

Town of Reynolds

Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

6:30PM

Board Members present: Sid Holderly, Veronica Favela, Maureen Buschman and Mike Ransone. Jerry Robertson was absent.

Other community members present: Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Carol Hendress, Town Attorney, Clifford Robinson, Town Engineer, Ken Smith, KIRPC Director, Edwin Buswell, Area Plan Director, Jennilyn Kyburz, Sharon Brooks and Pete Tetzloff.

The Council President, Sid Holderly called the Public Hearing to order. KIRPC Director, Edwin Buswell notified the council that the Town of Reynolds has intentions of applying for the State Community Development Block Grant through the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs for an update to the wastewater facility. This will include chlorine building, electrical, etc. Total project is estimated at \$715,000. \$500,000 in grant and \$215,000 in local match. Town Engineer, Ken Smith also spoke to additional items that need attention prior to submission. Post card surveys will be going out next week, letters written by residents all showing public support as to the need of this project. A motion was made to pursue the grant. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. At the December meeting, their will be a Resolution presented to council.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

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

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

Approval of October financials – A motion to accept the October financials was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Public comments: None at this time.

Area Plan Director, Jennilyn Kyburz presented an amendment to the A79 Ordinance with all commercial solar farms and new setbacks and non-use amendments. A motion to accept what was presented and recommended was made with a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business –

Attorney, Cliff submitted the easement agreement between the town and Connie Oliphant for review. was discussed again. A motion was made to accept the Easement Agreement presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Tabled from October, Marshal Winkler had recommended to the council that they approve at least a one-year purchase of police policies from Lexipol. After discussion, the council made a motion to

purchase the police policies only for at least one year. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

The emergency sirens are still being looked into by Bob. Nothing further to report.

The Employee Handbook had been tabled in October and after the council reviewed what had been submitted and policies recommended by the attorney. A motion was made to change the FMLA Policy from 12 weeks paid to 12 weeks unpaid for an employee who gives birth, adoption, or foster care, and four weeks unpaid of a spouse who is the parent of a newborn by birth, adoption, or foster care. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. There will still be further review before approving the whole handbook.

Also tabled from October was the Keystone Feed Mill extra water output into our sewer system. Sid had some information that he found on the temperature of the water being so hot when it was released into the system. Without Bob being in attendance and available to answer questions, nothing further was discussed.

New Business –

The 2025 Water Rate Ordinance was presented with a 1% rate increase and a wording amendment to d) Disconnection Fee. A motion to accept the proposed 2025 Water Rate Ordinance as presented was made with a second to the motion and the motion carried.

The 2025 Utility Application & Deposit Ordinance was presented with amendments to Section 3 and additional deposits and adding Section 9, Tampering with water meters & pits. Cliff recommended that the council wait on approving due to some clarification on the Tampering with water meters & pits. No action was taken at this time.

The 2025 meeting dates was presented for approval. Earlier in the year, the Council approved moving the meeting dates from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday of each month beginning January 2025. The November 2025 meeting date is on Veterans Day holiday and therefore, the Council decided to meet on Monday, November 10th instead of November 11th. A motion was made to accept the meeting dates with the adjustment of the November meeting. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

The 2025 Holidays were presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made to approve as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Sharon Brooks gave an update on what the Park Board has been working on and showed pictures of the project.

Town Attorney, Cliff Robinson presented a new contract for his services in 2025. After review, a motion to accept the contract was made with a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Pam presented the proposed 2025 Salary Ordinance with the first reading. The Clerk Treasurer and Town Superintendent will receive wage increases and all other employees will remain at their current wage. The Town Superintendent will be a Exempt Employee, but still be able to accumulate comp hours. A motion to accept the first reading was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Bob Hall, Town Superintendent – No report

Clifford Robinson, Town Attorney – working with Pam and Wayne on separating the Nuisance and Abandoned Vehicle ordinances.

Ken Smith, Town Engineer – Nothing further to report.

Wayne Winkler, Marshal – No report

Pam Cochran, Town Clerk – Received the paving grant for 1st St.

Carol Hendress – Deputy Clerk/Utility Clerk – 18 disconnect notices sent out, and 2 were shut off and both have been turned back on.

Bob Hall, KIRPC – No report.

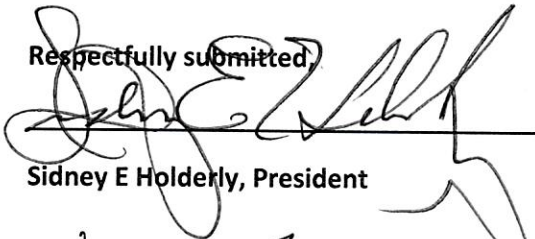
Jerry Robertson, Steering Committee – No report.

Carol Hendress, Economic Development – Belstra Feed Mill has started building east of town. Expect to be open late March.

Public Comments – Carol spoke on behalf of a resident that had come into the office today and voiced concern about the sidewalks at her residence. Daycare kids and school kids use them daily and she's afraid of them tripping and getting hurt. Council President, Sid Holderly said that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the owner, not the town.

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



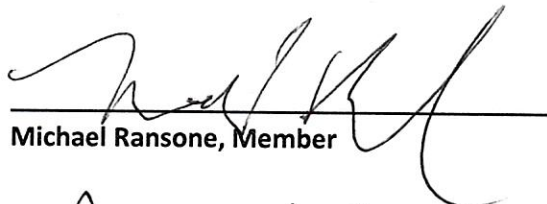
Jereld W Robertson, Vice President



Veronica Favela, Member



Maureen Buschman, Member



Michael Ransone, Member



Attest: Pamela S Cochran, Clerk Treasurer

Board Approved: December 11, 2024 at regular council meeting