

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUCIL MEETING
December 18, 2024

PUBLIC PRESENT: Norman Poehlein, Bill Cotton, Jim Alexander, Erin Emerson

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jane Efinger-Hayden, Caron Crossley, Bret Kleeman

ABSENT: Adam Hoffman, Danny Vanconey

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE AND SIGN: Agenda, Minutes, Financials

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried:

Caron: I do want to say something though. It has nothing to do with these financials, but there were some posts that were ordered and I saw the invoice for those. I think one post was like \$40 or \$45 but the shipping alone was over \$200.

There were 4 posts ordered.

Saffron: The freight to ship was more than the 4 posts.

John: I did not know that.

Caron: I just wanted to make you aware of that because I didn't think you were. I assumed you would have seen the invoice from it all.

John: That is something that would be better to go pick up.

Saffron: They are ten foot posts so I know shipping would probably be high. To keep bill under five hundred dollars, we were only able to order four post because the freight was so much.

John: I went into overtime just to wait for the delivery to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Department-Jason Linne: Nothing to report right now. No fires.

Jane: I think everybody on the board and fire department has had time to review this so we are going to go ahead and sign it. There have been a few issues but nothing that we can't hammer out. We are going to go ahead and get this signed if that is ok with you. It is the fire department contract.

Bret: Did they ever get any of that ARPA money? I wonder whatever happened to that.

Caron: They got a grant.

Bret: No, we was supposed to give them some of that money. Last year from the old board.

Caron: From where?

Erin Emerson: They requested it from the county.

Saffron: Was it a discussion? Was a motion made?

Bret: I thought we voted on it.

Caron: I went through minutes and the only thing I could find was that they received some kind of ARP grant so I am assuming that was from the county but there was nothing else in the minutes about the fire department getting any ARPA money. But we did find an ordinance that lays out, and this was before the ordinance the previous clerk treasurer had us sign, but it is an ordinance that states how the money can be spent. Long story short, the things that we have earmarked to spend the ARPA money on it cannot be spent on.

Saffron: There was an ordinance from 2021 that was signed by the previous board. The money has to go towards infrastructure versus what was discussed at the last meeting. Then there was an ordinance signed in March of this year.

Jane: And that has nothing to do with the contract.

Bret: No.

Jane: Next up is Nathan.

Troy Marshal-Nathan Freeman: 16 calls for service, 2 arrests and 2 K9 deployments. I finally got with Anjan about getting that computer going.

Bret: When is your contract up?

Jane: It is December 31 and we need to vote on whether we are going to renew his contract this evening. I need a motion.

Bret: I make a motion not to.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Jane: Nathan, we would like for you to bring the truck back to Troy tomorrow. Your contract runs through the 31st. I have a list of things you'll have to turn in but we would like the truck back in Troy tomorrow after your job.

Nathan: ok

Jane: Do you have any questions?

Nathan: (shook his head no)

Jane: John

John: Substation updates, there is no new updates for the substation other than the parts for the neutral are coming in. Talked to Jeff Hillgenhold with Electricom and said they are going to try to start at the end of January.

Next thing on agenda is town vehicle trade-in. I thought last month that we were just going to hold off right now on another vehicle.

Bret: I believe we are too for now.

John: Did have a little trouble with some hesitation on it. Jason was going to have a look at it.

The garage heat, I got you some quotes. One from Valley Supply, one from Fredrick's and one from Service Pro.

Bret: Looks like the cheapest is from Valley Supply.

Jane: Is that the one that is gas?

John: They are all gas. They said it would be more efficient. All three prices include them tapping into the gas line.

Jane: You want us to vote on that tonight then?

John: That is up to you all.

Saffron: Yes. I say yes.

Bret: I make a motion we go with Valley Supply.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

John: I'll contact them tomorrow.

Jane: Ok

John: All three of those companies said they can get on it pretty quick. Next thing you got on the agenda from me is the 66 project. Really nothing new except we've been trying to move some poles and where we got to prepare for them to come though. A lot of work to do yet on our side. Move poles and set guide wires. If it is ok we'd like to come in about 30 minutes early tomorrow because we are going to be having Barge Inn's driveway blocked. They don't open until 9:00. We want to have our stuff done before they open. Is that ok?

Jane: yes.

John: Something else I had, 66 project still going on. They are still saying first week of the year which we know probably isn't going to happen. There's no new updates on that really. I do have some information on a data base that Tell City uses. As far as your powerlines and waterlines, when someone builds a new home, this is when there are no powerlines, there is a database they use to figure out how much a transformer going to cost, how much to build a new line is going to cost. Typically, we got a fellow building a new home up Troy Ridge Road outside your town limits but still he's one of your customers. It's a lot of math and trigonometry and lot of weird stuff that just blows my mind how they do it. We don't have to pay for this program. Andy Hicks has this database program that he just puts all the calculations in. It shows you how much it is going to cost to build the line and how long it's going to take for you to-

Jane: And he is offering to share that with us?

John: He is offering to share this for free and come down here to work with the ladies in the office and show them how to use it. This here is going to cost \$4,378 just to build a line to the them. That doesn't include a \$5,000 transformer or nothing like that. So it justifies where if you set them up on a five year program to where if I can go off what he has at his house if he uses an electric stove or gas stove, this fella here that within four years, you'll be making money off him. So you won't charge somebody. So what this does is if someone is wanting to build a little

shack or put a camper somewhere or just have a little 30 amp plug-in, we're not spending \$4,000 to build them a line, well it will never pay for itself and Troy will be out so much money. So typically anyone that's building a home with 200 amp service with the new rates coming out in January, you're gonna make your money back in no time. This isn't the charge where you already have powerlines. This is for where you don't have them. When they build new. I talked to 2 former employees here trying to figure out what the charge was and there's so many different stories and I couldn't find anything in the file cabinets in black and white so this is a really good database program that he uses. I could sit there and do the math forever and ever trying to figure it out but this here you just put in the parts and it gives you an estimate and everything. He said we could use his database and call it Troy Electric Rates.

Jane: So is this something we need to vote on and adopt?

John: I would vote on it. It is totally up to you.

Jane: And there is no cost?

John: There is no cost. I would just say if you would accept this to use in the future. It keeps it level for everybody.

Caron: I'll make a motion to accept this database.

MOTION: Caron

SECONDED: Bret

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Caron: Is there going to be something in writing for the customer?

John: Yeah this would be up front so they know how much it would cost to build it. Then we know how much to charge each month over five years.

Jane: Mike

Street Department- Mike Garrett: We spread the mulch out over the playground. We will need some more next spring.

The other stuff on the agenda, the alleys and additional roads, Jeff had been in charge of all that.

Jane: Yeah we've got the alleys identified. I have been working with Mr. Cotton on names, historical names. There was a deadline on that but we will just have to see if we can get that extended. And the additional roads, John and I had talked about that today. We'll get that.

Caron: Mike how has your last ten days been?

Mike: It's been good. I've enjoyed it. I like working outside doing different things.

Jane: That is all I had on that. Did you have anything else Mike?

Mike: No

Jane: Devin

Devin: I got a couple quotes for the water tower inspection. I got three of them. You guys read through them and let me know which you want to go with. I got McGuire, Clouse, and Leary

Construction. They are all very knowledgeable companies. I've talked to them quite extensively what our tanks need.

Jane: Devin, which one are you in favor of?

Devin: I am not in favor of any one in particular. I will say that the one from Leary Construction, the head guy there used to work for Phoenix Tanks. Our tank is a Phoenix so he will probably have a little bit more knowledge about the tank. All the quotes are pretty close to the same.

McGuire's was about half of the other two but I don't know. I don't see any hidden costs there.

Jane: Do we need to send this to the attorney?

Devin: Yeah

Caron: Do we have any electric lines within 30 feet?

Devin: No. We have the service line but that's it.

Jane: So you're wanting a motion to go with Leary this evening?

Devin: Whatever one you guys feel.

Jane: Alright I need a motion to go with- Bret do you have anything for discussion? Our tank is made by them so I-

Devin: It's made by Phoenix and the guy that heads up Leary now worked for Phoenix for years. John Wetzel is the one who got me in contact with him. John worked with him on a project and they found an issue with a tank and Phoenix came back and fixed the entire thing.

Jane: Well this third one, McGuire, that price is a little leery.

Devin: Yeah it kinda got me too. This is the only one that the guy came in and sat down and talked to me. The others ones were just on the phone but this guy came in and talked to me. He's concerned that we are gonna need a pressure tank. All the New Boston line that is where they get their pressure from is the tank. Because we have no boosters going to New Boston. They just grab from that tank and that's how they get their pressure. So if we shut that tank down we are probably going to need a pressure tank which will be quite a bit of money.

Jane: Well we need a motion to accept one of these bids for the inspection of the water tower.

Caron: Our cheapest one says, customer shall reimburse company for all travel, meal and entertainment expenses incurred by the company and its employees. Nope.

Jane: I like the one with the knowledge of the Phoenix.

Bret: I make a motion to go with Leary then.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Devin: I'll get ahold of them tomorrow. The highway 545 project. We been talking to the State about getting some help with funding for that. They are not willing to help us out. At all. They are trying everything to avoid it. I don't feel like there is enough time for us to look for grant money. We are on such a short leash with this that I don't think that we are going to be able to do it right now.

Jane: And that's fine. I just wanted you to let everyone know.

Bret: Just put it on hold right now. Look for grant money.

Devin: And the water tower is gonna need painted.

Bret: We got time to look for grant money for the water tower.

Devin: Yes.

Bret: What we need to do is put the highway 545 water project off until 2027 when they redo the sidewalks.

Devin: I just got an email today that has been pushed another year.

Bret: That gives us more time.

Devin; Right now with the project that they got going, ready to start, you know the 66 and 545 project-

Caron: Is that the stoplight that you been talking about?

Devin: Yeah. With the sidewalks and stuff they are just putting in ADA ramps and redoing some storm sewer boxes. But that's where the conflicts going to come in. They are going to be very close to us and storm sewers.

Bret: And best we can do is let them know if they hit something.

Jane: So they are going to pave over it and we are going to have to dig it back up?

Bret: No

Jane: Yeah.

Devin: Well we can do is lay the new water line where the side walk is and leave the main we have now in the ground.

Jane: And that's the only old one left that we have. No?

Devin: I mean it goes way further out the highway and then we've got a small section that goes up Troy Ridge a little bit. And I'm going to be getting a full cost analysis of what each project is going to cost. Do small runs at a time. Phase it out. I think we just need to scrap the project for right now.

Jane: I didn't mean to interrupt. Mike I think I talked to Casie about this the other day. I think it is going to be on the bills about the trash pick up schedule. Is that correct?

John: I talked to you about it.

Jane: Maybe it was you. The holidays fall on Wednesday. That's going to be on the bills correct?
Ok

Devin: With the pumps. We have talked to Tell City about who they get their pumps from. They isn't really anybody close that you can order big sewer pumps from. Xylem is-

Jane: Didn't John mention somebody over in Owensboro last meeting?

John: I looked around and made calls. Looked around in all the files. Xylem has been an outstanding company for a long-

Jane: That's who we've used forever right Devin?

Devin: Yeah they have done everything for us.

John: You might find somebody else cheaper but Xylem more than makes up for it in service.

Jane: So this is two different pumps?

Devin: Yes this is two different pumps. Yeah this is back ups for both lift stations.

Jane: So you need us to vote on this tonight?

Caron: Do we have the money in ARPA?

Saffron: It depends on what all you are wanting to spend out of ARPA.

Bret: How much is in there?

Saffron: \$59,000. Some was spent on the shelter and cameras.

Bret: We didn't use it for the shelter.

Saffron: Those cameras are still sitting in my closet. The cameras for the park were purchased out of ARPA funds. Those cameras are still sitting in my closet.

Bret: What else was it used for I wonder?

Caron: The shelter house. The bodycam.

Bret: So the shelter is not going to be built and probably not going to be built.

Jane: Yes it is.

Bret: It is?

Jane: Yes sir.

Caron: With ARPA money?

Jane: No with shelter money that we got back.

Caron: That is ARPA money.

Bret: That is ARPA money.

Jane: Well why can't we use it again?

Bret: We need to look at our infrastructure.

Saffron: Right. The number that I gave at the last meeting did not include that shelter money that was given back to us.

Bret: It's fine for the shelter or the park but we got infrastructure we need to really concentrate on.

Saffron: I would recommend there is enough for those two pumps.

Jane: I agree. I agree Bret. This comes first.

Bret: Before we spend any more on the shelter we need to look at our infrastructure down the road.

Jane: Right and I agree.

Bret: What was that? \$20,000 for the shelter?

Saffron: I don't remember the exact number. It was 22 something-

Jane: A little bit more.

Bret: I mean it would be nice to have a shelter but our infrastructure. We are getting into trouble as we go every day.

Jane: It would be nice to rebuild that but this stuff comes first. That's why we had to back off.

Saffron: Yes there would be ARPA funds available right now for these two pumps. And that falls under the ordinance to spend on sewer and infrastructure.

Bret: I make a motion we go with the two pumps.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Jane: Ok Devin, next.

Devin: That is all I've got.

John: Jane, I want to recognize Timba has been helping me out doing all the amperage readings and figuring out the configurations on this base plan. He has probably worked six to ten hours. Rather than calling an engineer he has been doing a lot of the work at home and not charging Troy.

Jane: Well tell him we appreciate that and if he wants to track his hours we will pay him for that.

John: I don't think he's worried about that. He enjoys doing it.

Jane: Devin, while we are with you I want to let you know, you passed your first test right?

Devin: I passed one of them. I retook the other one Monday but didn't do so well.

Saffron: Can you dispute that one?

Devin: There's no sense in doing that. I got a worse score.

Caron: So throwing this out there. I'm assuming you're going to take the test again?

Devin: Yes but I am going to look into getting into another class so it can help build.

Caron: I was going to suggest whenever you find out when that class is that you take like two days when it's not crazy busy around here where you can come in and-

Jane: He can go home and study.

Devin: That's what I've been doing and there is a website where you can take practice tests you can take-

Jane: Or close yourself off in that office down there and concentrate.

Devin: I been studying every chance I get.

Jane: I'm not saying you're not-

Devin: It's that the way they word some of the questions it is tricky. If you interpret the question one way then there is three right answer and one wrong answer.

Saffron: I don't mean to interrupt you but can we not talk about this in the meeting specifically. We need to stay on task with the agenda.

Jane: Anyway what I was going to tell you is that we the board have decided to give you a two dollar increase effective tonight for passing that first test. And I also want you to know that the town is only going to pay for you to take that test three times. Anything over and above that will be on you. I need a motion to approve paying Devin's test three times and approve his motion for his \$2 an hour-

Saffron: It's in the salary ordinance.

Jane: It's in the salary ordinance?

Saffron: The one we are going to talk about later on the agenda.

Jane: Oh. Alright. Never mind. Sign in sheet. Erin Emerson from PCDC.

Erin Emerson: I am President and CEO of our Perry County Development Corporation and it is time for our annual contract renewal. Jane has the contract. The language has not changed from previous years. We did update it a few years ago. It did not change from last year. It is \$2,120.00 not to exceed. This year we have already billed out for the contractual amount but we don't stop working when we bill out. We typically bill out in October but we keep working until the end of the year. We still send invoices to show that it is pro bono. For 2025 it would be

\$2,120.00 which is 20% of your EDIT dollars. It is a contract for community and economic development services which includes new business or attraction, existing business, infrastructure development including housing and workforce development and talent attraction. A lot of the infrastructure stuff you just talked about I would love to learn more about that and I don't know how often you work with Indiana 15 but a meeting with them would be beneficial to learn what programs are out there. Whether it's loans like 40 year low interest loans or grants. We are also your representative for the Indiana First Ready Region. It is a program the State developed. Our region was granted fifteen million in round one and additional fifteen million in round two. We are working on determining projects for that round two and it's really important to have that public investment. So projects that Troy may do may help on the public side which our region would need more of that match. You may be a good fit for some of those. On the workforce development we often have resources. We have Whitney Zellers in our office who previously worked for the Southern Indiana Workforce Board. She has done a lot of work with the State. I can keep going or answer questions.

Bret: Is the PCDC going to be there after what I seen yesterday.

Erin: Yes. We are not going anywhere.

Bret: And if you do what happens to the money? It's possible. Anything is possible.

Erin: Anything is possible. The City of Tell City signed their contract last Monday. And hopefully we still have Troy. We would like to have some discussions with Cannelton. If the county decides to not sign a contract we would still represent Troy for economic development.

Caron: So the county does not own the PCDC.

Erin: NO. They are a member. They have two seats on our board. Troy has one. PCDC would still be ok financially if the county does not sign a contract with us. We are not going anywhere. Looking back to 1990 when PCDC was formed it had been a shared organization to represent all of the municipalities in the county and I think that is how we are strongest as a community. We all have limited resources so to try and branch off and divide those does not make sense to me. I hope that we can continue to represent Troy.

Jane: I need a motion to renew the contract with PCDC.

Bret: I make a motion.

MOTION: Bret

SECONDED: Caron

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Jane: There are two copies that need signed.

Erin: Thank you. We appreciate that. I would like to give an update on Mervis. It was shared with me that there have been some complaints. I contacted the guy that's over multiple locations. I know there were some complaints about noise. They did move a pump to the inside to reduce the noise. He said that they are working on decreasing the inventory inside the plant so that what is outside can be moved inside. They are trying to make changes to their overall

process so that the amount outside is reduced. I encouraged them to consider a fence or something so that it would at least be out of sight.

Jane: Ok they're not giving you lip service are they? Did you give them a deadline? There are neighbors who are willing to litigate over this because it is a mess.

Erin: I shared that. He called me back within an hour. He said he has his team working on getting quotes on a fence.

Jane: Because they have a tax abatement.

Erin: I reminded him of that and I think that they would like to potentially grow and that is not going to happen if the community is not happy. He said he would be in the area in early February and would like to meet. And would Troy like to be involved in that?

Jane: Please let us know.

Erin: Ok. We will. We will set something up. And I want to do everything possible to stay on good terms.

Jane: Well sure. We do too. But we also want it fixed.

Erin: I completely understand. It's obvious. You can see it when you drive by.

Jane: Mr. Poehlein?

Mr. Poehlein: I just had some questions about water line. What were they going to do down in that area?

Devin: That is part of the State's project. They are redoing the storm sewer going out Washington Street. Everywhere that there are cones there will be signs about construction.

Jane: Bill?

Bill Cotton: I don't have anything.

Jane: Jim?

Jim Alexander: I won't take up much of your time and I appreciate you letting me speak. I have been a reserve with Tell City now for about 13 years. I have been working part time for LawMan security up at the hospital. Since the incident in July of 23 up there they have arranged to have armed security. I am apart of that. They ask you to watch the cameras, make sure the doors are locked, walk around the building. The position to me is great. The challenge for me at this point, in order to work for LawMan you have to be a police officer of some sort for somebody. The city has a rule that you can't be a cop once you turn 70 years old. I did that in October. They are letting me stick around until the end of the year. At the end of the year I won't be an officer with Tell City anymore so I won't be able to work for LawMan either which I would like to continue to do. In order to do that I need to convince Lawman to change their rules which is not likely or become an officer of some sort for somebody. A reserve for example. As you know reserves are not paid but can do the same thing as any other officer in the State of Indiana as determined by the entity.

Jane: ok. So let me stop you right there. As you saw awhile ago, we no longer have a marshal. I think Caron has a couple of questions.

Caron: Would you be interested in going to the marshal academy?

Jim: Let me say first that I was not aware that there would be a change in status of your marshal. My thought and I sent him a text a couple of days ago. Nathan can we talk? How can we work together? I want to help. He didn't answer. So this is a little new to me. At 70 years old the marshal academy as I understand it is ten weeks long tier two. It varies from a tier one in that it is shorter and doesn't require the physical proofs of abilities that tier one does. When you go to a tier one first day you have to prove how many push up you can do. How many of this and that you can do. At 70 I would be struggling with that standard.

Jane: Let me ask you this. Am I right in understanding that you can work up to a year without attending the academy?

Jim: That is true.

Caron: Does that apply to marshal academy as well?

Jim: Couple things. The marshal academy doesn't have those physical standards. Its not stated in terms of can you run a mile in eighteen minutes or whatever it is. It just says that you've got to be able to do the job as determined by your employer. So almost anyone can get to tier 2. Is there a written test to take or training but they don't toss you out if you can't do enough push ups. Your first question to me is would I do it? Would I go to the 10 week academy in Plainfield.

Caron: I know. You should not have expected anything less.

Jane: That is not a question you have to answer right now. My question is if you got a year to make that decision would you be willing to reserve for us a year-

Caron: I don't think it would be considered a reserve if we hire him. He can work paid up to a year.

Jane: Oh ok.

Jim: Correct. From that time you take a pay check to work as an officer, you have to complete the academy within a year. If you don't, a year and a day unless you get some kind of special exemption, a year and a day you are out.

Jane: OK. But that would also give you a year to continue out at the hospital.

Jim: It would. So if I understand the law should we choose to do it. I could be your marshal for a year and continue to work at the hospital. Let's both consider that. It's new to me.

Jane: It's new to us too.

Jim: Other than that a reserve is not paid anything other than you can reimburse for equipment. Things like that. They don't get salary. They can do what the town says they can do under the statue. They have to complete a probation program which I have done. So we could do that as long as we wanted to do. I think I read somewhere that your marshal was working something like 20 hours a week.

Jane: That 's what was in the contract but that can be negotiated.

Jim: In Tell City for a reserve since COVID was asked to work 12 hours a month but they work for free.

Jane: We're not Tell City.

Jim: The expectations are different. It might be a good opportunity to think about what you want what you need. What's ideal. What's close enough. So that I understand clearly what you want. So we can both evaluate if we can do that.

Jane: Like I said this is all very new. He's on contract until December 31st, unless he isn't. We'll go from there.

Jim: Sounds reasonable to me. Certainly we have the basis for a discussion.

Jane: And I didn't mean to put you on the spot. Nobody this was all new. I was not putting you off our anything in our conversations earlier. I just didn't know at the time.

Jim: I appreciate it. For now we can conclude that I can move forward with Troy at least as reserve and then details to be discussed.

Jane: Whatever paperwork and we will get with you after the first of the year. Bret? Are you?

Bret: For reserve I guess I'm fine.

Caron: Do we need to make a motion?

Jane: I would.

Caron: I make a motion that we hire Jim as a reserve.

Jane: But the fact that we don't have does that matter that we don't have a marshal? Does that matter?

Saffron: Can you be a reserve if we don't have a marshal?

Bill: You have one until the 31st.

Jane: Until we don't. Unless that changes.

Jim: That is a good question. I did online and I asked an AI bot to summarize the code to reserves. I printed that out for you. I am not an attorney and this was an AI bot. There is not a lot of details. Your question can a town have a reserve without a marshal? I don't know.

Saffron: Maybe we need to consult with our attorney before we make any motions.

Jane: She is going to reach out to Roger.

Jim: Roger is pretty sharp.

Jane: He is and if he doesn't know it he'll find out.

Jim: Exactly.

Jane: We will have to look into it and get back with you. Going to move on. The phone system. Have we figured that out?

Saffron: We don't pay anything for the phone system. There is not a monthly service charge. In February of 2020 they purchased the phone system. They paid it all up front. The only time we pay anything now is if something needs to be fixed like a service call. So technically no.

Jane: So I guess I'm concerned about who is on call thing?

Caron: I just say we just not do the phone system and have it go to dispatch. We can send out a mass email and say we no longer have a phone system and call this number if you have any concerns that will go to John or whoever.

John: It will be dispatch that will call.

Caron: Yes.

John: And just have an answering machine that says if this is an emergency call Tell City dispatch.

Jane: I want to make a motion that President and Vice President have their phone bills paid for. I know it's in the new salary ordinance. I would like it back paid for this year. I'd like a motion.

Bret: I make a motion.

Saffron: Is this a motion for the back pay?

Jane: Yes. Caron?

Caron: Is this a stipend?

Jane: Yes the \$30 stipend. For phones.

Caron: I second it.

Jane: All in favor?

Bret: (Raised hand)

Caron: And we don't have to do this correct? Like if I don't care to get cell phone paid for there's no rule that says I absolutely have to?

Jane: It's in the new handbook that you will.

Saffron: The new salary ordinance does have a \$30 a month stipend for the Council President and Council Vice President.

Caron: Ok.

Jane: Ok. This thing. (Smartcity App flyer) Is this working?

Saffron: In my opinion, no.

Jane: Then why do we have it and what is it?

Saffron: The town last year paid for the client Smartcity so Anjan is our IT person and that is an app anyone can download, it doesn't have to just be residents, it can be truck drivers that come through or whoever and basically we can send updated information to it. So we can let them know when there are road closures. Let them know if a water line broke and there is a boil advisory. Anything that is going on. I think Anjan is still working on getting the information uploaded to it that we would need. When I am trying to access it, it is freezing really bad. We are working on it but the town has already paid for it. Like last year.

Jane: So you'll let us know when it's working?

Saffron: Yes

Jane: Next thing is this London Witte invoice, is this something we need to vote on?

Saffron: This is an invoice for their services from last year until a couple of months ago. This is for all the work that they did on the electric bond. All the research to see if we needed one for the substation project or not. It is just a bill for their services.

Jane: So it is a bill we are just now getting?

Saffron: Yes

Jane: For \$23,000?

Saffron: Yes. If you look at the labor it was over a years worth of work.

Jane: Who is paying for this? Electric?

Saffron: Yes it is for the substation.

Jane: So we don't need a motion?

Saffron: No.

Jane: Next. Just so you know, Danny Vanconey has resigned as of the end of this year. Brandon Kleeman will be taking his place. I have already contacted the chairman and the courthouse and such. I think we already talked about this. Saffron and John, there were 3 credit cards and now there will be 2. John and Saffron will be in possession of those. ARP earmarks-

Caron: Can we go back to the credit cards? So Devin can go to John and say hey I need the credit card to buy something and John just hands it to him or he says I need this this and this.

Jane: It depends on how much it is. Of course there is the \$500 and it will be up to John.

John: Is it a town card or a utility card?

Saffron: There is a utility card and a town card that I have.

Jane: You will be in possession of that and in charge of that so if you have a problem with that you will call the board. So if Mike needs something or Devin needs something it is your call.

Next is the ARP earmarks. There is \$60,000 left. This is how it was broken down: \$25,000 for the sewer pumps, \$22,000 for the sewer line on 66, water tower inspection \$13,000 and we need to spend that by the end of 2026, December.

Saffron: When you say earmarked, technically you have to have the money spent or contracted. You cannot just have it in the minutes or an ordinance. So the 66 project, since they are moving that sewer line, we have already received an invoice for that and I had to pay that in a hurry so the paving contractor would not pull out from the project, that was \$22,208. I borrowed that from electric with the intention of paying that back within the next year. I think the ARP money would be good for that.

Caron: I agree.

Saffron: That's under that ordinance for infrastructure. And if Devin's back up pumps are \$23,856.20. Then the remainder would go toward any of the water tower inspection work.

Jane: And that's fine if you want to finagle that, those amounts so you can pay your bills I am ok with that. Do we still need a motion? Or don't we?

Saffron: A motion yes but I still have to have a contract or invoice.

Jane: So what we have here on the agenda is that sufficient for you to go by?

Caron: I make a motion.

MOTION: Caron

SECONDED: Bret

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Jane: You finagle that however you need. Indiana 15 contract has come up again. It says they need by January 3rd. Danny was our rep. He is no longer going to be here so I nominate Bret.

Bret: I want no part of that. Brandon might take it.

Jane: I'll talk to Brandon about it. I wanted to let everyone know that Jeff will be leaving at the end of this month. How long has he been here?

Saffron: 4 years and 8 months.

Jane: So we want to thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Welcome Mike and that is all I have.

Caron: I don't think I have anything.

Bret: I don't have nothing.

Jane: Adam is not here. Danny is not here. Chris isn't here. Saffron.

Saffron: You have the original salary ordinance for 2025. Someone just needs to make a motion.

Caron: I make a motion to approve the salary ordinance for 2025.

MOTION: Caron

SECONDED: Bret

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Saffron: I would like a motion for the handbook approval. I have the final final draft here. If you accept it, it would go into effect January 1. I will get everyone a copy.

Caron: I will make a motion to accept the handbook.

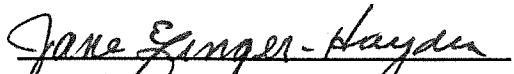
MOTION: Caron

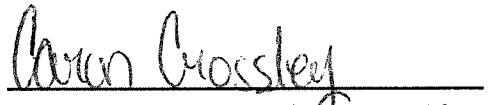
SECONDED: Bret

MOTION carried: 3 ayes, none opposed

Jane: anybody have any old business? No correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by and **SECONDED** by to adjourn the meeting at P.M., CST. The next meeting will be **JANUARY 15, 2025** at 6:00 P.M., CST.


Jane Efinger-Hayden, Board President


Caron Crossley, Board Vice President

Adam Hoffman, Board Member


Bret Kleeman, Board Member

Brandon Kleeman, Board Member

ATTEST: Clerk/Treasurer