

Monrovia Town Council Meeting
November 15, 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, 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 (arrived later); Loren Moore, District 2 and Danny Chenault, Clerk Treasurer. The District 3 Council member seat is vacant.

Recognition: Town Council President Fowler, on behalf of the Town Council, presented service awards to Stanley Graves and Brock Sears for their lengthy service on the Town's BZA and Plan Commission. A service appreciation award was also presented to Dave Inman on behalf of his late wife Bonnie Silsby-Inman for her dedicated service to the citizens of Monrovia while serving on the Town Council for the past 6 years.

Guests/Citizens: Ed Olleman; Kay Fowler, Lori Choate; Michael Conner; Mike Wagner, Chris Mills, Shane Holtsclaw; Bob Nichols; Stan Graves; Brock Sears; Dave Inman.

Additional Attendees: James Wisco (Town Attorney); Shawn Massingale & Brianne Campbell (WWOC); Jonathan Moen (Triad Associates).

Town Council Meeting Minutes: Council VP Collier moved that the minutes from the October 25, 2022 Council Meeting and Memoranda from the November 2, 2022 Executive Session be approved as written, seconded by Council member Moore. **All were in favor (3 Aye / 0 Nay / 1 Absent)**, and the motion passed.

Claims & Bank Reconciliation: Council VP Collier made a motion that the October bank reconciliation and November claims docket be approved. Council member Moore seconded the motion. **All were in favor (3 Aye / 1 Absent)**, and the motion passed.

Public Comment: Monroe Township Fire District Board Chairman Mike Wagner addressed the Council, requesting consideration of Town financial support for 20 sets of fire gear for the FD's fire crews. Fire Chief Chris Mills provided a quote in the amount of \$70,140.00 for purchase of the gear, needed to replace current gear that is scheduled to expire in the Fall of 2023. Wagner stated that they had approached the County for financial support from the County's ARP Act Fund and were asked to first request funding assistance (all or part) from the Town. The Council tabled a decision to the next regular scheduled meeting to allow them time to review the information and quote that was presented.

Public Hearing: Council President Fowler opened the public hearing on the ADA Compliance Plan & Title VI Implementation Plan. With no comment/concerns being brought forward by those in attendance, Council VP Collier made a motion that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Council member Moore. With all in favor, the public hearing was closed. A draft Resolution to Adopt the presented plans will be presented at the December 20th Council meeting.

Old Business:

Review of Draft Amendment to Town Animal Ordinance: The Council was provided the draft amendment. The topic was tabled for a future scheduled meeting so that the Council has time to review the document and make recommended changes (if applicable).

New Business:

Review of Appraisals for Church Property: The Council reviewed 2 separate appraisals received for the 3 parcels that the Town is interested in purchasing. The Council also reviewed a draft ordinance authorizing the purchase of the property and a draft Resolution Appointing Council President Philip Fowler to act as Purchasing Agent. The council unanimously voted to suspend the requirement for a second meeting and the following actions were taken:

- Council VP moved that the Ordinance authorizing the purchase of the property be adopted, seconded by Council member Moore. All were in favor (**4 Aye / 0 Nay**) and the ordinance was adopted.
- Council member Moore moved that the Resolution authorizing Council President Fowler to Act as Purchasing Agent be adopted, seconded by Council VP Collier. All were in favor (**4 Aye / 0 Nay**), and it was so Resolved.
- Council VP Collier moved that the Town proceed with the Offer to Purchase the properties, setting a purchase amount of \$350,000.00. Council member Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor (**4 Aye / 0 Nay**) and the motion passed.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance Establishing 2023 Salary and Compensation for Town Employees:

After review of the draft Ordinance, Council member Moore made a motion that the Ordinance be adopted as written, seconded by Council member Youngblood. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the Ordinance was adopted.

Renewal of Annual Agreement with the Morgan County Economic Development Corporation: The current agreement is scheduled to expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The Council and attending public discussed whether the Town was receiving a sufficient ROI on the \$4,000 annual fee for County EDC services. Discussion will continue at a future meeting once the new agreement for services is received.

Police: The Council decided to continue the Town Marshal application process. An Executive Session will occur on December 9th at 6:30 pm to conduct 2nd interviews on selected candidates and 1st interviews on new candidates. Council VP moved that current Reserve Officer Bryan Bowling be moved to a part-time paid status and sworn in as the Interim Town Marshal until such time as a Marshal is selected and hired. Council member Moore seconded the motion. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**. The Clerk-Treasurer will notify Officer Bowling and complete required actions in the payroll system.

Plan Commission / BZA:

- A copy of the November 7, 2022 PC meeting minutes was provided to the Council.

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- WWOC President Massingale provided a written department report.
- Information that the Council had previously requested regarding the electrical inspection quote provided from ATEC was relayed to the Council. Following the discussion, Council VP Collier moved that the quote for \$4,110 be accepted, seconded by Council member Moore. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**.
- Massingale also provided warranty/other information regarding the previously presented/discussed quote to repair the lining of manholes. Council VP Collier moved that the quote from Structured Solutions, LLC for \$177.00 per vertical foot be accepted for the rehabilitation of 10 manholes. Council member Youngblood seconded the motion. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**.
- IDEM Inspection – Town Attorney Wisco provided an email update regarding the status of the IDEM inspection that occurred this past summer.
- The Council and meeting attendees discussed concerns regarding the new WWTP that Hendricks County Regional Sewer District was planning to build near SR 39/I70 and the proximity of the plant to two (2) existing treatment plants. It was determined that the best course of action would be to engage a law firm with expertise in this area of law. Town Attorney Wisco will take of that action. Economic Development Steering Committee Chair Michael Conner will also ensure that the Morgan County Redevelopment Commission is aware of the planned construction and the Town's concerns. Council

VP Collier asked that the minutes include his request that Townspeople address concerns to the County Commissioners.

Streets: No discussion

Additional Business:

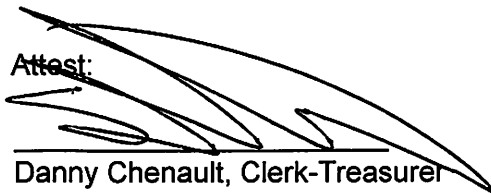
- The Council, having adopted Ordinance 2022-07 creating a Town Parks and Recreation Board, discussed the need to appoint the required 4 Board members and potential ex officio members. The following names were presented; Phyllis Mead, Cora Collier, and Martha Wikle. Lori Choate, who was attending the meeting, expressed a desire to be appointed. Council VP Collier made a motion that the following members be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Board; Phyllis Mead, Cora Collier, Martha Wikle, & Lori Choate, and that School Board President Brock Sears be appointed as the ex officio member (if approved by that body). Council member Youngblood seconded the motion, and all were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay).

With no additional business to discuss, Council member Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (4 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Philip Fowler, President
Monrovia Town Council

Attest:



Danny Chenault, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Monrovia