

**Town of Reynolds**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 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 Superintendent, Bob Hall, Town Attorney, Clifford Robinson, Town Marshal, Wayne Winkler, Town Engineer, Ken Smith, KIRPC Director, Edwin Buswell 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. A motion was made to pursue the grant. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. A second Public Hearing will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran presented the 2025 proposed budget for adoption. After reading, a motion was made to adopt the 2025 proposed budget. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

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

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

Public comments: None at this time.

Old Business –

The easement agreement between the town and Connie Oliphant was discussed again. Bob said he had spoke with Connie and she had no issues. However, council woman, Maureen Buschman recommended that we still have the easement agreement put together and signed for the town's protection. Town Attorney and Bob will get the information put together for signatures at the November meeting.

Marshal Winkler has reached out to Monon and other departments and they all have had Lexipol put together these department policies. Marshal Winkler asked the council to consider purchasing these policies at least for one year to get them current and then go from there on a year- by -year basis. After discussion, the council made a motion to review further and table until November meeting. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

The emergency sirens were discussed again. White County EMA has been asked for information and trying to find grants to help with the replacement of the siren at the fire station. After further discussion, there was a motion to table this until the November meeting. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Cliff was asked to review the handbook and he presented some possible policies on Fair Labor Standards Act, Paid Parental Leave, Family & Medical Leave and Paid Holiday Leave. The council presented some questions and after discussion a motion to table until November meeting was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

New Business –

Keystone Feed Mill on S Meridian Rd has two holding runoff tanks that they would like to put into our sewer system and be charged a flat fee. Bob said we would propose to install a meter and keep track of the runoff. They would be charged like a new install with a tap fee and have an ordinance put in place. Bob will try to get more information from Keystone and report back in November.

Updating the Water Rate, application fee and deposit Ordinance was discussed. With the current ordinance stating that after two months of delinquency and late fees applied, double the amount of current deposit may be applied. In October, there were two residents that this was applied to for several months and in one case, years was consistently delinquent every month. Many warnings were given and no other

choice then to follow through with the ordinance. This created discussion and how can we make this better for all parties. It was discussed that maybe after six months of on-time payments, they get half of the double deposit back. This would create additional bookkeeping because the software doesn't have any alert system to notify of the six months. Further discussion and ideas will be discussed before the end of the year with a new ordinance in place to be effective January 1, 2025.

Bob Hall, Town Superintendent – Bob presented his written report. Notified the council that he will be out for two weeks beginning October 31, 2024 for a second rotator cuff surgery. After the two weeks, he hopes to be released to light duty. Joe Bilyeu will cover during his absence.

Clifford Robinson, Town Attorney – Nothing more than what he has already presented.

Ken Smith, Town Engineer – The CCMG paving grant should be announced any time. The next round is in January and July 2025. If Reynolds wants to apply, he will move forward with the council approval. A motion was made to allow Ken to apply for the January round. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Wayne Winkler, Marshal – Marshal Winkler gave an update on the repair of the Durango from the storm. The roof replacement is coming from Florida. With Hurricane Milton occurring right now, there may be delays. If that's the case, he would like to wait until early next spring with better weather.

Pam Cochran, Town Clerk – Discussed the new employee salary rate effective January 1, 2025. Still some confusion and will have to get clarification before end of year.

Carol Hendress – Deputy Clerk/Utility Clerk – 19 disconnect notices sent out, and six of the 19 were sent "special letters" in regards to multiple delinquencies and additional deposit being applied to their account. One was shut off and had additional deposit applied and one applied the additional deposit before actually getting shut off by an anonymous donor.

Bob Hall, KIRPC – Meeting on the 24th

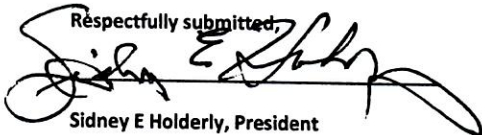
Jerry Robertson, Steering Committee – Meeting was postponed for lack of attendance.

Carol Hendress, Economic Development – Carol was asked to post on the Town of Reynolds Facebook page about the Key Capture Battery Storage plant that is proposed to be built north of Reynolds in Honey Creek Township. Carol asked the council's opinion of posting to inform the residents of this happening. There is a lot of opposition and she didn't feel comfortable putting it on the facebook page. Under the advisement of both the Town Attorney and Council...they said not to post anything like that on our town page. Nothing that could cause conflict...always positive things.

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.

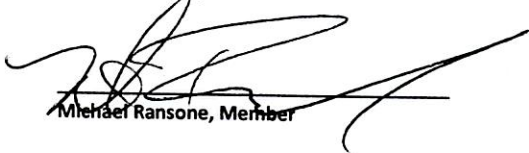
Respectfully submitted,

  
Sidney E Holderly, President

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Jereld W Robertson, Vice President

  
Veronica Favela, Member

  
Maureen Buschman, Member

  
Michael Ransone, Member



Attest: Pamela S Cochran, Clerk Treasurer  
Board Approved: November 13, 2024 at regular council meeting