
Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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, November 14, 2023. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Steve Clark, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Michael Gray. Aubrey Crist, town attorney, was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Shroyer confirmed that everyone had read October's minutes. Clark motioned to approve October's minutes as written. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- 2024 Salary Ordinance – McGuire confirmed that council had received the 2024 Salary Ordinance she emailed. She informed council that if there needs to be any changes, they can be made and the ordinance voted on in December. Hayes questioned Parrett's raise and thought that he would be at \$22 beginning in January 2024. McGuire stated her memory was that we could do another dollar beginning in 2024 but the other two dollars depended on his certification. She also informed council that if they go up to \$22 an hour and the account goes negative, she will inform them that she advised against it. Mullins motioned to raise Parrett's pay to \$20 per hour and discuss the other two dollars at a later date. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1, Gray with a nay.
- Silversmith Quote for Tablets – McGuire confirmed that council received the Silversmith quote for the additional tablet. She also informed council that Brandon from Silversmith recommended only getting one additional tablet. The first year is \$1,050 for the tablet and data with a yearly \$600 data fee. Gray motioned to purchase one additional tablet. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Triad Agreements – McGuire provided the agreements from Triad for the Asset Management Plan and Community Crossing Resurfacing Plan. The asset agreement is \$5,600 and the street agreement is \$64,360. Gray motioned to accept the agreements. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Announce CCMG Award – Shane announced that he and McGuire received an email stating that the town had been awarded the CCMG for new streets. INDOT stated that our community has preliminary been awarded \$244,205.91 in matching grant funds. This is a 75% matching grant fund for new streets. The milling and repaving will be: South Street from Century Drive to US Hwy. 27, E. North Street from US Hwy. 27 to city limits, S. Green from Cherry Street to Fountain Ave., N. Green from Main Street to Davis Street, and Main Street from Front Street to US Hwy. 27. This project will start next year.

Unfinished Business

- Plugged Storm Drains – Gray stated that he did not have the request updated quotes. Gray motioned to table this issue. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Meter Replacement – Shroyer stated that Lou from Triad is working on located the missing meters and what exactly happened.

Department Reports

Water/Sewer Departments – Michael Stuckey, Doug Young, Walker Shepherd, & David Allen

- Clark read the report.
- Clark presented council with quotes for SCADA system. The new system is needed due to the current one failing and pumps needing to be operated manually, which causes overtime. The quotes are similar but one has newer software and is more compatible, which will last longer than the other. Gray motioned to purchase the newer software SCADA. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Clark presented council with items needed to put the 100 Building's water meter outside. The building is code entry and operators cannot access the meter regularly. McGuire informed council that she is having problems with the property management and they could prevent access to the meter as it stands now. Clark motioned to move the meter outside. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Police & Fire Department – Marshal Carey Martin & Shane Shroyer

- Marshal Martin read his report.
- Shroyer read his report on fire dept.

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Kyle Parrett

- Clark read the report.

Street Department – Kyle Parrett

- Clark read the report.

Financial Department – Trina McGuire

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

Welcome Visitors

- A representative from the Richmond Sanitary District was present to discuss a plan for recycling. They are planning on applying with new funding, which may include broadening their service area. They would like council's permission to distribute a questionnaire about recycling. If council allows the questionnaire, what will be the best way to distribute it? They are not real sure about what, if any, charges will be involved. McGuire informed him that a survey link can be put on the town's website.

- Angie Smith with Fountain City Forward was present to talk about some activities planned for the eclipse next year. They would like to use the council chambers for a type of art show. In addition, they are having a craft fair located at the Fountian City's Lion's Club. Several surrounding communities are having activities, which are listed with Wayne County Tourism.
- Yvonne Lanter was present to discuss the continued problem with trucks and trailers blocking E. Cherry and Water Street. This is a continued problem that has been brought to council in the past. Hayes stated that she has talked to many of the drivers and the owners of the mini mart. Shroyer stated that he will contact the attorney and see what can be done.

Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Steve Clark
Council President
Vice
Lina D. McGuire
Clerk/Treasurer

December 5, 2023
Date of Approval