MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA September 14, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Mike Leman, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were: Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer. Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper 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. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then asked the Council to consider Ordinance 11-2020, the 2021 Wage Ordinance, for second reading. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2020 on second reading, which was seconded my Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council of the public hearing on the 2021 budget scheduled to occur at 4:45 p.m.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Weldy would talk to Mr. Main about setting up the conference call with the DNR representative to discuss the issues surrounding the park ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and told the Council that that he was covering some functions at the cemetery while Mr. Fraine was on vacation. Mr. Weldy told the Council that he had met with Ms. McLeod, the Troyer Group and R. Yoder Construction regarding the downtown project. Mr. Weldy explained that the current timetable for completing the project was November 10, but that the curbing would be installed next week along with the rest of the light poles. Mr. Weldy told the Council that Digger Specialties would be expanding soon, and that Pfeiffer Construction was going to complete a building on their U.S. 106 property. Mr. Weldy announced that Marshall County Soil and Conservation had obtained a grant to pay for part of the kayak launch construction, and had requested that the Town dump stone at the site to contribute to the project. Mr. Graverson asked Mr. Weldy whether the street light poles would be installed in time to be used for Christmas decorations, and Mr. Weldy told Mr. Graverson that the light poles would be installed but that the traffic light poles from INDOT may not be. Mr. Graverson also asked whether a turn lane would be installed on West Plymouth Street, and Mr. Jones explained that the design for West Plymouth Street was completely in INDOT's control and most likely already set. Mr. Weldy volunteered to talk to INDOT about their intentions. Mr. Wagner expressed concern about the intersection of Plymouth Street and Bowen Ave.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Leman made a motion regarding Ordinance 10-2020, the 2021 Budget Ordinance; Mr. Leeper seconded the motion, which was passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. No public comments were offered. Mr. Leman then made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2020 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Stoneburner submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department, and requested that the Council promote Mitch Yoder to Third Class Lineworker, effective September 14, 2020 upon his successful completion of his coursework. Mr. Leman made a motion to promote Mr. Yoder as described, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile submitted his packet on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners, and asked the Council how they intended to proceed with trick-or-treating this year. The Council discussed whether to postpone the decision. After discussion, Mr. Leman made a motion to set the trick-or-treat hours for 5:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report and informed the Council that IDEM had asked him to amend the plans permit to include the sand filter operation. Mr. Cunningham asked Mr. Daily to execute a letter explaining the new operation and told the Council that otherwise the plan's numbers looked good for the moment. Mr. Graverson asked whether any departments had joined the safety grant application, and Ms. Anglemyer confirmed that several departments had joined in the application, which had already been submitted.

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

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

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones submitted his report to the Council and told the Council that JPR was working with Mr. Mikel on the asset management plan. He also told the Council that Haskins Underground was done in the Park-View Subdivision and that he was working with the downtown property owners to deal with their vaults. Mr. Jones also submitted the contracts for the Alexander Street Project for Mr. Daily to sign.

<u>COUNCIL COMMENTS:</u> Mr. Weldy told the Council that Ron Balsley had found a number of interesting coins and other objects using his metal detector during the downtown streetscape project. Chief Kile told the Council that the Department had received one new noise complaint regarding the new community center, but that the complaint had been resolved.

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

ATTEST:

Janet M. Anglemyer, (

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

William Daily, President

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