

Town of Fortville

11.04.2024

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 6:41pm.

Present:

Tonya Davis, President; Ryan Rummell, Vice President; Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member (VIA ZOOM); Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; and Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Not Present:

N/A

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the agenda for today, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2024, Council meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

New Business:

- a) Carole Stevens representing the Hancock County Business & Professional Women's Club and Council President Tonya Davis to proclaim November 2024 Indiana Working Women's Recognition Month. Announces the need to recognize working women in our community. There will be an announcement for this year's recipient. Tonya Davis signed the declaration.
- b) Council to hear construction update on the US 36 / SR 67 / Broadway project from INDOT & Milestone representatives (Via Zoom). Steve Lindway updated: Paving has been completed and stripping will be completed shortly. All streets are open with the exception of Maple Street, waiting on Duke to hook up the power to the traffic light. Trail has been seeded and 36 has been sodded. Solar powered speed limit sign will be installed in front of the car wash. A few more light posts still to be installed with crosswalks. 30 mile per hour all the roads in town.

- c) Council to hear a water plant update from Dan Clark of Reynolds Construction. They have been focusing on the processes. Double check the mechanicals. Had a third party come in and take a look to make suggestions on adjustments that could be done. They are trying to fine tune the process and get the micro adjustments. Joe Tierney: Plant started running independently in October 2023. There have since been continued complaints about discolored water and off taste. Council discussed at length about what needs to happen, timeline in getting everything adjusted and safe, next steps for what to do if there is continued issues. They are saying 30-60 days should get resolution and operating optimally. Council encourages the public to call in with issues so they can pinpoint any areas that may need to be corrected. It is taking longer than normal. Ronny Williams, member of the public, what are the excursions and what are the risks to the public as far as health wise. Joe Tierney: excursions are the existence of iron in the water.
- d) Council to hear an FAI Summary for 2024 & update for 2025 from Rich Case, Fortville Action Inc. Chairman. Update on what FAI contributed to the town and improvements to Landmark Park. 2024: they brought back the summer concert series which had been absent since 2019. They added parking signs and a fence at the parking lot at Main Street, Purchased and planted flowers on Main Street, the Alley, and the Patio, raised money for future projects, they will be sponsoring a small business Saturday event. Tree lighting for the trees in the Alley, supported local small business community as an organization. They are hoping the progress on the stage is brought to the forefront. They would like town commitment to investing in a permanent stage. Heath Ledger, parks manager, there is no current budget for a permanent stage. There are other areas in Memorial Park that need to be addressed prior to committing to other things. The RDC will need to meet with FAI. Council Discussion.
- e) Council to consider a Special Event Request – “Winterfest ‘24” from Heath Luther, Parks Director. Saturday December 7th. Request to close Main Street from The Point up to Staat Street. The skating rink was moved to the parking lot. The parade will follow just as always. 16 floats and or people in the parade. Request approval to close main street for Winterfest. Council recommends someone be available to direct traffic.

Ryan Rummell makes the motions to close Main Street from The Point to Staat street, and to move the skating rink to the parking lot. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

- f) Council to consider allowing above ground electric lines in Town right-of-way in front of 8683 N Fortville Pike to serve the Beyers Estates project. (Ex. 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d) Adam Zaklikowski presents the request. Council discussion is had. It is more cost effective to put that very small section above ground. There is a current ordinance, and the request is for an exception to this ordinance.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to allow the above ground electric lines in Town right-of-way in front of 8683 on Fortville Pike. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0/1 abstains.

Old Business:

- a) Council to consider Resolution No. 2024-11A, a new 10-year Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map as an amendment to the 2014 Fortville Comprehensive Plan. (Note for Council – see final pages of Resolution exhibit for a summary of the three (3) changes made)

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve Resolution No.2024-11A, a new 10-year Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map as an amendment to the 2014 Fortville Comprehensive Plan. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

674 letters ready to go out to residents that have galvanized piping coming into their house. Fortville town residents are having issues with Waste Management. There is going to be a meeting to help identify the issues and see what can be done to correct the issue. The contract with WM still has another three years. Street department purchased the bucket truck approved during the last meeting, and it has promptly been put to use. INDOT has agreed to ribbon cutting of the new roads. Leaf pick-up has started this year and announcements of when and where. Must be bagged in paper bags.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Military signs will come down after Veteran's Day and seasonal lights and banners will be coming up. In the next few weeks, the parks department will be putting certain amenities to rest for the winter season.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

Loft project has been put on hold.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

No comment

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

They had a good treat on main and Halloween. Chief will be out of town Thursday and Friday, and the supervisor will be available.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Public Comment:

Gary Sharrett wanted to know who was on the comprehensive plan committee. Tonya Davis advised that it was a community effort but that Adam Zaklikowski, planning director, was the one who put it all together.

Sharon Beatson, the two trees that were planted a couple years ago are dead. Is there a plan to have them removed and replaced? Joe Renner stated there is already a contractor in the works for the one dead tree.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

No Comment

Ryan Rummell

No Comment

Libby Wyatt

No Comment

Fritz Fentz

No Comment

Vanessa Battaglia

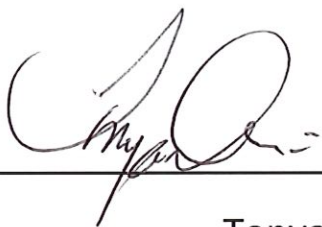
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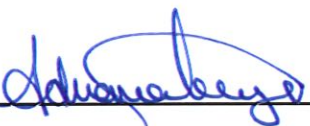
Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Adjourn:

Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President:  _____
Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer:  _____
Adriana Krueger