## **Town of Reynolds**

## **Town Council Meeting**

## Wednesday, May 8, 2024

## 6:30PM

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

Other community members present: Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Carol Hendress, Town Attorney, Clifford Robinson, Town Marshal, Wayne Winkler, Town Reserve, Mitchel Michal, Bill & Sharon Brooks, Joe Bilyeu, Pete Tetzloff, M & M Jim VanVoorst, Billy Bruner & Brock McKenzie.

Deputy Clerk, Carol Hendress called the Council meeting to order, asked everyone to silence their phones and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made to accept the agenda with the additions of Old Business – Park Board and New Business – Forced Sewer Main and complaints of nuisance violations. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Approval of the April 23, 2024 Special meeting minutes – A motion to accept the April 23, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

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

Nominate & Elect new Council President – A motion was made to nominate Sid Holderly as new Council President. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. Sid took over the meeting at this point.

Nominate & Elect new Vice President – A motion was made to nominate Jerry Robertson as Vice President. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Public comments: None at this time.

Old Business – A letter of resignation from Sharon Brooks of the newly formed Park Board was presented to the Council. They thanked her for the time she did in getting it up and running. Destiny Vargas is taking over the Park Board.

New Business – 2024 Salary Amendment was presented on behalf of the Town Marshal going from part-time to full-time and the increase in wages. The full-time wages will be \$57, 680. The salary will be split into thirds between general, water & wastewater. A motion was made to accept the first reading of the amendment with it being effective April 23, 2024. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. As stated in the March meeting, the Deputy Clerk hourly wage was increased .50 cents and then to be reviewed again in May. Deputy Clerk, Carol Hendress presented the Council with her current job description with the added job responsibilities. A motion was made to increase the Deputy Clerk hourly rate another .50 cents taking it to \$19.55 per hour effective May 8, 2024. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Due to the resignation of former Council member, Megan Copas, a new member needs to be selected for the Area Plan Commission. A motion was made to select Veronica Favela. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk, Carol Hendress presented an Indiana Department of Transportation Highway Utility Agreement (INDOT) between the Town of Reynolds and INDOT to fix and move the sewer force main at the intersection of US 24 and Main St. INDOT has agreed to pay Extraordinary Cost Contribution of \$13,209.29 and the Town of Reynolds Utility Cost for Relocation would be \$17,740.71. After the Town Attorney, Clifford Robinson reviewed the agreement, a motion was made to accept the agreement and resume moving forward with the construction. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. Council President signed the agreement and Carol will scan and email to Town Engineer, Ken Smith on Thursday, May 9th.

Bob Hall, Town Superintendent – Joe Bilyeu reported on behalf of Bob due to his medical leave. The Reynolds community has worked extra hard in getting the word and signage out about Mom's Country Kitchen being open. They have lost 80% of their business since the construction started. Gravel has been put down on Buell Lane and the sewer plant. Tree limbs have been trimmed in the allies that Apex had reported. The water plant was down over the weekend so spent extra hours getting it back up and working. Well house #3 has had the roof leak fixed and spray foamed. Wastewater plant is left to be spray foamed. Need to get the docks installed soon.

Clifford Robinson, Town Attorney - nothing further

Ken Smith, Town Engineer - not in attendance

Wayne Winkler, Marshal – working on nuisance violations...residents have been notified. Those with tall grass will be followed up with, but rain every other day makes it difficult to mow.

Pam Cochran, Town Clerk - not in attendance

Carol Hendress - Deputy Clerk/Utility Clerk - 16 disconnect notices sent out, one shut off and turned back on two days later.

Bob Hall, KIRPC - not in attendance

Jerry Robertson, Steering Committee – met on April 19th and discussed replacing water meters in the future...need to start preparing for this project. Water plant grant; wastewater building issues; 5-10 year water main plan; Keystone feed mill needs to dump 3000 +/- gallons a day of warm water run off into our sewage system. Suggested that we install a waste sewer meter to track the amount being dumped and charge a fee. A motion was made to allow the installation of the sewer meter and the rates will be discussed at a later time. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Carol Hendress, Economic Development – informed the members present of the multiple opportunities this town and township have coming in the near future. Three projects of \$333 million; one project of \$450,000 and one of \$1.5 billion...200 +/- jobs. Therefore, with these new jobs, we need places for the employees to live. Great opportunity for this town.

Public Comments – resident, Billy Bruner, asked the council to consider putting a drain of some sort so all the water doesn't run off into his driveway...which is the continuation of Center St. Joe Bilyeu suggested putting a catch basin to help. A motion was made to allow the installation of the catch basin. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

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

Attest: Pamela S Cochran, Clerk Treasurer

Board Approved: June 12, 2024 at regular council meeting