## MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA April 26, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members James Leeper, Michael Leman, Rick Graverson, and William Daily were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 7-2021, regarding the creation of the American Recovery Plan Fund, and asked the Council to declare an emergency to pass it on all three readings so the fund would be ready to receive deposits by May. Mr. Leman made a motion to declare an emergency and pass Ordinance 7-2021 on all three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 8-2021 for first reading and explained that the ordinance addressed the water utility rate increase. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 8-2021 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then asked the Council to take similar action on Ordinance 9-2021, regarding the sewer utility rate increase. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-2021 on first reading which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to approve Resolution 2021-11, regarding the match payment for the 2021 Community Crossing Project. Mr. Weldy noted that the Town had received \$366,000.00 from the State through the program. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented an amended change order from the Alexander Street Project and explained that the previous change order number 1 needed to be amended and increased by \$850.00 to \$6,460.00. Mr. Wagner added that he suggested that the amended change order be numbered as 1a. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the amended change order 1a, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner submitted Resolution 2021-6 regarding the revised fingerprinting policy for the Police Department. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-6, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner gave the Council Members an update on the annexation projects and discussed the next steps to proceed. Mr. Wagner requested permission to engage Baker Tilly on a fiscal plan for the Graber annexation, and the Council authorized him to do so.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: No public comments were offered.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Weldy presented an amended resolution on behalf of Digger Specialties in regard to a tax abatement issue where the abatement schedule needed to begin one year later than listed on the original resolution. The

Council discussed the resolution. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-16a, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then presented three (3) CF1 forms for real estate tax abatements for Digger Specialties. Mr. Leeper signed the forms. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2021-10 for a personal property tax abatement for Universal Bearings. He explained that Universal Bearings had purchased \$6.5 million dollars-worth of new equipment and would be adding five (5) jobs. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy also presented three (3) CF1 forms for Universal Bearings, regarding two (2) personal property tax abatements and one (1) real estate tax abatement. Mr. Leeper signed the forms. Mr. Weldy told the Council that a trash collection truck had gotten stuck twice in the area of the Center Street Project, and that change orders would have to be coming due to the surprising condition of the road, particularly its thin asphalt. Mr. Weldy also noted that the bases had been fitted on to the traffic poles downtown, and he gave the Council an update on the Bowen Ave. sign project.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Stoneburner had no new information to report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Mikel had no new information to report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile had no new information to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Chief Neher had no new information to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Mr. Cunningham had no new information to report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Mr. Main told the Council that he had taken a State course on aquatic facility operation. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Main about an issue with a bathroom door, and Mr. Main explained that he had looked at the door and believed that it would have to be replace all together.

Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leeper told the Council members that he had received two (2) requests regarding the Bremen Fireman's Festival. He explained that the first request was for permission to conduct a raffle. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the request for the Fireman's Festival raffle, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper said the second request was for a waiver of the park facility rental fees. Mr. Graverson made a motion to waive the park facility rental fees for the Fireman's Festival, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Leman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST

Vanet M. Anglemyer,

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

James Leeper, President

