

**Monrovia Town Council Meeting
February 22, 2022
Monrovia Municipal Building
140 E. Main Street, Monrovia IN 46157**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Town Council President Philip Fowler and was immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

Attendance:

Present at the meeting: Philip Fowler, President, District 4; Kevin Collier, VP, At-Large; Bonnie Silsby-Inman, District 3; Carol Youngblood, District 1; Loren Moore, District 2; and Danny Chenault, Clerk Treasurer.

Guests/Citizens: Keith Bryant (United Consulting), Adam Steuerwald (Barnes and Thornburg LLP), Steve Reeder (Monroe-Gregg Schools), Melinda Rito (Carpenter Realtors), 5-10 citizens.

Additional Attendees: Grace Phillips (Reporter-Times).

Town Council Meeting Minutes: Council VP Collier moved that the minutes from the January 25 Executive Session and January 25 Council Meeting be approved as written, seconded by Councilmember Silsby-Inman. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Claims & Bank Reconciliation: Councilmember Moore made the motion that the January Bank Reconciliation and February Claims Packet be approved, with the snow removal invoice from SOS in the amount of \$3,756.25 being removed pending possible billing dispute. The motion was seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Town Fire Protection – Water Availability: Mr. Bryant presented the council with a map of proposed water main / fire hydrant installation in the Latta subdivision. Also provided were construction cost estimates totaling \$790,800. It was mutually agreed upon that the Town would need support from MCRWD to proceed. The Council will further review the material/quote.

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: The Council was provided overview documents from the US Treasury's Interim Final Rule – for informational purposes.

New Business:

School Improvement Program Interviews: Mr. Reeder interviewed the Council, asking questions which included - level of interaction between the council and the school/students, what the school does well, what the school should improve upon, the ideal school and

community relationship, perceived skills that employees are lacking, and alumni & student differences (from other school districts).

Annexation and Redevelopment Commission Discussion: Mr. Steuerwald provided the Council with a Handbook for Indiana Redevelopment Commissions and discussed annexation procedures in the event the Town decides to pursue annexation. This is associated with the County's recent decision to "take back" the buffer area around the Town. Most of the attending citizens asked questions regarding annexation. The Council will review the material provided and the Attorney Engagement Letter that was provided and determine if their services are to be engaged.

2021 Annual Financial Report: The Council received the draft AFR on 7 February. An overview was presented in this meeting, along with the Cash & Investments Combined Statement, which is required to be published in the papers NLT March 1st. Councilmember Moore moved that the AFR be approved, published, and posted to Gateway, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay),** and the motion passed.

Carpenter Realtors Hosted Block Party Day: Melinda Rito notified the Council of a proposed Community Block Party Day, scheduled for June 11th. The "party" will be contained within the realty and nearby church grounds and will include a bounce house, food vendors, craft vendors, face painting, dunk tank, and a magic show.

Consider Establishment of a Cumulative Fund: The Council reviewed material regarding the establishment of various types of Cumulative Funds. If pursued, all required actions must be completed and the documentation submitted to DLGF no later than 31 May for funding to be received in 2023. Council VP Collier made a motion that the Council conduct a public hearing on March 22nd regarding the proposed establishment of a Cumulative Building Fund and a Cumulative General Improvement Fund. This was seconded by Councilmember Moore. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay),** and the motion passed.

Police:

- Marshal Richardson provided a department update.
- The method of payment/plan for the previously approved purchase of 2 tasers w/bundle was presented to the Council. Marshal Richardson requested that a 5-year payment plan be executed. Clerk-Treasurer Chenault agreed, as this would leave additional monies available in the CCI fund for the current budget year and that funds for the subsequent 4 years can be budgeted into the Public Safety fund to pay for the purchase.

Plan Commission / BZA: A year-to-date Building Permit Report was distributed. Councilmember Silsby-Inman stated that there are no fence permits on the report, but that there are several fences being erected at this time / have been recently erected. The Clerk-Treasurer will follow-up with the Plan Administrator.

Sewer:

Council VP Collier presented the Council with a draft of the new agreement between the Town and HCRSD. The sewer district is at/near the previously contracted 404 EDU's, and a new agreement should be negotiated, including increased rates charged by the Town to receive the flows from HCRSD. Councilmember Youngblood moved that the agreement be accepted and

executed, seconded by Councilmember Silsby-Inman. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Streets: Councilmember Youngblood stated that there are potholes / road damage on Baltimore Road. Councilmember Silsby-Inman will personally drive the road(s) and contact Always Seal Coating & Paving for a quote on any needed repair work.

Additional Business:

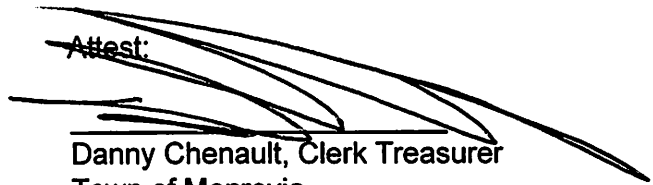
- The Council discussed the failure of property owner Pierce to complete the required grading on his property on SR 39. Council VP Collier made a motion that a fine should be levied for the ordinance/PC requirement violation. This was seconded by Councilmember Youngblood. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- The Clerk-Treasurer advised the Council that Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel has always been billed the sewer flat rate of \$56.73 even though they have a grinder pump (which they are responsible for). The ordinance established flat rate for grinder pump customers is \$55.73. The Clerk-Treasurer requested approval to adjust the monthly flat rate to \$55.73 and credit back what has been overcharged. Council VP moved that the request be approved, seconded by Councilmember Youngblood. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- Councilmember Silsby-Inman provided copies of the snow removal invoice from Starnes Outdoor Solutions and questioned the actual service that they performed during the snow event earlier in the month. Citizens in attendance voiced concerns as well, including that the Town alleys were not plowed and that the Homestead Subdivision was not plowed sufficiently when the plow trucks did come through. Council President Fowler will contact SOS to discuss further and request a discount on the invoice.

With no additional business to discuss, Councilmember Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Philip Fowler, President
Monrovia Town Council

Attest:



Danny Chenault, Clerk Treasurer
Town of Monrovia