

**Monrovia Town Council Meeting
May 24, 2022
140 E. Main Street (Municipal Building),
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; Carol Youngblood, District 1; Loren Moore, District 2; Bonnie Silsby-Inman, District 3; and Danny Chenault, Clerk Treasurer.

Guests/Citizens: Michael Conner, Mark Gilkerson

Additional Attendees: Keith Rhoades (Reporter-Times), Alan Galloway (Triad Associates), Bradley Dove, Jonathan LaTurner, Jeff Hirsch, Julie Christie (DLZ Indiana, LLC), Shawn Massingale (WWTP Manager/WWOC President), Jim Wisco (Town Attorney).

Town Council Meeting Minutes: Councilmember Youngblood moved that the minutes from the April 26th Council meeting be approved as written and minutes from the May 11th Executive Session be approved with one noted correction, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Claims & Bank Reconciliation: Council VP Collier made a motion that the April bank reconciliation and May claims docket be approved. Councilmember Youngblood seconded the motion. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Finalization of Municipal Building Lease: An effective date of the building lease was established as July 1, 2022. That date was inserted and Council President Fowler signed the document.

New Business:

Stormwater Survey Report: Jonathan LaTurner (DLZ) discussed the stormwater survey (packets distributed to the Council) that his company had recently completed, focused on the Latta subdivision and the ditches east of SR 39. The Council was left with recommended options for both areas of the survey.

Park Project Update: Jeff Hirsch, (DLZ Landscape Architect), provided the Council with architectural designs for the proposed Town Park. Also provided was a cost estimate of the project for \$581,000. Discussion ended with the Council agreeing to review the plan in more detail and possibly approach the proposed Park design in stages, over time.

Consider Resolution to Accept Streets/Sidewalks from Developer: Tabled until additional information/clarification from the County Auditor is obtained.

Solicitation Ordinance - Application & Fees: The Council reviewed a draft Solicitation Permit Application and requested several changes. Council VP Collier moved that once the requested changes were made, the form and associated fees be approved and implemented, seconded by Councilmember Silsby-Inman. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Police: Marshal Richardson provided a department update.

- April-May 2022 Calls/Incidents.
- Quote for necessary repairs to police vehicle (Charger) totaling \$2,100.46. The Council requested that additional quotes be received, feeling that the quoted amount was excessive. Councilmember Youngblood moved that once additional quotes are received, the Marshal be allowed to proceed with the repairs being completed providing the cost does not exceed \$2,100.46. This was seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- Crosscreek stub No Parking signage. Council VP Collier moved that a No Parking sign (with arrow tags) be placed on each side of the stub mid-way between the intersection and the East end of the stub. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- Receipt of donated equipment
- Federal COPS hiring program – applications due NLT June 9th. The Council approved application submission for 1 full-time officer, acknowledging that if the grant was approved and Town funds were not available, the Town could cancel the grant.
- Deputy Marshal Hours. To increase police presence and to support budgeted police staffing, Council VP Collier made a motion that the Reserve Officers be required to work a minimum of 18 hours monthly, and the paid part-time Deputy Marshals be required to work a minimum of 18 hours weekly. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Silsby-Inman. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

Plan Commission / BZA:

- Minutes from the May 9th PC meeting and May 9th BZA meeting were distributed.
- The Council was advised by the Town Attorney that the BZA and PC had the authority to approve determined changes to their respective application processes and that they did not require forwarding to the Council for approval.
- Discussion on various Ordinance violations (alleged and actual). Once such violation involves a resident in the Homestead Subdivision that has goats and chickens (photographs were provided). Council member Youngblood moved that the Town Attorney draft an ordinance violation letter to be officially served by the Town Marshal. Council VP Collier seconded the motion and the motion passed with **all in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**.

Sewer:

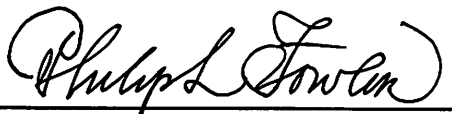
- A current sewer lien report was provided to the Council.
- WWOC President Massingale provided an update on WWTP related projects and activity.
 - He also requested that the WWTP blower have an alarm system. The Council requested that he obtain quotes for the alarm system.
 - He stated that old diffusers at the plant be replaced/repared. Councilmember Youngblood moved that the work be done at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
 - The manhole near the Subway Restaurant needs sealed. Shawn will obtain quotes for the repair, which will include work to be done on a total of 6 manholes.
- The Council was provided information and a draft MOA from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority regarding a household water / wastewater assistance program. Discussion was tabled to allow the Council time to review the material.
- HB 1002 Repeal of Utility Receipt Tax. It is questionable whether the required 1.46% reduction in our sewer billing rates applies to Monrovia. The Town Attorney will research.

Streets: N/A

Additional Business:

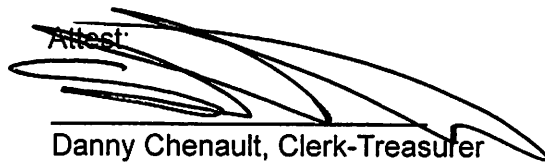
- Councilmember Moore provided a brief overview of topics that were discussed at the recent GOP breakfast.

With no additional business to discuss, Councilmember Youngblood moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



Philip Fowler, President
Monrovia Town Council

Attest:



Danny Chenault, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Monrovia