

# Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, May 14, 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, Bill Miller, Kay Miller, Colin Allen, Geoffrey Allen, Dave Buck

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

## Guest Comment:

Bill Miller provided an update on HB829 and the Rogers Group efforts to find a legislative bypass of local control over zoning and land use.

Dave Buck presented options with cost estimates for repairs to Battleview and Warrior Drive. The Council requested estimates of preventive maintenance costs for each. The application period for 2018-2019 Community Crossing Grant is Aug 6-Sept 28, 2018. Colin Dale will be working with Ron Holladay on the Sewage Master Plan.

Regarding the request to allow backyard chickens in parts of Battle Ground, Zach Raderstorf and James Miller suggested changes to the current ordinance. There are still some problems with definitions and enforcement. **Motion** by James Miller to table the issue pending review by the town attorney. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

## Department Reports

### Police

Town Marshal Jerry Burk has updated the department policy manual for 2018 and all deputies have signed the new version. Residents in Shawnee Ridge complained of speeding, as their posted limit is 25 mph, original to the subdivision. Current law is 30 mph. After 11 hours of patrol, only one vehicle was cited with a warning for 31 mph. No other cases were observed.

Jerry brought the council a recommendation for a burn ordinance and changes to reduce the allowed height of residential lawn grass and weeds.

**Motion** by Zach Raderstorf to accept the recommendations and refer to the town attorney for appropriate ordinance. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

The police garage overhead door springs broke sometime Saturday and dropped the door. No injury or damage to vehicles occurred and repairs were completed Monday by Steve's Overhead Door.

### Street Department

Ron Holladay requested additions to the paving contracts on Prophet's Rock Road and Main Street. Two extensions of paving at the quoted rate per foot would be a good value and could be submitted as projects for FY 2019 Community Crossing grant applications.

**Motion** by Steve Egly to approve an extension of new paving on the Main Street project to include a specified block of Tippecanoe Street by Fox Paving for \$8,372.00. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

**Motion** by Steve Egly to approve an extension of pavement overlay on Prophet's Rock Road at CR600 N hill, with "scratch and fill" for identified areas of damaged pavement, not to exceed \$10,000.00 as proposed by Fox Paving. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Motion by Steve Egly to approve expense for milling a section of Prophet's Rock Road that is part of the 2018 CCMG grant project, not to exceed \$1000.00. This is to remove broken pavement prior to the finish layer. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

The new Kubota mower is in service, reducing total mowing time from 48 hours to 20 hours for all town property. A company contacted the Town about taking wood chips and compost out of the compost area.

Ron has contacted a new company to work on catch basins. This is the year to have a vac truck clean out and review the condition of 154 structures.

#### **Sewage Department**

Lift station cleaning will be scheduled. Ron may use a contractor for some backhoe work. Discussion of additional payroll for the summer season of intense labor projects.

**Motion** by James Miler to temporarily approve 32 hours per week for part time schedule during the months of June and July. Additional work hours are gained from reduced mowing time as previously mentioned. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

A replacement tankless water heater was purchased for the lab, and a new display screen for the flowmeter.

#### **Town Attorney**

The unsafe building lawsuit has been filed in Superior Court 2, naming the first owner, the first mortgage, the second owner and the second mortgage. If there is no appearance on court date, a default judgment will be issued within approximately 30 days. The court would then appoint a receiver to advance the process of bidding demolition and securing financing.

#### **Clerk-Treasurer**

**Motion** by James Miller to approve minutes of April 9. Second of Zach Raderstorf. Motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

**Motion** by Zach Raderstorf to approve Register of Claims April 10 to May 14. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

#### **Committees**

**Communication** – Spring newsletter was mailed. Website will be updated.

**Streets and Roads – Motion** by Greg Jones to request Butler Fairman & Seufert to prepare the Community Crossing 2018-2019 grant applications. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

**Sidewalks and Trails – Motion** by Steve Egly to approve \$800.00 to purchase additional planters for the Battle Ground Garden Club to use on the renovated North Street areas. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

### **Old Business**

James Miller, Zach Raderstorf and Georgia Jones distributed a specification list for bidding the waste hauling contract. After discussion, additions include specifying how many years to bid, that totes must have lids, details on fuel surcharge, and omitting the sewage plant dumpster or naming it an alternate. No action at this time.

Discussion of town hall repair or replacement was tabled.

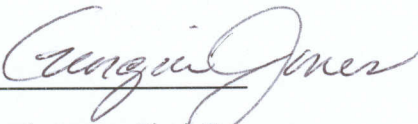
### **New Business**

**Motion** by Steve Egly to waive the noise ordinance during 2018 Fiddlers Gathering, limit access to Battle Ground Avenue except for visitors to the park, and provide mosquito misting on Thursday evening, weather permitting. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

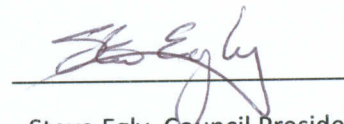
Discussion of the Stellar Cities grant program and potential information session at a future meeting.

James Miller and Jerry Burk have been working on ways to improve highway signs in the area to identify Battle Ground to visitors.

**Motion** to adjourn 9:43 p.m. by James Miller.



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



Steve Egly, Council President