Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023

Call to Order

The public meeting of the Fountain City Town Council was held at the City Building at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Steve Clark, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Michael Gray. Gabriel Winkle, town attorney, was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Shroyer confirmed that everyone had read February's minutes. Mullins motioned to approve February's minutes as written. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Welcome Visitors

• Jeff Claster, Wayne County Commissioner, was present to discuss the HELP Program. This program is working with OCRA to ensure the ARPA Funds are spent where they are needed. There is a survey for residents to fill out to find out where the community would like to see the funds spent.

New Business

• Flooding – Scott Fisher with Indiana Earthworks was present to discuss the flooding problem over the weekend. He was informed of the flooding and has done a drive through to investigate. There are several places that are just about an inch short. They were under some pressure due to weather to get the project done. The blacktop producers shut down for the season in November and he didn't want to leave gravel patches to deal with during the winter months. The issues he spotted will not be very difficult to fix once the weather permits and the blacktop producers open back up for business. Kenny Mayberry was present to ask some questions about flooding around his property. He showed some video to Fisher and informed him that he will investigate once the weather permits. He also informed council that a lot of straw and mud got washed to the drains by the rain. This clogged up some drains. He had hoped some of the seeding would have started to grow and catch more straw than was caught. The unexpected storm was an occurrence that caused a lot of problems. In hind sight, they should have used seed matting. He apologized and would have come to town to help with the flooding but he was out of town at the time the flooding was happening. Lou Savka, Triad Engineering, was also present. He will investigate the planning and engineering side of the problem.

Unfinished Business

None

Department Reports

Water/Sewer Departments - Charles Tice

- Tice read his report.
- Tice informed council that he needs to purchase a flow meter in order to perform flow testing. He provided quotes for the purchase of the meter. This meter will read the number of gallons and flow test the fire hydrants. Flow testing is a yearly requirement from IDEM. Gray motioned to purchase the flow test meter. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Clark informed everyone of the decision for the price at the bulk fill station. It was proposed to charge \$0.70 per 100 gallons plus tax, which is a total of \$0.75. Gray motioned to accept this amount. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. 4-1, Hayer opposed.

Police & Fire Department - Marshal Carey Martin & Shane Shroyer

- Marshal Martin read his report.
- Marshal Martin informed council that he needs to purchase some mobile radios, which will be approximately \$5,900. McGuire informed council that ARPA funds are available to purchase the radios. Gray motioned to purchase the mobile radios needed. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Shroyer informed council that the fire department is looking into another grant.
- Fire Chief Wes Roberts was present to inform council of additional appropriations the fire department would like to request. They are in need of a new rescue truck. The Fire Territory Board voted to request \$59,000 in additional appropriations. McGuire informed the fire chief and council that she will get started on the paperwork.

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Kyle Parrett

• Parrett read his report.

Street Department - Kyle Parrett

- Parrett read his report.
- Gray requested for Parrett to get quotes for grinding the stumps or renting a stump grinder and he will help get them ground down. If they are able to rent one, Gray will help the guys grind them and clean up afterwards.

Financial Department - Trina McGuire

Council was provided with the Fund with Investments and APV Register Summary Report.

Claims

Clark motioned to approve all current claims. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Gray motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council President

Lina D. V. Suire

Clerk/Treasurer

Date of Approval