

Town of Reynolds
Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

6:30PM

Board Members present: Sid Holderly, Jerry Robertson, & Veronica Favela.

Other community members present: Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Carol Hendress, Town Superintendent, Bob Hall, Town Engineer, Ken Smith, Town Attorney, Clifford Robinson, Town Marshal, Wayne Winkler, Pete Tetzloff, Maureen Buschman, Braden Evans, Joe Bilyeu, Tyler Tetzloff, Bill & Sharon Brooks and Jeff Fergus.

The Town Council meeting was called to order by President Sid Holderly. A motion to accept the Council agenda was made with a second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Approval of the July 2024 minutes – A motion to accept the July 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Approval of July financials – A motion to approve the July financials as presented was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Public comments: None at this time.

Braden Evans of White County Area Plan presented the amendment to White County Ordinance A80 which is the flood plain ordinance. A motion to accept the amendment was made with a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business – The appointment of Maureen Buschman to fulfill the vacant council position of Megan Copas was made with a motion to accept. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. Maureen was sworn in by Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran and Maureen joined the council at the front for the remainder of the meeting. A second vacancy is still open to fulfill Allison Loy's position.

The water tower maintenance decision was tabled from the July meeting and tabled again as Sid is getting more quotes from other businesses to compare to Maguire Water's quote.

New Business –

There was a request to change the Town Council meeting dates from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday due to church conflicts with Town Superintendent. After discussion, a motion was made to change the meeting dates beginning in January 2025 to the second Tuesday of each month. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Town Superintendent, Bob Hall asked the Council to consider increasing the non-certified part time help of Bill Brooks hourly wages to \$19.60 effective immediately instead of waiting until next year. A motion was made to increase the hourly rate as requested. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. This is the first reading.

Carol Hendress asked the council to consider making their annual donation to the White County Economic Development and continue supporting the growth of Reynolds and White County. A motion was made to make a \$2500 donation. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

There was some concern about the fencing around the back baseball field being blown down and possible danger because of sharp edges and broken posts. No insurance claim will be filed at this time. A motion was made to remove the bad fence area ASAP. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

The clerks office along with other town representatives have heard some complaints about the new town utility truck and police vehicle being taken home and not left on town property during non-working hours. After much discussion, those that had voiced concerns did not attend the town council meeting, both town superintendent and town marshal defended why they should be allowed to take them home and a portion of the employee handbook states that if the town marshal that is hired lives out of town, they can take their vehicle home. It was suggested that Bob drive the Explorer to and from work to save mileage and gas on the service truck and he was okay with that. No further action was taken at this time.

Bob Hall, Town Superintendent – Paving grant has been submitted. US 24 phase 2B has been started and with no setbacks, due to be complete by early November. Wastewater grant denied for the third time. Bob is to get estimates on new emergency sirens and report back at the September meeting.

Clifford Robinson, Town Attorney – Nothing at this time.

Ken Smith, Town Engineer – Ken is working with Bob on several different projects

Wayne Winkler, Marshal – Reported that he had 59 traffic stops in July with 12 citations and 8 arrests. He has also spoke with railroad representatives about the crossings and N Clark St and N Main St. After inspection, it was determined that long-term repair was needed and would be done ASAP. Fair week smoothly with minor issues with rain and mud. He is also actively working on properties around town in getting them cleaned up. 14 warnings were given by word of mouth and red door tags. Most have been taken care of within the time frame given.

Pam Cochran, Town Clerk – Pam notified the Council that all council members will have to be in attendance at the next two meetings for the budget hearings. She also asked that her, Bob, Carol, Wayne and a couple council members sit down and go over the current employee handbook and make amendments accordingly. She also said that the water rate ordinance will be updated and include the process of assessing a sewer lien at the end of the year.

Carol Hendress – Deputy Clerk/Utility Clerk – 17 disconnect notices sent out, and none were shut off. Have removed two trash containers from those residents that have had water shut off for some time.

Bob Hall, KIRPC – nothing to report

Jerry Robertson, Steering Committee – Reported that the council needs to be prepared to pay approximately \$17,000 out of water if the state doesn't reimburse. Ken is seeking grants to help pay for a new filtration system...the water system is currently 50 years old this year. A culvert on S Main St between Bilyeu and Slaney will need to be replaced. Bob will ask County Highway to help put that in. The drainage on W 1st St in front of Bruner's is still waiting to be fixed. Bob said he was going to ask Stewart Krintz to do the work. We currently have and outstanding bill from Accu Dig for the Main St sewer main that INDOT was supposed to reimburse the town for \$70,000. Bob has gotten a couple quotes on storm sirens...move forward and get those put up. Cliff was asked to prepare and easement agreement between the town and Connie Oliphant for the fire hydrant that is on her property and not the towns right-away. A motion was made to have Cliff complete. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Carol Hendress, Economic Development – Carol informed the council that the water & sewage expansion to Global Harvest began this week. Magnitation will be back up on Sherrif Sale in a couple months. The county is currently modifying the Demolition ordinance.

Public Comments – none at this time.

Hearing nothing further, a motion to adjourn was made with a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sidney E Holderly, President

Jereld W Robertson, Vice President

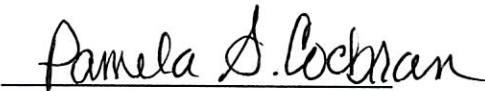


Veronica Favela, Member



Maureen Buschman, Member

Vacant, Member



Attest: Pamela S Cochran, Clerk Treasurer

Board Approved: September 11, 2024 at regular council meeting