

Town of Fortville

12.16.2024

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 Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Not Present:

N/A

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the amendment to 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 November 2, 2024, Council meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

New Business:

- a) Recognition of Town Employee Service Years:
 - a. David Thompson – 30 years of service.
 - b. Mark Lyons – 30 years of service.
- b) Council to discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance to require plan commission review for substantial exterior improvements outside of the Broadway-Main Street Overlay. Item requested by Councilman Fentz.
 - a. Adam Zaklikowski: the current rule is that all new commercial or industrial buildings automatically have to go to the plan commission for review. Within the downtown area only, Broadway-Main Street overlay, substantial exterior improvements also need to go to the planning commission for review. Outside of that area, staff approval is needed. Councilman Fentz would like to amend to include businesses further out. Council discussion is held about the definition of

substantial improvements and overlay boundaries. Recommendation was to define what the intent of the changes is and bring them back to council for consideration in the future.

- c) Council to consider 1st reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12C, a rezone of 411 S. Merrill Street from residential 3.5 to Commercial to allow for a future parking lot for Harmony Dentistry. Public Hearing scheduled for December 30 at the Plan Commission Meeting.

- a. Current plan has two alternative options. 1) Demolish current home on 411 and redevelop commercial. 2) Keep the home and remodel the house for business office use. Council discussion is held. Fencing will need to be redone for rezoning.

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12C with option number two which keeps the house on 411 but rezones to commercial and requires remodel for office use. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 4 yay / 1 nay.

- d) Council to consider remaining with the Hancock Economic Development Commission. Joe Renner asks the council to suggest a recommendation for whether Fortville will renew with HEDC for another year. There are a few neighboring towns which have opted out of continuing with this program. Council asks Randy Sorrell for specification of what the HEDC offers Fortville. Discussion is held about whether or not this type of program is effective and or beneficial for business or property owners in Fortville. Council will table this for future consideration.

Old Business:

- a) Council to consider the option of moving forward with the plan of the trail along East Broadway.

- a. Dave Bennefield from Anderson NPO restates the commitment to fund 90% of the trail project phase 4, 5 and 6, leaving the town responsible for the remaining 10%. Discussion is held.

Fritz Fentz makes a motion to approve and move forward with the suggested funding project with Anderson NPO, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

- b) Council to consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-12A, establishing Fortville DORA. This includes the boundary Map that includes Landmark Park to the creek. Sign locations will need to be properly shown.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-12A, Fritz Fentz seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

- c) Council to consider 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12B amending the ordinance governing alcoholic beverages in town parks and related penalty schedule. This Ordinance will need to be published to advise public of new penalties of Ordinance 2024-12A Dora.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-12B, Fritz Fentz seconds the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Requesting council to approve expenditures for new mowers that are much needed. There are two quotes, one for \$14,399 and another for \$13,599. Council discussions are held.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to approve the expenditure for the mowers in the amount of \$13,599, Libby Wyatt seconds motion. Motion carries 5/0

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Winterfest went well this year. There were a few issues that will be addressed for future fests. Changes are concerning the parade routes as it does increase traffic on side streets. Memorial Park was not well managed.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Requesting the council consider earmarking the unused funds from 2024 K9 budget for use in 2025 as the K9 will eventually retire and need to be replaced.

Requesting the council consider earmarking the unused funds from the 2024 vehicle and equipment budget for use in 2025.

Ryan Rummell makes a motion to earmark future funds for K9 and vehicle equipment, Libby Wyatt seconds motion. Motion carries 5/0

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

No comment.

Public Comment:

Melissa Gawl owns a food truck, participates in multiple events in the county. She had an issue with Natalie Tucker, who runs the social events for the town of Fortville as an independent contractor. She does not work directly for the Town. Melissa was not able to participate during Summerfest due to conflict of interest. Natalie told her she would be able to participate in Winterfest. Unfortunately, Melissa was not allowed to participate in Winterfest. Refund of funds was requested. Melissa spoke with Heath Luther about accountability. Discussion was held.

David Back – Harmony Dentistry Property. Wanted to explain or answer some of the questions brought up by the council when considering Ordinance 2024-12C.

- 1) He is the engineer project manager. The house will be remodeled, and the house will be completed. Concerns that it may not be finished, can be settled.
- 2) Timeline for 401 is ready to go as soon as approval is given.
- 3) Questions about possible ulterior motives when purchasing property, there are none. They had hoped to use the property for parking lone but will consider the suggestion of the town to keep and remodel the house.
- 4) Current state of house on 411: inside the house it is full of mold, and roof has plenty of leaks. Outside the house it may look good but there is much more behind the scenes.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

Comment made to Joe Renner, there is a need to update road signs coming down Broadway as cars are coming down at 40 miles per hour when the speed limit is 30 miles per hour. INDOT will need to update those.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

No Comment.

Vanessa Battaglia:

No Comment.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

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

Adjourn:

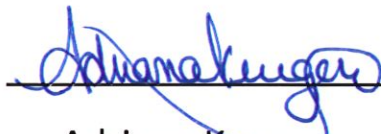
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 9:46 pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger

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Muncie, IN 47303
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CELL #:
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P.O.#:
TERMS: Net 15 EOM
SALES TYPE: Quote

DATE: 12/12/2024
ORDER #: 1331791
CUSTOMER #: 35099
CP: DY
LOCATION: 2
STATUS: Active

BILL TO 35099

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714 E BROADWAY
FORTVILLE, IN 46040 US

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MFR	PRODUCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	NET	TOTAL
SCA	SCZS-61V-38FXE	CHEETAH II 61" 38HP KAWASAKI SUSPENSION SEAT	1	\$16,999.00	\$16,999.00	\$16,999.00
SCA	DISCOUNT-SCAG	BID ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Unit is in stock... free delivery.	-1	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	(\$3,400.00)

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Quote

Superior Mowers & More
1791 East Main St.
Greenfield, IN 46140

(317) 462-1323

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Invoice Date: 12/12/2024

PO Number:

Sold By: JF

Terms: Net 30

Tag Number:

Bill To

Town of Fortville
714 E. Broadway
Fortville, IN 46040

Ship To

Quote

Customer ID: 7397

Contact: Brian Scruggs

Tax Exempt: 35-6001028

Part Number	Mfg	Description	Retail Price	Unit Price	Qty	Extended
SCSCZS61V-38FX-EFI	SCW	Cheetah II 61" 38KA EFI W/SS	\$16,499.00	\$13,599.00	1.00	\$13,599.00

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Total: \$13,599.00

Balance Due: \$13,599.00

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