MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA December 12, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike Leman, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 11-2022A, regarding a revision of the 2023 wage ordinance to amend the apprenticeship employer wage schedule. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council Members to declare an emergency and pass the ordinance on all three readings. Mr. Leeper made a motion to declare an emergency and pass Ordinance 11-2022A on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also presented a draft of the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan. The Council Members discussed the proposed allocations, and Ms. Anglemyer and Mr. Weldy noted that the plan could be amended in the future. Mr. Leman explained that the Aquatics Committee had approved a design for the new pool complex that was over budget and would need some of the ARPA funds. After further discussion, Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the draft plan as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Weldy would try to work with Southwire and Blue Gate Farms to get their paperwork submitted to the County Assessor before the end of the year.

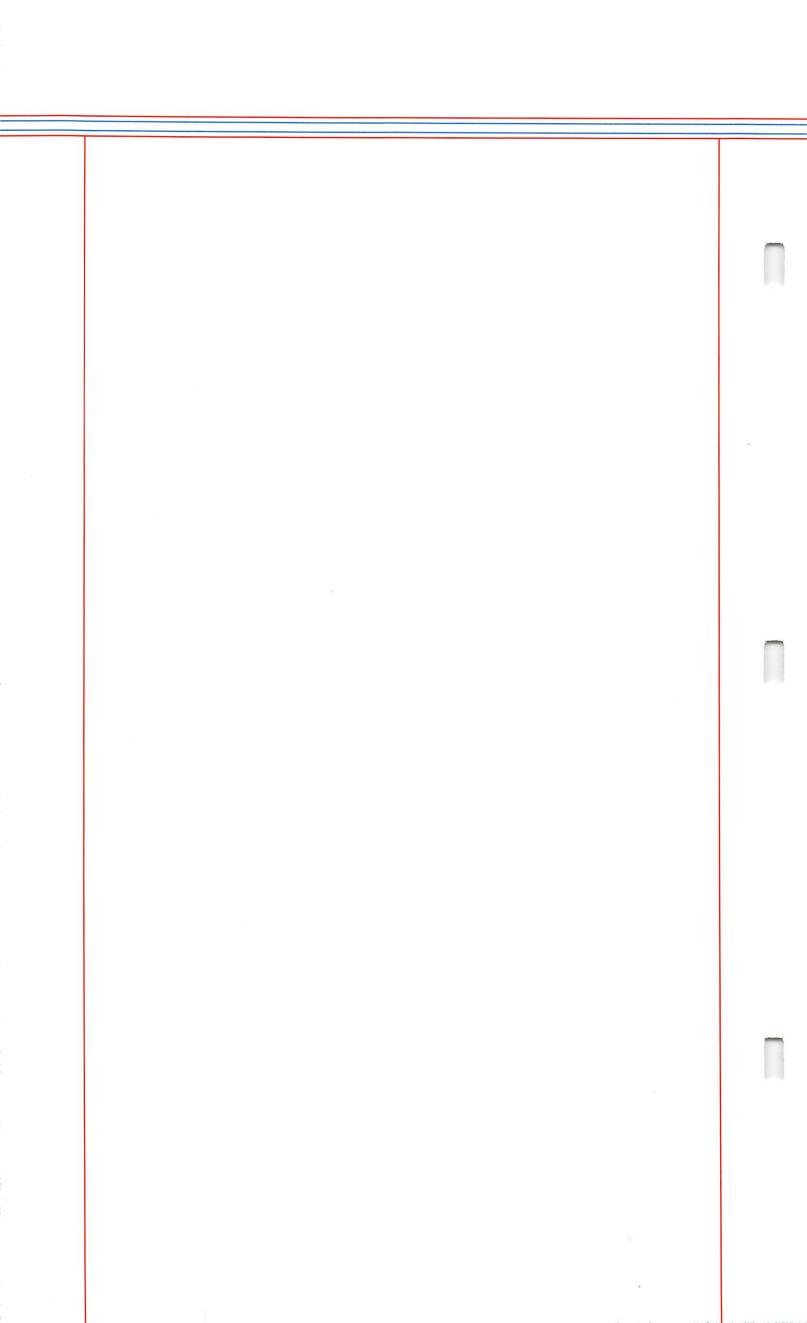
PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and informed the Council that Southwire had purchased additional real estate in the Town limits for future projects. He also told the Council that a brew house was looking at space in a downtown building, and that a developer had expressed interest in the former Bi-County lot. Mr. Weldy then informed the Council that the Marshall County Commissioners had approved an ordinance removing recycling as a requirement for the county and stated that the trash contracts would need to be reconsidered as a result.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.



Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Rodriguez had been sworn in and that they were awaiting additional information regarding his training.

Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park Department.

Mr. Langdon submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones submitted his report and told the Council that his office was working on the route for the interceptor path as part of the wastewater plant project but expressed some concerns about the projected depth of the line. Mr. Jones also informed the Council that his office was working on design elements for the Graber property intended to be annexed by the Town and noted that INDOT had been helpful to the project so far. Mr. Jones also told the Council that he met with a residential developer who was planning to build an additional 20-25 houses near Alexander Street.

<u>COUNCIL COMMENTS</u>: Mr. Graverson noted that he could not attend the December 22 meeting as scheduled. The Council Members agreed to determine Mr. Daily's availability before moving the meeting.

Mr. Leman gave a more detailed explanation regarding the cost of the aquatic center design. He and Mr. Main estimated the projected cost at approximately \$2.9 million dollars and noted that only \$2.1 million dollars had been appropriated for the project. Mr. Weldy asked when the project would be submitted for bids, and Mr. Main said it would happen in February. Mr. Jones offered to connect Mr. Main with a specialist at Baker Tilly for help seeking a Department of Commerce grant.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Janet M. Anglemyer,

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

