

MEETING OF THE BROOKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 2ND FLOOR,
1010 FRANKLIN AVENUE, BROOKVILLE, INDIANA

THOSE ATTENDING: Councilmembers – Bridget C. Hayes, Earl Moore, Curtis Ward,
John Estridge and Charles Campbell (absent)

ALSO ATTENDING: Andrew Baudendistel, Town Attorney
Gina Gillman, Clerk-Treasurer
Jessica Hansel, Director of Special Projects

President Hayes opened the meeting requesting everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and took roll call of Councilmembers in attendance. Town Attorney, Andrew Baudendistel, asked for Council to make a motion to certify that no other matters were discussed during the executive session held prior to the regular meeting other than what was advertised under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). Councilmember Estridge made the motion to certify. Vice President Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Thereafter, President Hayes read the resignation letter of Councilmember Campbell. Mr. Campbell wrote 'he has enjoyed working for the people of the Town of Brookville' and 'wish nothing but the best for the residents and the future of the Town of Brookville'.

MINUTES: Councilmember Estridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting as written. Vice President Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor with Councilmember Ward abstaining. Motion carried. After, Mr. Estridge made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 14th. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor with Councilmember Ward abstaining. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL: Councilmember Estridge made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Vice President Moore seconded the motion. All present were in favor with Mr. Ward abstaining. Motion carried. Mr. Estridge then made the motion to approve the August 18th payroll. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

14U SOFTBALL FALL LEAGUE:

FCGSO President Crystal Robenstine was present requesting to use the softball fields on Sundays from August 27th through October 8th for a 14 and under girls softball league which will consist of players from Franklin County, Union County and Connersville. Councilmember Estridge made the motion to approve the use of the softball fields for the league as requested. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JOHNSON MOBILE HOME PARK:

Mr. Johnson was present to answer any questions Council may have regarding the proposed agreement to install individual meters at the mobile home park he owns. Town Attorney advised that he spoke with Mr. Johnson's counsel who is working on language in the agreement to address the Town's concerns regarding tenants unpaid water bills. Mr. Johnson stated he would be agreeable to such an arrangement.

SEI READI GRANT:

Clerk-Treasurer stated the RFP has been published and sent to a list of engineers. Questions are to be submitted to Utilities Superintendent Tim Ripperger by September 15th, with answers posted by September 18th. All proposals are due to Mr. Ripperger by 3:00 p.m. on September 29th.

11TH AND 9TH STREET CROSSWALKS:

Mr. Estridge was able to speak with one property owner who is agreeable to remove the tree blocking the crosswalk signal and Rocky Sparks of the Street Department is working on obtaining quotes for the removal of the large trees as the department does not have the proper equipment for removal of such.

ORDINANCE #2023-8 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES:

Councilmember Estridge made the motion to approve the Franklin County Zoning Code amendment presented in Ordinance #2023-8 to start regulating wireless telecommunications facilities. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2023-9 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to approve the Franklin County Zoning Code amendment presented in Ordinance #2023-9 to establish a Technical Advisory Committee to assist in compliance with applications prior to review by the Commission. Councilmember Ward stated four of the seven members would be

Commission members and the creation of the advisory committee seems redundant and unnecessary. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. All in favor with Councilmember Ward opposed. Motion carried.

WATER/WASTEWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN QUOTES:

Utilities Superintendent asked Council to table the matter as he is obtaining additional quotes from another firm to see if there is some grant funding available for the water asset management plan.

APPOINT OPERATOR IN CHARGE FOR WATER WORKS:

Since the resignation of Andrew Sauerland, Council needs to appoint a new operator in charge and notify IDEM. After, Vice President Moore made the motion to allow President Hayes to sign the letter appointing Dwight Flaspohler. Councilmember Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2023-10 PRESERVING MAIN STREET ESCROW FUND:

Councilmember Estridge made the motion to approve Ordinance #2023-10 to allow Clerk-Treasurer to establish the Preserving Main Street Escrow Fund to account for the participating property owner's 5% match. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

PICKLE BALL PARK AGREEMENT:

President Hayes asked Triad Associates to prepare a preliminary design and project cost estimates which would cost \$7,500 of ARPA funds for a 'plan view' of intended improvements to the development at 9th/Mill Streets. Mr. Estridge made the motion to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

POLICE SECRETARY:

Councilmember Ward made a motion to approve Police Chief Terry Mitchum's recommendation for police secretary, Patricia Nearste, effective August 22nd pending drug screening. Vice President Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Director of Special Projects, Jess Hansel, spoke of the brave efforts of lifeguard Caroline Jansing who worked alongside the child's father in a near drowning at the aquatic center earlier this month. Council would like to honor her at the next meeting if possible.

Councilmember Estridge made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Vice President Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Gina Gillman
Gina Gillman, Clerk-Treasurer

Bridget C. Hayes
Bridget C. Hayes, President
Brookville Town Council