

Town of Fortville

12.02.2024

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 6:31 pm.

Present:

Tonya Davis, President; Ryan Rummell, Vice President; Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Bradley Dick, Town Attorney.

Not Present:

Clerk Treasurer

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the agenda for today with the addition to Amend Ordinance 2024-12B, 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) Council to discuss the option of moving forward with the plan of the trail along East Broadway.
 - a. Madison County Metropolitan Planning organization would like to pay and design the plan for the trail. They would like to do phase 4, 5, and 6, at a 90/10 split.
 - i. 4-Madison to Ohio street
 - ii. 5-Ohio street to Winstone
 - iii. 6-Ohio street to Clint Boulevard along Broadway

Council is in favor of the project and agrees to let them move forward but would like a better idea on the final cost and the town's 10% responsibility.

Old Business:

- a) Council to consider the 2nd Reading of the Salary Ordinance 2024-11A
 - a. The ordinance is as is from the first reading with the exception of the Council Raise in compensation.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-11A, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

- b) Council to consider 2nd Reading of Resolution 2024-12A amending employee handbook to include Police Department longevity reinstatement and PTO increase from 6-12.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution 2024-12A, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

- c) Council to consider 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-12A establishing Fortville DORA. The resolution includes a proposition of 2 maps for establishing a DORA boundary. Map 1: has the boundary excluding Landmark Park. Map 2: has the boundary pushed to include Landmark Park to the creek. The ordinance also includes the names of Businesses that will participate in the DORA and whom already have a liquor license.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-11A selecting Map 2 as the boundary, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Requesting approval for the 2025 Council Meeting dates and Office Closure Calendar. Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting dates and closure calendar, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

WM has made a slight modification and is moving the heavy pickup to the last Friday of the month, however, customers will need to contact WM to request that pickup. It will no longer be an automatic pickup.

We were awarded the money for the Community Crossings grant that gives us the crosswalks to Helmcrest subdivision.

We applied but were not awarded the Planted Devices for traffic lights to help the PD and FD get through the traffic lights faster. We were encouraged to reapply next year.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Not present

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

Not present

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Not present

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

Not present.

Public Comment:

Bob Sterrett is all in favor of the trail project. Requests clarification if a gas station is going in at the intersection of Ohio street and Broadway. Council states this has been approved and is in the planning. The company has purchased the property and is in the process of building. Is INDOT going to be doing something about the lanes down in front of Dollar General? Joe Renner stated that it was in the process, but weather has hindered INDOT.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz

No Comment.

Vanessa Battaglia

Note: A Town Council in New Jersey has banned the American Flag. A protester who was waiving a flag was escorted out.

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 7:15pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President:  _____

Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer:  _____
Adriana Krueger