

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2022

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Matt Coppock, Steve Hahn, Greg Jones. Mary Jo Totten was absent. Also attending: Attorney Eric Burns, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones.

Guests: Greg Martz, Dave Buck, Colin Sullivan, Kathy Vernon, Kevin Bachelder.

Guests attending virtually: Joe Kline, Bill Jones, Colin Dale.

James Miller called to order at 6:00 p.m. and advised the agenda was re-ordered from the posted version to move contract services and Guest Comment up in the order.

East Street - Council discussed the request from Kevin Bachelder to finish restoring East Street after the work on water mains last summer. Kevin attended the meeting to relay his concerns. Matt Coppock is in charge of finalizing that project.

Congressman Jim Baird – Kathy Vernon, Community Liaison, reported recent mobile office hours for the Congressman and attends tonight to be available for any concerns that the town would like to share with his office.

Minutes – Steve Hahn moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021, February 14, 2022 and March 14, 2022. Second of Matt Coppock, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Attorney

Greg Martz from GM Development was present to answer questions for the Council members. After discussion, Steve Hahn moved to approve Ordinance 2022-610 on first reading. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

James Miller opened a public hearing for Ordinance 2022-610 Awarding Build-Operate Transfer Transaction. Eric Burns reviewed the documentation. There were no questions from the public. The hearing was closed. The final reading will be May 9.

The ordinance for trees and landscaping is deferred to the next meeting.

The parking ordinance is deferred to the next meeting.

Contract Services

The Tomahawk Lane project is set to begin. The agreement with Milestone needs to be formally signed. Greg Jones moved to accept the contract for the base bid with alternate #2 in the amount \$1,844,792.00. Second of Matt Coppock, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

After the bid process, alternate #2 was amended. Greg Jones moved to accept milestone change order #1 which deletes a section of water main and decreases the cost by \$128,200. Second of Matt Coppock, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Matt Coppock moved to give Milestone notice to proceed with construction after all bond and insurance documents are received at BFS as required. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Butler Fairman and Seufert have been contacted by two developers for preliminary and final construction plan reviews. Matt Coppock moved to approve Taco Bell – Preliminary Plan Review Task Order with second of Greg Jones. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Matt Coppock moved to approve Taco Bell-Final Plan Review Task Order, with second of Greg Jones. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Matt Coppock moved to approve Arbys- Preliminary Plan Review Task Order with the stipulation that first the Indiana State Highway must approve the access plan, there is an solution for the pet cemetery, and Board of Zoning Appeals passes the request to rezone. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Clerk-Treasurer

The Register of Claims for March 15 to April 11 was reviewed. Greg Jones moved to accept the claims in the amount \$152,359.28. Second of Matt Coppock, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

The ordinance to update Sewage rates and charges was presented and discussed. The rate hearing will be advertised for May 2. The proposed rates and financial plan will be the focus of a work session prior to that date. Greg Jones moved to approve Ordinance 2022-609 and begin the advertising period. Second of Matt Coppock, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

The first report for the ARPA distribution is due April 30.

Police

The damage to the radar speed sign on CR 600 N will be covered by the driver's insurance. The damaged street light on Railroad Street was caused by hit and run, and will be turned in to the town's insurance.

Reports of speeding on Main Street were investigated and the range of speeds found by handheld radar was 24 to 32 mph. No cases of excessive speed were noted.

Utilities and Street Department

Ron Holladay reported that Prophetstown State Park has requested to tie on to the municipal sewer system and will provide upgrades if needed to handle the additional volume from the campground. He will work with Dave Buck and the Plant Operator to analyze capacity and potential needs. There is a meeting May 4 in the state park conference room for all involved parties.

The ultraviolet lights at the plant failed Sunday and Ron is securing replacements from the Trojan representative.

Redevelopment Commission

The RCD met in March, the next meeting is May 23.

Area Plan

Greg Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-607, Amendment # 103 to the Unified Zoning Ordinance allowing home occupations. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with unanimous roll call vote, 4 Aye with one absent.

Committees

Transportation – Greg Jones received an estimate of \$18,000 from Chris Linder for 600 feet of sidewalk forming and concrete to complete the school-park sidewalk corridor. The old sidewalk removal would be by local force or a separate project bid, either by the same vendor or another.

Public Relations / Communication – deferred to next meeting

Strategic Planning - deferred to next meeting

Citizen Advisory Groups – deferred to next meeting

Old Business

The council considered a request to provide support for the Fiddler’s Gathering 50th year commemoration. No action was taken.

New Business


The council will meet April 25 for a work session to talk through the ordinances that are in development and the financing plan for Hawk’s Nest BOT project.

Guest Comment

Motion to adjourn 7:35 p.m. by Greg Jones with second of Matt Coppock



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



James Miller, Council President

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in person: Council President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Matt Coppock, and Greg Jones

Also Present: Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk)

Guest Present in Person: Greg Martz, Dave Buck, Colin Sullivan, Kathy Vernon and Kevin Bachelder.

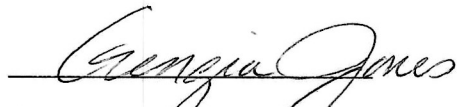
Members Present Virtually: Councilor Greg Jones

Guest Present virtually: Bill Jones, Colin Dale and Joe Kline

Absent: Mary Jo Totten

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

Attest:


Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer