

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

Attending: Steve Egly, Council President; Councilors Mike Bird, Greg Jones, James Miller, Zach Raderstorf, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Attorney Eric Burns, Street Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk.

Guests: Joanne Kuhn Titolo, Elisabeth Langenkamp, John Langenkamp, Xavier Langenkamp, Daniel Langenkamp, Rafael Langenkamp

Steve Egly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Addition to agenda in guest comment.

Guest Comment:

Elisabeth Langenkamp attended to speak of concerns about Ordinance 272 and a recent violation notice under Section 7. She feels that section is non-specific and open to interpretation about what is a household pet. The children have chickens as pets and care for them as a daily chore. It was reported to the town marshal that the chickens are an ordinance violation, not that they currently present a nuisance to the neighbors, such as a barking dog. She mentioned several positive aspects of backyard chickens and suggested adjustments to the ordinance that would allow but control the type and number of birds. The property looks to be a rural-type property having a Pretty Prairie Road address, over an acre of land, private well and septic. There is no city trash service at this time. A committee comprised of James Miller, Zach Raderstorf and Georgia Jones will review the request and make a recommendation. Enforcement of the violation is suspended pending the committee response.

Street Department

Ron Holladay reports the John Deere mower in not as ordered, does not have the diesel engine as specified. He would like to return it. The diesel John Deere with the same deck width would be \$14,450 compared to a similar Kubota at \$12,195.

Motion by James Miller to reject the delivery of the gas model, and accept the best price for diesel mower, a Kubota, not to exceed \$12,500. Purchase is contingent on return of the gas engine model.

Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 5 Aye 0 Nay

Signs for \$50 parking fines on Gateway were ordered but have not been delivered.

Sewage Department

During the recent jet and televise of Hawk's Nest collection system, a damaged tap was discovered that is likely due to contractor improper handling during installation years ago. Ron brought the tap section to show what happened. Correcting this tap and potentially one or two others may have a significant impact on the overload at the lift station.

Sludge removal at the treatment plant was completed.

Police

Town Marshal Jerry Burk reports ordinance violations for nuisances have been issued. There is increased traffic through town as weather is better for golf and lakes traffic. A drug-related case is under investigation.

Other Council information

Steve Egly mentioned the council received an invitation to a Memorial Day event at The Soldiers Home.

A student in Morristown requested information from Battle Ground to complete a study project.

Regarding road assets, there is ongoing conversation about sections of CR600 North that might best be "owned" and managed by the town. Tippecanoe County is now suggesting a portion of Prophets Rock Road, from the Burnetts Creek bridge to the city limit south of CR300 East, also be given to the town. Council agrees this makes sense from a management standpoint. Considering budget limitations it would not be a good move until the ditch is repaired to current standards.

Community Crossing Matching Grant applications have not been announced yet. The council needs to decide who will prepare the applications this year, possibly request this of Butler Fairman & Seufert.

MetroNet contacted Town Hall to ask about easements in Shawnee Ridge for a possible service installation. They were informed of the street cut permit. Except for boring to determine buried utilities, they use other means that will not require surface cuts.

Town Attorney

A draft of the complaint to enforce the demolition order is underway with Zach Williams. Eric Burns has contacted Kevin Bol, a commercial broker and developer who has a good record to act as receiver. The court will appoint the receiver to carry out the demolition order. If the town is required to supply funds for demolition, a loan will be necessary.

Clerk-Treasurer

Motion by Greg Jones to approve minutes of March 12 with one correction to attendance list, add Joanne Titolo. Second of James Miller. Motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Motion by James Miller to approve Register of Claims March 13 to April 9 with addition of pending invoices; Accu-Dig \$20,102.50, FJF Services \$5,684.00, Wealing Brothers LLC \$15,180.00, Butler, Fairman & Seufert \$4,990.00. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 nay

Committees

Communication – Spring newsletter is the current project.

Streets and Roads – Some work on the sidewalk ADA improvement plan is needed.

Personnel – work on updating the employment manual is in process. Mike Bird plans to have updates published and requests all reviews be done soon, let him know of suggested changes.

New Business

The town's waste hauling contract expires October 31, 2018. A committee of James Miller, Zach Raderstorf and Georgia Jones will create a specification list to advertise for bids.

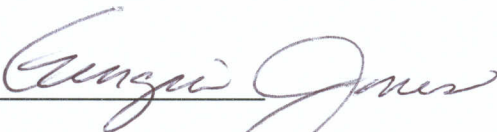
Motion by Mike Bird to approve the update of digital ordinances by Sunshine Publishing, not to exceed \$840.00. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 5 Aye 0 Nay

Discussion of town hall repair or replacement. Jerry Burk provided photo evidence of the wallboard cracks, racked door frames, foundation movement, siding displacement due to settling of the building, moisture damage to window frames and walls, evidence of mildew or mold. He also mentioned that there have been two cases of sinkholes on the property, the most recent was deep and wide enough that he fell into it when walking around his vehicle.

The lot used to be a town dump and it is expected there will be more sinkholes in the future. Committee members Greg Jones, Mike Bird, Jerry Burk and Georgia Jones will investigate options and report to the Council.

General discussion about the use of TIF district and the timeline required to initiate.

Motion to adjourn 8:55 p.m. by Greg Jones



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



Steve Egly, Council President