

Battle Ground Town Council
Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2019

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

Guests: Ron Evans, Colin Sullivan, Colin Dale, Bill Jones, Carol Watson, Mary Jo Totten, Buffy Rogers.

Zach Raderstorf called the meeting to order, 6:00 p.m.

Guest Comment

Colin Dale of Butler, Fairman and Seufert (BFS) presented the Tomahawk Drainage Evaluation for the council to consider implementing recommended improvements to that system. A copy of the full report will be provided by email.

Steve Egly asked if the improvements could be part of a Community Crossings grant application. Colin will research this to see what might be possible but BFS has not seen much success with INDOT. There are grants from Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), however it might take 2-3 years to go through the process and receive the monies. Another possibility would be to borrow from the Sewage Department. Ron Holladay mentioned that the easement on Tomahawk is only 5 feet wide.

The sidewalk inventory project is still with Dave Buck, who is making contact with Area Plan to see what historic files or GIS layers may exist that could be used.

There is no resolution yet to the agreement with Fox Paving for additional repairs to County Road 600 N.

The 2019 CCMG project on Battlevue/Warrior is complete and in final review with BFS.

Railroad Street is still a question, what can be done to make it less dangerous for cars that might accidentally drive off the gravel shoulder, since it now is so much higher than the rest of the right of way.

Steve Egly said there is a demolition permit for the pet cemetery on SR 43 N, which may hasten the need to complete a cost estimate for sewage mains at that location.

Department Reports

Sewage – Storm – MVH

Ron Holladay reported that a sewer repair under Main Street can't be done with Elite Pipelining as hoped, and would require excavation. The contractor will provide the safety equipment needed for 12' depth.

A dump trailer to haul semi-hazardous waste from the sewage treatment plant was found at a dealer in Monticello for \$2427.25.

Motion by Steve Egly to approve up to \$3000.00 for purchase of a dump trailer for bar screen waste. Second of Mike Bird. Motion carried, 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

The project to repair a waterway in Hawks Nest will start October 16. Ron will use 10-12 loads of broken concrete from the Battleview street project.

There is still time this fall to work on two sewer problems in Hawk's Nest, on Naschette Parkway.

The fiber installation contractor Berry-IT made three scars/holes in the new road surface on Battleview/Warrior. Ron recommends they require the repairs by an asphalt company rather than allow the communications company to try to patch it.

Police

Jerry Burk reported two new grants for public safety equipment, including car radios and a speed control sign that can be relocated as needed in the school zones or elsewhere.

Questions were asked about a potential golf cart ordinance, which Jerry is still reviewing. Requirements would include headlights, turn lights, insurance and inspections. The department is still looking for a solution to boost the wireless signal from mobile computers to the office.

Zach Raderstorf called on Carol Watson for the Conservancy update. Carol reported the new tower is functioning, however the old tower can't be taken offline until all components of the new system monitoring equipment have been received and installed.

The Conservancy board sent a request by email to all council members for assistance reading meters, either by allowing Ron Holladay to continue to help with reads or pay for half of the time required at the Conservancy time and materials rate of \$50.00 per hour. The board did not understand why Ron had stopped assisting with reads, and would like the sewage utility to help because the reads are the basis for bills for both utilities. James Miller asked how it was decided that Ron should no longer assist with the reads, given that it did not come up at a council meeting. Steve Egly mentioned an unwritten agreement for the Conservancy to provide meter reads but not pay any "rent" for town hall.

Motion by Steve Egly to pay \$150 per month for water meter and sewer meter reads beginning in October, to continue until further notice. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Town Attorney

The hotel property buy-out date is January 11, 2020. If there is no response from the owner, then a date for sheriff sale will be scheduled.

Clerk-Treasurer

Due to council special meeting schedule and office staff limitations in August, minutes from late July and August meetings were not available to approve in September. Five meetings were reviewed at this time; two regular monthly meetings and three special meetings for sewage master plan, 2020 budget review and Battle Ground Redevelopment Commission.

Motion by Steve Egly to approve minutes of July 29, August 12, August 27, September 9, and September 19. Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

Motion by Greg Jones to approve the register of claims September 10 to October 14. Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

Redevelopment Commission (RDC) - Zach Raderstorf announced his appointments to the new Battle Ground RDC. The town council previously appointed two of the five committee members: Michael Budd and Zach Raderstorf. The Council President has three appointments, which are Steve Egly, Mike Bird, and Scott Trzaskus. Randy Bond is the non-voting appointee representing the Tippecanoe School Corporation.

The United Methodist Church would like to use part of a block of Tipton Street for a community Halloween event.

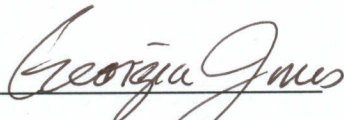
Motion by Steve Egly to allow closure of the 200-300 block of Tipton Street from Winans Street to College Street on October 31, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a community Halloween event.

Second of Mike Bird, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Greg Jones asked about the budget for road repair in 2020. The final invoices for Battleview/Warrior and for South Railroad Street have not been received. When those commitments are known, funds for use in 2020 can be projected.

Ron Holladay reviewed the details of the street detour and sewer repair planned for the TSC fall break, when there will be less traffic on Main Street. A paving crew will be out October 21 to quote sewage repair plus the areas damaged by Berry-It, including the bump in the new surface of South Railroad Street. The fiber install contractor will pay for their damages.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Egly at 7:23 p.m.



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



Zachary Raderstorf, Council President