

September 9, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the monthly Town Council meeting. Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens present. Present besides Denny were Jo Temple, Council Vice-President; David Miller, Council Member; Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer; and Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor. Operator. Rick Coleman, Code Enforcement Officer, and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney were absent.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the July 8, 2024 council meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the Allowance of Payroll Accounts Payable Voucher and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve David Miller's conflict of interest request. Approval was unanimous.

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| General Fund | \$2,550.32 | Meter Deposit Fund | \$300.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Highway Fund | \$142.94 | Sewage Utility Operating Fund | \$3,881.74 |
| Park Fund | \$243.21 | Payroll Fund | \$4,828.55 |
| American Rescue Plan | \$8,259.00 | | |
| Water Utility Operating Fund | \$11,004.37 | Total | 31,210.13 |

Unfinished Business

There was no discussion regarding the proposed water improvement project. Commonwealth is revising the project cost.

Paul reported that he has not yet repaired Well #2.

Denny reported he is still researching bus stop signs.

The contractor has been contacted to repair alleys and Glenwood is on the waiting list.

The Council agreed that police patrol will be tabled until more information is obtained. Town citizens can call 911 for county response.

Mary reported that the Lilly GIFT VIII grant round two application was submitted by the Rush County Foundation. Rush County was one of 50 of the 90 communities that submitted applications to be in the final round. This grant would provide 100% assistance with blighted property as well as broadband and park/playground. The Council if they are still interested in this project.

The Council discussed the Rush County's dumpsters day in Glenwood on September 28, 2024. The dumpsters will be located at the Fire Station. The Council agreed that the Town will pick up trash in the tractor if someone cannot take it to the dumpster.

Denny provided the proofs for the town officers' business cards.

The Council discussed the two vehicles they plan to sell via bids. It was agreed that only the 2009 Mercury was ready to sell at the October 15 meeting. Mary agreed to post bid notices for this vehicle.

Denny said he is waiting on plastic covers for the community center lights to determine if additional lighting is needed. The painting of the ceiling is on hold until the light fixtures repair is finished and/or if more lights will be installed.

Mary reported that Duke Energy did not show any lights needing replace for the Rider 2 Program. Paul checked and the light on the south edge of 208 N Main has not been replaced. On September 3, the Duke Energy representative stated they will get a crew to get the light replaced.

Mary reported that one tax revenue was posted on July 1 and not included in the budget calculation. There does not as much allocation reduction for 2024. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve Ordinance 2024-8 Reduce 2024 Appropriations and Transfer Funds. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve Resolution 2024-10 Appropriations for 2025. Approval was unanimous. These appropriations do not include the water and sewer funds.

Mary provided the Council with the 2025 projected revenue and expenses for the water and wastewater funds. Mary commented on the concern that the water operating fund balance continues to decline. She has noticed higher costs in materials and testing. Mary noted that at this time there is healthy water depreciation balance but that is intended for capital improvement costs like painting the water tank. If the water project moves forward, a new financial study will help determine a solution. But for now, Mary requested the Council to look at the situation and determine a remedy.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the 2025 water and sewer budget as presented. Approval was unanimous.

The Council all stated they have not found anyone interested in becoming a Park Board member.

Mary provided the Council with a recap of expenditures from the ARPA fund. Jo provided information for rubber mulch for the playground. The Council discussed the number of bags needed and agreed the shipping was too expensive. Denny is going to research what mulch can be obtained locally.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve 2024-9 American Rescue Plan Act revised ordinance. Approval was unanimous.

New Business

Mary said that she is trying to find something to use for ADA training for the two new employees. The officers and employees have also not had recent training. She will try to get information at the AIM Idea Summit and put together some new training. Mary mentioned that the Code Enforcement Officer should include ADA in the duties. Mary said that she is not the person to look for issues and someone else should be the ADA Coordination. Mary is willing to take care of the training.

There was discussion regarding handicap parking signs. Mary said one is needed at town hall but there also needs to be a spot for someone to park and drop a payment in the box. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to place a handicap parking sign in front of the town hall and leave the 15-minute parking for people using the drop box. Approval was unanimous. There is room for two vehicles but David Miller will research the ADA requirements.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to celebrate Halloween on the traditional date of Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., which is the same as the previous years. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Mary reported that she is on the Rush Co Area Plan Commission (APC)'s committee to rework the zoning ordinance to fall in line with the Rush County Comprehensive Plan. The committee has committed to getting the solar section of the ordinance in line by year end.

HWC Engineering is working on their schedule and may change the adoption meeting from the Tuesday, November 11th to the Tuesday, October 15th meeting. Mary asked the Council if they had any questions or potential changes to the Glenwood section of the Rush County Comprehensive Plan. If so, Mary asked to be notified this week to give her time to follow up. The adoption meeting is not a time to question the plan. It is a document that the Council should consider in future decisions.

Mary said she filed the annual Opioid Settlement report.

Mary provided the Council with a meter violation. She plans to send the customer a letter that has been approved by the town attorney. The Council discussed the situation and agreed to block the meter so it cannot be used until the situation is resolved.

Mary reported that one geese hunting at the lagoon affidavit has been received.

Mary asked to confirm that someone is attending the Southern Indiana Wastewater Operators Association Region Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, Connersville. The last attendance was February and it may be hard to get a session to attend during the winter. Paul stated he did attend a meeting in April but did not update the report. Denny stated he plans to attend the October 16 meeting.

Mary noted that the Alliance is helping with the Lead Service Line inventory and has the inventory been submitted and the required letter sent to the one customer. She recommended the annual letter be added to the list on the monthly report. David Miller questioned if there was another option. Paul stated the town could dig up the site. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to dig up the site to determine the line status. Approval was unanimous.

Mary asked the status of mowing and felt too much time had passed since the violation letter for the town to mow the property. The Council agreed that it did not matter how much time had passed before the town mows the property. Mary reminded the Council that the property can only be mowed if the town can bill the property owner and ultimately file a mowing lien. She stated she needs sufficient documentation to support that the town had the right to mow the property before she can begin the billing process.

Other Business

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to adjourn the meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer