

Town of Fortville

02.05.2024

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 6:30 pm.

Present:

Tonya Davis, President; Ryan Rummell, Vice President; Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Vanessa Bataglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney.

Not Present:

Missy Glazier

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the agenda with removal of item 2d; Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carries, passes 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the January 15, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries, passes 5-0.

New Business:

- a. Council to consider the Special Event Request for the 20th Annual Kammy's Kause - Rep from Kammy's Kause presents 2024 event request for Friday and Saturday dates – Tonya Davis asks about hours on Friday - response is approximately 7:00P-10:00P - additional discussion about the ride which happen this year as well – Ryan Rummell moves to approve request; Libby Wyatt 2nds - 5-0 approved.
- b. Council to hear SR 67 Project update from INDOT & Milestone - Glen White from INDOT presents update of project – Vanessa Battaglia asks if the high curb can be painted - INDOT states they don't paint the curbs but the Town can paint it at a later date - INDOT states that the height of the curb is to prevent driving over the sidewalk - further discussion about the design and height of the curb – Fritz Fentz asks if sidewalks are

responsibility or INDOT - INDOT states that the curbs are the Town's to address and maintain - additional discussion on curb design.

- c. Council to consider amending the approved Tax Abatement restrictions for Debo Cook 1 LLC at 3299 w. 1000 North allow Caliber Collision - Adam Zaklikowski presents summary of issue and request to the Council - Mr. Deaton states that he thinks it's a good use and will allow them to fill the building – Tonya Davis states she believes the wages are in line with what was expected for the abatement – Ryan Rummell moves to approve request to allow Caliber under the abatement; Libby Wyatt 2nds - 5-0 approved.

Old Business:

- a. Council to consider 2nd Reading (Final Reading) of Ordinance No. 2023-12B regarding a Rezone from Residential: 3.5 (R3.5) to Residential: Rural (RR) at 9737 N. Fortville Pike to allow horses on the property - Adam Zaklikowski provides summary of process and status of rezoning petition - Clay Marmion addresses Council regarding proposal to have horses on the property for personal use – Ryan Rummell asks if any neighbors voiced objection; Adam states no - additional discussion had regarding interplay between zoning code and animal control ordinance and exception process – Vanessa Battaglia asks for and Adam provides summary for the different zoning designations at play - Ryan moves to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation and move forward to approve the exception to the animal control ordinance; Libby Wyatt 2nds - 3-2 passes with Vanessa and Fritz Fentz voting against – Tonya Davis states that Council will allow up to 4 horses - Attorney will prepare written findings for next meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager:

Joe Renner updates on employees with certified operator status; provides update on Ninestar fiber optic project; states Town will start flushing hydrants at the end of the week if the weather holds up – Libby Wyatt asks how long it will take to flush hydrants - Joe states typically 5 minutes per hydrant with 550 hydrants but could take longer to run them until clear.

Parks Manager:

Not present

Planning & Building Director:

N/A

Clerk-Treasurer:

Not present.

Police Chief:

Chief Bratton provides request concerning ammunition spending limit increase due to anticipated ammunition shortage and price increases; Ryan Rummell moves to approve proposed ammunition purchase; Libby Wyatt 2nds - 5-0 approved - Pat updates Council on meeting with Ninestar to upgrade the FPD server to address security and other issues and states it will be approximately \$8K-\$10K; provides 2023 annual report for Council review and suggests discussion at next meeting after Council has time for review but highlights increase in calls for service from 2022 to 2023 and additional items in report.

Town Attorney:

Tonya Davis asks about proposed resolution 2024-2A – Alex Intermill suggests reviewing and putting it on the next agenda.

Public Comment:

Bob Ferrell addresses Council regarding curb at Madison Lofts and sharp curb that should be addressed and 418 E Broadway and 216 W Broadway both have elevated curbs - also addresses chiseled curb near old hardware store – Fritz Fentz asks if any explanation given by INDOT for difference in curb height between Bob's property and neighbor - Bob states curb heights were made as field decision - additional discussion had about pointed curb near diner and possible means to address it - Fritz expresses concern about field decisions without engineering review – Tonya Davis explains that curb height differences related to use of property and safety – Vanessa Battaglia states that concern is whether field changes are still compliant with engineering standards and intent of design – Ryan Rummell asks if Madison Lofts curb will be fixed and Joe Renner confirms it will.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

N/A

Ryan Rummell

N/A

Libby Wyatt

States that she had a meeting with community leaders regarding the coming eclipse and updates regarding anticipated traffic and people in town.

Fritz Fentz

N/A

Vanessa Bataglia

States she would like to allow person who asked the question to give an opportunity to respond to INDOT during that part of meeting - additional discussion had - Adele DuSold from INDOT states she doesn't have an issue with staying toward public comment but appreciate the heads up if they need to stay longer; also states that this is a unique situation to have INDOT present at council meeting (not the norm for INDOT projects around state); also states that she believes that the contracts do allow field changes - Fritz Fentz asks about engineer reviews and Adele DuSold states there are engineers in the field to review changes - additional discussion ensues.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve and sign vouchers, with Libby Wyatt seconding. Motion carries, passes 5-0.

Adjourn:

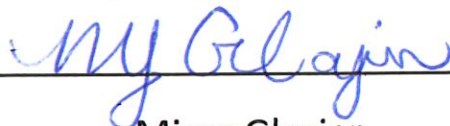
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:45 with Libby Wyatt seconding. Motion carries, passes 5-0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Missy Glazier