

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2019

Special meeting to consider the Battle Ground Civil Town 2020 Budget

Attending: Zach Raderstorf, Council President; Councilors, Greg Jones, James Miller, Steve Egly; Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay

Not present: Mike Bird. Zach Raderstorf arrived late.

Guests: Dan Gemmecke, Mary Jo Totten

Steve Egly called the meeting to order, 6:30 p.m. The special meeting agenda was reviewed by Steve and additions were announced. Water tower, bar screen waste, change order for Railroad Street and extension for Warrior and Battlevue.

Water Tower - Mike Bird had mentioned at the August 12 council meeting that it might be good to save the old water tower as it is an icon of town. Steve Egly commented on the situation and said that if the council wanted to pursue the idea, it would take a unanimous vote of councilors present. James Miller said there was not enough time to determine what the cost would be to make it safe. Steve agreed it might have been possible if started nine months ago.

Dan Gemmecke mentioned that if the tower was saved, he recommends taking half the length of the legs off and rebuilding parts of the remaining sections. Greg Jones believes the project represents significant cost and does not make financial sense. Steve Egly said the true icon is the Battlefield Memorial, not the water tower. The council did not take action to pursue this idea.

Bar screen waste – Waste Management requires a renewal of customer profile of the waste materials sent to the landfill. Bar screen materials from the sewage plant can no longer be placed in the 2-yard dumpster at the plant, it requires a contract for semi-hazardous waste at the landfill.

Motion by Greg Jones to authorize Steve Egly to work with Waste Management to establish a contract for disposal of bar screen semi-hazardous waste. Second of James Miler, motion carried. 3 Aye, 0 Nay. After the agreement is set, Ron Holladay would be the point of contact for the town.

Crack seal project – Ron needs five more barrels of product to finish Quail Ridge and Northgate.

Motion by James Miller to purchase five barrels of crack seal material. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

CCMG Change order– Milestone used less product than estimated for North 9th Street / South Railroad Street and requires a change order for the net reduction in total cost.

Motion by Zach Raderstorf to accept Change Order No. 1 to reduce the cost of DES1802710. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

Battlevue/Warrior project extension – Midwest Paving asked for an extension to September 13.

Motion by Greg Jones to accommodate the request from Midwest Paving to extend the substantial completion date to September 13, which is also the final completion date. Second of Zach Raderstorf, motion carried. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

2020 Budget review

Clerk Georgia Jones reviewed sources of revenue for each DLGF fund, including estimates of property tax, local income tax, excise tax, MVH, Cumulative Capital Improvement and miscellaneous income. Total estimated revenue for 2020 is \$772,936. The budget may include using operating reserve (savings) but regular expenses such as payroll should be planned to only use sustainable revenue and avoid using savings for recurring overhead expenses. The total budget, using revenue and reserve, must be advertised for a public hearing and must have a second advertising and hearing if it is changed.

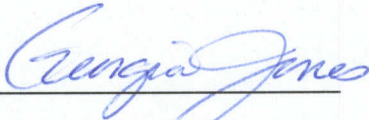
Council members discussed and evaluated expenses in the funds and major expense categories. Expenditures may be adjusted within funds until the date of budget adoption, when the final budget ordinance is signed and sent to the Department of Local Government Finance.

Steve Egly recommended adding appropriations for town labor payroll to the general fund for mowing, plowing, leaf pickup and compost area. Georgia Jones recommended combining the MVH appropriations for bituminous materials and road repair materials.

Motion by Steve Egly to approve the budget with \$4000 adjustment to add a new wage appropriation for "Town Labor" and combine the appropriations for 201001231 MVH bituminous materials with 201001236 Road Repair Materials. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

The agreed revenue and expense values will be advertised on the public information portal Indiana Gateway prior to the September 9, 2019 public hearing. Document is attached. Final budget adoption is October 14. Both meetings are held at Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn 8:10 p.m. by Greg Jones



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



Zachary Raderstorf, Council President