

**Monrovia Town Council Meeting
September 27, 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; Loren Moore, District 2; Carol Youngblood, District 1; Bonnie Silsby-Inman, District 3; and Danny Chenault, Clerk Treasurer.

Guests/Citizens: Ed Olleman, Jim Kaiser

Additional Attendees: James Wisco (Town Attorney); Shawn Massingale & Brianne Campbell (VWOC); Alan Galloway (Triad Associates).

Town Council Meeting Minutes: Council VP Collier moved that the minutes from the August 23, 2022 Council Meeting be approved as written, seconded by Council member Moore. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

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

Public Comment: Jim Kaiser addressed the Council regarding his request that if the Town purchases the Methodist Church property, he and his family be allowed continued use of vehicle access to/from his property through the two church parcels adjacent to N. Church Street.

Public Hearing: Council VP Collier moved that the public hearing for the 2023 Town Budget be opened, seconded by Council member Silsby-Inman. The Clerk-Treasurer read the Notice to Taxpayers that was posted in Gateway on 9/8/22, including a by-fund proposed budget amount. The total proposed budget for 2023 is \$1,626,396. Following opportunity for public comment and discussion, Council member Moore moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Council VP Collier, all were in favor and the public hearing was closed.

Old Business:

Ordinance Violation Compliance Process – Tabled from previous meetings: The matter was tabled until a draft document for review/discussion is prepared.

Review of Current Town Animal Ordinance: The council reviewed the current ordinance and two sample ordinances from other Indiana Towns/Cities. Further discussion regarding a proposed amendment to the Town ordinance was tabled until the Council has sufficient time to review the material.

Pending Litigation Update: The Town Attorney advised the Council that he had not received any additional relevant information.

New Business:

Consider Ordinance for the Appropriation of Additional Funds – Public Safety – Gasoline: The Council reviewed the draft Ordinance to appropriate an additional \$5,000 from the Public Safety Fund to apply to line item 2240001222.010. Council VP Collier moved that the Council consent to consider the Ordinance at this first meeting, seconded by Council member Moore. All unanimously consented (5 Aye / 0 Nay). Council VP Collier then moved that the ordinance be adopted as written, seconded by Council member Moore. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the ordinance was adopted.

Consider Amendment to Ordinance 2021-01 (Sewer Account Billing & Collection Procedures): The Council reviewed the draft ordinance amendment, wherein the language within the adopted ordinance was changed from “unpaid” to “delinquent.” The new language requires account holders to bring their accounts current within an established timeframe or establish a formal payment plan with the Utility Clerk to bring the account current over a specified period. Council VP Collier moved that the Council consent to consider the Ordinance at this first meeting, seconded by Council member Silsby-Inman. All unanimously consented (5 Aye / 0 Nay). Council VP Collier then moved that the ordinance amendment be adopted as written, seconded by Council member Youngblood. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the amendment to Ordinance 2021-01 was adopted.

Draft Contest – Town Logo / Motto: Following a review of the drafted contest rules and subsequent recommended changes by the Council, a final decision on the contest was tabled until the next regular scheduled meeting.

Consider Ordinance to Establish a Town Parks & Recreation Board: The Council reviewed and discussed a draft ordinance to establish the board. Council VP Collier moved that the Council consent to consider the Ordinance at this first meeting, seconded by Council member Moore. All unanimously consented (5 Aye / 0 Nay). Council VP Collier moved that the ordinance be adopted as written, establishing the Town Parks & Recreation Board. Council member Moore seconded the motion. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the Ordinance establishing the Board was adopted.

Town Redistricting: Council members were presented with a draft document outlining proposed new district lines. The proposed redistricting lines considers the 2020 census population results, primary residences of current Council members, and are drawn along established streets/roadways. Following discussion, Council VP Collier made a motion that the proposed lines be approved, seconded by Council member Moore. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**. A draft ordinance/resolution will be presented at the next regular scheduled meeting for approval/adoption.

Consider Quote – Additional Digitation in GIS (iamGIS): The Council reviewed the following quotes:

- Quote from iamGIS to digitize Stonegate Commons, Homestead Section 9A, and Eagle Pointe - \$3,500
- Quote from W.W.O.C. to conduct routine/weekly digitation of the application at a rate of \$25.00 per hour with an estimated weekly fee of \$125.00

If approved billings would be disbursed (50% ea) from the Wastewater Utility Fund and General Fund.

Council member Youngblood moved that both quotes be approved for the specified services to be performed. Council VP Collier seconded the motion. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the quotes were approved.

Police: The Town Marshal had provided an Aug-Sep activity overview. Additionally, the Town Council announced that it had officially accepted Marshal Richardson's letter of resignation tendered on/about 9/25/22, to be effective 10/7/22.

Plan Commission / BZA:

- A copy of the Q3 permit report was distributed.

Sewer:

- WWOE President Massingale provided a written department update.
- The pending new agreement between the Town and HCRSD was discussed. The draft agreement had been provided to the Hendricks County Regional Sewer District several months prior, but a response has not been received. Town attorney Wisco will contact the HCRSD attorney to try and further discussions.

Streets:

- Council member Silsby-Inman had previously notified the Council that she could not continue being responsible for Town roads and streets. Council President Fowler asked Council member Youngblood if she would consider taking on this responsibility, to which she replied that she would not.

Additional Business:

- Ed Olleman advised the Council regarding the Methodist Church property – stating that a final vote on whether the church would officially close would be taken on/about 13 November.
- Council member Moore discussed the following:
 - The County's recent approval for the rezone of property along Everett Rd.
 - A pending/proposed application being submitted for an outdoor shooting range outside of the Town's western limits.
 - Displeasure at the Council's decision to have the Town's current landscaping sub-contractor perform weekly mowing of the Town Park property. Council member Moore had been performing the mowing voluntarily. The Council advised that from a liability standpoint it needs to be performed by a licensed, insured service.

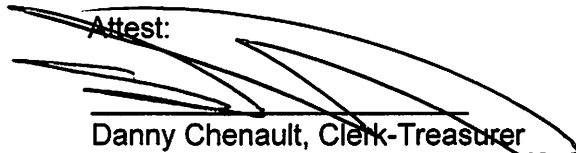
- Council VP Collier requested that the Town consider installing "Yield for Pedestrian" signage in the downtown Monrovia area.

With no additional business to discuss, Council member 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 8:10 pm.



Philip Fowler, President
Monrovia Town Council

Attest:



Danny Chenault, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Monrovia