

# Battle Ground Town Council

## Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2022

Attending in person: Council President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Mary Jo Totten. Also attending: Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones.

Attending virtually: Councilor Greg Jones and Guests Joe Kline and Bill Jones

Absent: Matt Coppock

James Miller called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda was re-ordered. Parking ordinance and Tree ordinance were deferred.

### 1. Additional Appropriations

The advertising has been published for a May 9 hearing to request additional appropriations to cover the Tomahawk Lane reconstruction project. The Walking Tour fund and Donation fund were also advertised so the council may allocate the Molter memorial and decide how best to use the Walking Tour fund. It has been dormant for at least six years. James Miller suggested using the tour fund money to support the Fiddler's Gathering or the North Street and Railroad Street mural projects previously discussed with Tippecanoe Arts Federation.

### 2. ORD 2022-610 Build-Operate-Transfer financing

Georgia Jones provided a worksheet to illustrate the expenditures from various funds that will combine to meet town obligations for current CCMG projects and estimate the loan revenue needed for the Hawks Nest lift station upgrade. The council requested to see the information as changes develop, reviewing at least monthly prior to meetings.

### 3. ORD 2022-609 Wastewater Rates and Charges

The rate consultant retained in 2021, London Witte Group, provided the rate level necessary in 2022 to support the projected loan for Hawks Nest and a second half time position for the Waste Treatment Plant. The ordinance also includes a cost-of-living increase for 2023 and 2024 to stay current with rising costs of insurance, materials, and payroll.

### 4. ARPA report and plan

Georgia Jones is the Authorized Reporting Representative to submit the first of two mandatory reports for the American Rescue Plan Act funds distribution. Battle Ground will declare the revenue in the category General Revenue Replacement, and the expenditure will be classified under infrastructure projects.

### 5. Utility extension

The council discussed a recent meeting with BFS and representatives for a developer interested in the north-east corner lot on SR 43 at CR600 North. This location is not in town limits, and the utilities are not in a financial position to pay for extension of service at this time.

There is willingness to accept a new commercial account, however the cost to install necessary water and sewer mains will be the developer's responsibility. Even with construction starting in 2022, the TIF district will not generate enough revenue to cover bond or loan payments for several years.

6. Appraisals for town hall locations

In discussion of potential sites for a new community center / town hall, there is unanimous agreement that a location in the historic district is preferred over other options. In particular, a location adjacent the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park offers the best opportunity to partner with the Tippecanoe Parks Board, the Fiddler's Gathering, and other county and community groups. The council has reserved funds to purchase land with the intent to secure a grant for the structure.

Mary Jo Totten moved to allocate \$2500 to obtain appraisals on two properties of interest. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried by roll call vote with 4 Aye and 1 absent.

In other discussion, it was noted that the apartments on Tomahawk Lane will begin monitoring their parking lot and residents will have parking permits displayed on their vehicles.

Motion to adjourn 7:16 p.m. by Mary Jo Totten, with second of Steve Hahn.

  
Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer

  
James Miller, Council President

## Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: April 27, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in person: Council President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, and Mary Jo Totten.

Also Present: Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk)

Members Present Virtually: Councilor Greg Jones

Guest Present virtually: Bill Jones and Joe Kline

Absent: Matt Coppock

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

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georgia Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer