
Dan had been approached by Steve Harding about his property being in the town limits but his home is not, if he and his wife could vote in the town election. Dan contacted the State Election Board and they told him that the Town could decide what they wanted to do. Brad Kage agreed with this. Shelley then made a motion to allow them to vote or run in the Town Election, this motion was given a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

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

Just a note Dan commented that this was our longest meeting on record. Brad commented that he has worked for the County and the Town for 35 years and this past month was the longest one for the County as well.



Dan Wright, Mayor



M. Jean Rockey Clerk Treasurer