

Town of Fortville

09.03.2024

Town Council Meeting

Opening of Meeting:

The meeting was held at Fortville Town Hall, 714 E. Broadway. Meeting was called to order by Council President Tonya Davis at 6:01 pm.

Present:

Tonya Davis, President; Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager, Alex Intermill; Town Attorney, Missy Glazier; Clerk-Treasurer, & Adriana Krueger; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Not Present:

Ryan Rummell, Vice President.

Approval of Agenda:

Fritz Fentz makes the motion to approve the agenda, Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carries, passes 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Fritz Fentz makes the motion to approve the August 19th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries, passes 4-0.

New Business:

- a. Council to hear an update on the US 36 / SR 67 / Broadway Project from INDOT & Milestone representatives. – Steve Lindway gives update on construction via zoom. Base layer of asphalt paving for curbs, sidewalks, and walking trails will start tomorrow. Grant Abbott gave an update as well via zoom; he agrees that paving will continue during the next two weeks.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Council to consider second reading of Ordinance 2024-8A, Amending and Restating the Speed Limits Schedule – Joe Renner reminds council of the amendment's particulars. Fritz Fentz makes the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-8A. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries, passes 4-0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager:

Joe Renner indicates that interviews to fill open positions are continuing. Noah Back will be returning as a rehire to the street department. Interview of Anthony Buechler resulted in a job offer; employment is pending background check. Consideration of additional hires for the utility department is very much needed to ensure successful department performance. Fortville will be changing utility locating company from USIC to Sanitary Management and Engineering Co, (Samco). Joe stated that INDOT is waiting on a set of plans from BP for their entrance off SR 67. Former police commissioner, Katie Weaver Curry, was thanked for her service. She is leaving her position as she is no longer living within Fortville limits. Fortville police chief, Patrick Bratton, seconded the appreciation for Katie Curry's efforts and looks forward to being part of the selection process for the incoming police commissioner.

Parks Manager:

Absent

Planning & Building Director:

N/A

Clerk-Treasurer:

N/A

Police Chief:

Patrick Bratton indicated the department's K-9 broke a tooth during training and will require a root canal soon. This does not currently affect his ability to work, however he will be monitored until this situation has been resolved. Dylan Grimm started at the academy last Monday and Ryan Haynes is in the process of being hired. He will probably have a December start date.

Town Attorney:

Alex Intermill acknowledged the town's new signage outside and has echoed the consensus that it does look very good and improves the town's look.

Public Comment:

Bob Sterrett introduced an idea to increase community turnout and participation in bimonthly council meetings. He suggested including a newsletter within the monthly water bill that can let community members who do not participate in the online Fortville Happenings page or the town's Facebook page about upcoming meetings and detailed agendas. Andy Williams

responded to this by indicating that an upgrade to the town's website is currently in the works and a newsletter will be sent out.

Gary Sharrett asked if the construction design at Garden Street and SR 67 is permanent.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

N/A

Ryan Rummell

Absent

Libby Wyatt

N/A

Fritz Fentz

N/A

Vanessa Battaglia

Vanessa sent out an email to the council regarding approved drone companies. Go to the DOJ for a list of approved drone companies that do not involve China based conglomerates. DJI is one to avoid.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Tonya Davis makes the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carries, passes 4-0.

Adjourn:

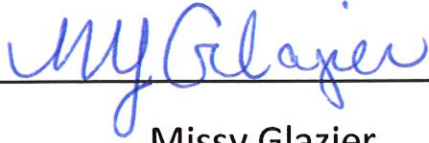
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm, Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carries, passes 4-0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Missy Glazier