

May 2, 2019

Town of Vernon Council Meeting

Members present: Mayor Dan Wright, Council John Post, Danny Stark, Shelly Davers, Marshal Britt Burgmire, Attorney Brad Kage, Clerk Jean Rockey

Mayor Dan Wright called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Scheduled for tonight was to be a public hearing on the trash and recycle pickup. This public hearing was advertised and sent to the residential customers. Unfortunately 2 days ago Attorney Kage and Dan Wright were notified that a utility had to be set up before we could hold a public hearing. Tonight we will hold a public information meeting and any one that wants to speak for or against this proposal can do so. Mayor Wright asks that only one person at a time in an orderly fashion. After we will close that part of tonight's meeting we will move on with other business the Town needs to conduct. Mayor Wright did inform everyone that Danny and Darlene Stark and Steve and Susan Harding did go door to door to inform the public. There were 60 signatures against the trash and recycle and 1 for it on the list.

Rick Martin spoke first and has four rentals in Vernon. He has totes at each apartment and has it taken away for \$5.00 each rental now, therefore he is against it.

Stacie Burns is for the trash and the recycle and she is a customer now but it will be less with the Towns proposal.

Mr. & Mrs. Malone were not in favor of the proposal. They keep everything clean and hauled away and do not want the extra charge on the water and sewer billing. She was speaking as a senior citizen on a fixed income.

Linda Swords has her home next to her two daughters and even at \$16.00 a month take that time 3 that is ridiculous.

Amber Fields spoke for the trash and the recycle, but felt like if there were so many against it why not just get a dumpster for the town. Dan explained we have tried that and it did not work.

Susan Harding spoke against the proposal. Stating that the inconvenience of dragging the totes to the curbside and back to their garages would be difficult for some. She also does not like that she does not have a choice.

Mrs. Malone spoke again, she feels like this is just another tax and she does not like taxes.

John Roberson spoke against the trash/recycle proposal. He stated that some already have this service or want it let them do it and leave everyone else alone.

Rick Martin suggested a trash ordinance, but someone would have to enforce it.

Darlene Stark spoke to the council about contacting people about this proposal and hearing them out. She hopes the all the members of the council listen to what the people on the list and here tonight have to say about they want before they make the decision.

Damon Davers asked all of the people here tonight where they have been the past months that this has been discussed. He supports the proposal. Whether it goes through or not maybe it should be on the ballot next election.

Steve Manlief voiced his opinion of not having a choice. He is against it.

Linda Swords is not OK with not having a choice.

Someone asked about the people who are out of Town for the winter months. It will be charged whether you use it or not.

Mrs. Malone asked when the vote might be so she could be there for it. Mayor Dan Wright explained the 3 council members were the only three to vote.

Susan Harding asked about how much more work this will be for the Clerk Treasurer. She also wanted the council to consider all of the people of the Town's opinion.

No more comments Mayor Wright closed the trash/recycle information meeting.

Dan asked Jean 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.

Mayor had two ordinances that Attorney Kage prepared for tonight's meeting. The first one concerns Brown Street from Perry to Posey. When the county made Pike Street one way from the highway to Brown Street and Brown Street to Perry Street. Brown Street to Posey was not changed and with the county striping of parking spaces it needs to be. A reading of the proposed ordinance #170 was given by Mayor Wright. Dan also asked if the council wanted to make a motion on suspending the second reading of the proposed ordinance. John made a motion to pass the proposed ordinance #170 making Brown to Posey a one way street with a second by Shelly with all in favor. John then made a motion to suspend the second reading with a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Next proposed ordinance #169 is for the permission of the Town for the Marshal Britt Burgmire to carry a firearm. Mayor Wright read the proposed ordinance #169 for this purpose and asked the council about this and the second reading. John made a motion to pass ordinance #169 with a second by Shelly with all in favor. John then made a motion to suspend the second reading of the ordinance, this was given a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Public Comments:

Shelly Burns is concerned about tree limbs over roof from trees from behind the firehouse. The Town will check into this, the trees are probably on the railroad property.

Linda Swords spoke up about the condition Ripley Street. Dan explained that in July he is going to apply for CCMG grant for road repairs on Ripley Street. He has spoken to Jim Reeves with the County and O'mara.

Rachel Shaw asked about the cameras for the gym. She recommended McCroys to do the work. Danny Stark spoke up about the discussion he & Britt had. They checked out the cameras with Gilpin Electric, but they were too expensive. So Danny has spoken to McCrorys about installing them for the Town.

Susan Harding asked when the playground at the gym will be finished. Dan is working with Cummins about getting it finished.

Jim Bird came to the meeting to talk about the house he owns across from the firehouse. He is thinking of tearing it down and putting in a duplex. He wanted the town to know the front rooms are log.

The question as to what will happen to the King property after the house is removed. Dan explained that the property will still belong to her.

Council:

Danny Stark repaired one window at the gym. The Alumni will be at the gym this weekend.

Attorney Brad Kage had sent a letter to Melinda Gabbard about the gravel on the sidewalk and the street by the house she rents at 15 Gaines Street. She has not gotten a response. Dan Wright said he will call her.

Shelly needs a key to the file cabinet where the ledgers are kept. Jean told her she was sorry, she had forgotten about it but would get her one on Friday.

Shelly asked about the firehouse repairs- discussion with the council asking Ron to take charge of it. John did suggest that he check out the door before we repair the brick. The money can be used for the fire department from the Town, the \$500.00 and the Lit/Loit/PS money.

John reported Duke fixed the street lights on the highway by the Beeman property.

He asked Jean if Marie sent her a bill yet for the extermination cost at the King property – she has not- he will remind Marie about it.

The APC is going to inspect the McDonald property on Wednesday, since they are living there now.

Dan Wright informed the council that a Day of Caring will be in Vernon on May 14 from 9 to 3PM. The group is coming from Seymour. Dan asked for permission for Pike Street from Ripley to Brown be closed from 8:30 to 4:00 PM – this is for safety for the workers. John made this into a motion with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Dan asked Ron to check with the county and see when they are going to stripe the parallel parking for the JC Sheriff office and see if they can strip parallel parking spaces on Washington Street in front of the gym. Dan will check on the new signs.

Dan informed Shelly that the intern program through the school concerning the web page updates is in the process of changing teachers and he is working on it.

Concerning the proposed funding for the new firehouse, Dan was waiting to see if we had to do an income survey. We do not they will get the information from the census. Unfortunately we are not eligible for funding. He is looking into other avenues of funding.

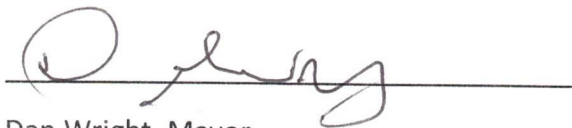
Dan brought up the town tractor, it is not dependable and is in need of repair or replacement. He has spoken to Ron about checking into costs for the council to consider.

Ron has checked into 3 dealers, the first one was New Holland and they do not have what we need. The second one was with John Deere, compact utilities, it will work with our attachments, and a bucket with a price of \$36000.00. The third was Kabota everything similar with JD but cost is \$40000.00.

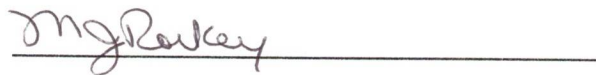
Dan asked the Council to look around and consider this information.

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

Meeting adjourned

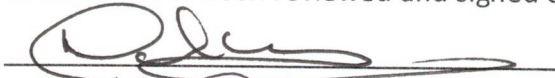


Dan Wright, Mayor

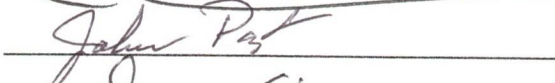


M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer

Vouchers have been reviewed and signed off for payment.



Dan Wright, Mayor



John Post, Council



Danny Stark, Council



Shelly Davers, Council