

# Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2022

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Matt Coppock, Steve Hahn, Greg Jones. Mary Jo Totten was absent. Also attending: Attorney Patrick Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones.  
Guests in Person: Colin Sullivan, Dave Buck, Bill Jones  
Guests Virtual: Joe Kline, Daelen Ogas

James Miller called to order at 6:00 p.m.

## Minutes

Steve Hahn moved to approve the minutes of October 10. Second of Greg Jones, **motion** carried with unanimous vote, 4 Aye and one absent.

## Attorney

Recertify Town Council Districts: Daelen Ogas of Area Plan was on Zoom to answer questions about the census maps and potential redistrict options. Following discussion and consideration, Matt Coppock moved to recertify the town wards as they currently stand. Second of Greg Jones, **motion** carried with unanimous vote.

Ord 2022-606 Petition to add annexed area to the Conservancy District: Greg Jones moved to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-606, a petition to request the addition of previously annexed commercial properties to the Conservancy District. Second of Matt Coppock, **motion** carried with 4 Aye and one absent.

Greg Jones moved to suspend the rules and consider Ord 2022-606 on second reading. Second of Steve Hahn, **motion** carried with unanimous vote, 4 Aye and one absent.

Motion to approve Ord 2022-606 on second reading by Greg Jones with second of Steve Hahn. **Motion** carried with unanimous vote, 4 Aye and one absent.

Steve Hahn moved to reinstate the meeting rules, with second of Greg Jones. **Motion** carried with 4 Aye and one absent.

Ordinance 2022-608 Greenspace and Landscape Ordinance (Tree Ordinance) was considered on second reading. Motion to adopt by Greg Jones with second of Matt Coppock. **Motion** carried with unanimous vote, 4 Aye and one absent.

Ordinance 2022-616 Construction of Sidewalks was considered on second reading. Motion to adopt by Greg Jones with second of Matt Coppock. **Motion** carried with unanimous vote, 4 Aye and one absent.

Ordinance 2022-620 Opioid Settlement Funds: Matt Coppock moved to approve creating Fund 2256 and Fund 2257 to receive monetary distribution from a lawsuit. Second of Steve Hahn, **motion** carried with unanimous vote, 4 Aye and one absent.

A question was asked about weight limits on Battle Ground streets. The limits are posted however more signs may be needed as traffic detoured from I-65 tries to use routes through town. Posting additional signs farther out from town limits was discussed as a good move.

### **Contracted Services**

1. CCMG – The awards for 2022-2 call are to be announced December 6
2. Development Guide – The updated development guide was distributed, and now features a signature block for the town council, town manager and water superintendent.
3. Woods Edge lift station project – The original sewer lift at Woods Edge Park was purchased by the owner and has been maintained by the town for the last few years. At this time the town needs to have the owner participate in the procurement process due to the plan for expansion of number of homes.

### **Clerk-Treasurer**

Greg Jones moved to approve the Register of Claims October 11 to November 14 in the amount \$496,284.31. Second of Steve Hahn, **motion** carried with unanimous vote.

Ordinance 2022-621 Additional Appropriations: Greg Jones moved to approve the additional appropriations for ARP fund and the new Opioid Settlement funds. Second of Steve Hahn, **motion** carried with unanimous vote.

Georgia Jones will be comparing services offered by companies that specialize in on-line indexed and searchable code sites. The cost is estimated to be \$7500 to 10,000 and could include legal research to verify all ordinances comply with current state statute.

### **Police**

Jerry Burk would like to purchase a safe for weapons and ammo. The public safety budget has sufficient funds.

There was another accident on CR 600 at the Prophet's Rock intersection. The council discussed improving the signage and considering barriers on the east side.

### **Utilities and Street Department**

Fall leaf collection is nearly over, only minimal cleanup remains. December 2 is the last day for the vac truck. Temporary "No Parking" signs may be used if residents continue to park over the leaf mounds.

Ron Holladay mentioned a problem with the salt contract, the vendor records do not match the order placed last year. The town should be limited to the amount on our order form.

The storm water project in the 100 block of Main Street was not completed in 2022. Ron Holladay will obtain 3 quotes from contactors qualified to specify and dig the repairs in 2023.

### **Area Plan / Redevelopment Commission**

No Report

## Committees

**Transportation** – Greg Jones will update PASER ratings as required by INDOT. There was a meeting to review options for Arby's to build on the northeast corner of SR 43 and CR 600 N. Greg will attend a Transportation Committee meeting where this will be discussed with INDOT representatives.

**Public Relations / Communication** – The employee handbook is still under review for approval in December.

**Strategic Planning** – no report

**Citizen Advisory Groups** – no report

## Old Business

The Hawks Nest project easement procurement includes a settlement agreement for \$2500 to be donated to a non-profit selected by the town council. Steve Hahn moved to provide \$2000 to Tippecanoe Arts Federation and \$500 to the Indiana Fiddler's Gathering, as both of these groups bring a connection to the arts into the lives of residents in Battle Ground.

## New Business

To finalize the 2023 salary ordinance, a work session on December 5 at 6:00 p.m. will be held at town hall. The employee handbook and codification quotes will also be on that agenda.

## Guest Comment

**Motion** to adjourn 8:03 p.m. by Steve Hahn with second of Matt Coppock.

  
Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer

  
James Miller, Council President

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Battle Ground Town Council

Date: November 14, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: James Miller, Steve Hahn, Greg Jones, Matt Coppock

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Georgia Jones, Jerry Burk, Ron Holladay

Guest Present in Person: Colin Sullivan, Dave Buck, Bill Jones

Guest Present virtually: Joe Kline, Daelen Ogas

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Georgia Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk