

**PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

**March 22, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Brandgard: Welcome to the Plainfield Town Council meeting for Monday, March 22, 2021.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Brandgard: Shall we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

**ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM**

Mr. Brandgard: Let the record show that all members are in attendance and we have a quorum for conducting business.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mr. Brandgard: We have an employee recognition this evening. And as I walk around, if Chief McKee would come forward, I'd appreciate it.

The Community Values Staff Award – Jared McKee

Chief Jared McKee has continued to lead the county and community with his efforts in diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as his leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the difficulties of this past year, Chief McKee has continued to put his department first and has never stopped being an active leader. Everyday officers put on their uniforms and know there is a potential for danger, and the pandemic added another layer of danger. With many uncertainties throughout this year, it took someone like Chief McKee to decide how to help protect his department and keep morale up. He's done the same countywide, as was shown in his keynote speech at last week's Brighter Together COVID-19 vigil. McKee gave an uplifting speech to bring a community together at a time when so many are socially distant. We want to say thank you for your advocacy and leadership in all that you do Chief McKee. You help set the example for all of us as a Community of Values.

Would you like to say anything?

Mr. McKee: I've been doing a lot of this lately – you know, I can't do it without the men and women in my department and them trusting me, and then all of you that have empowered me to lead and given me the (inaudible) where I can go out and do what I do. So, I appreciate it and (inaudible).

Mr. Brandgard: Great, thank you.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Brandgard: Again, we have a number of items on the consent agenda, and we'll see how far I get through them.

Mr. McPhail: I think you can blame Jason.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 8, 2021.
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket of Expenditures and the Affidavit of Payroll, per the Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
3. Approval of the Human Resources Report dated March 19th, 2021.
4. Approval of the Department of Public Works Reorganization Plan, per the Human Resources Report.
5. Approval to purchase a Case 321F Front Loader for \$89,657.48 for DPW, per the Fleet & Facility Manager's Report (Funded from Sewer)
6. Approval to purchase a Case 78" Rotary Cutter for \$5,194.69 for DPW, per the Fleet & Facility Manager's Report (Funded from Sewer)
7. Approval to purchase a Case 580SN Backhoe for \$116,978.15 for DPW, per the Fleet & Facility Manager's Report (Funded from Storm Water)
8. Approval of an agreement with ASAP Aquatics Pond Maintenance for Algae/Submerged Weed Control at Sodalis Pond in the amount of \$6,900, per the Department of Public Works Department Report. (Funded from Nature Preserve Fund)
9. Approval to renew a three-year agreement with Williams Creek Management in an amount not to exceed \$3,900 for maintenance of the Hadley Road Bio-Swale, per the Department of Public Works Report. (Funded from Stormwater)
10. Approval of a work order with Banning Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Project Management Services on the Friendship Gardens Restroom Project. (Funded from Park Impact Fees)
11. Approval to advertise to receive construction bids for the Quaker Boulevard and Camby Road Intersection project at the April 26th Town Council meeting, per the Development Services Report.
12. Approval to release retainage in the amount of \$179,530 plus accrued interest for the Klondike Road North Project, per the Development Services Report.
13. Approval to release retainage in the amount of \$26,584.32 plus accrued interest for the East Street Road Project, per the Development Services Report.
14. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Ambrose Parties regarding Roadway and Utility Improvements at the Quaker Blvd and Camby Road Intersection and providing for a water loop under Interstate 70 at Delaware Drive, per the Development Services Report. (Funding from 2015 Series C Bond Proceeds and Utility Funds)
15. Approval of a contract for Professional Services with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for a not to exceed amount of \$71,400 for the North Wastewater Treatment Plant – CSO Elimination Project, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from 2020 Sewer Bond Series A Proceeds)
16. Approval of a contract for Professional Services with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for a not to exceed amount of \$201,100 for the Mill Street Sewer Separation Project, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from 2020 Sewer Bond Series A Proceeds)



Mr. Daniel: Yes, we do. We're doing this a little different Mr. President, since we're separated here. So, when they put the bids on my desk, I will open them and read them. The first bid is from Midwest Paving, Noblesville, Indiana. Midwest Paving bid is in proper form.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Daniel: Midwest Paving bid is \$1,118,290.41; \$1,118,290.41.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Daniel: The next bid is from Calumet, Whitestone, Indiana. Calumet's bid is in proper form. Calumet's bid is \$1,214,000; \$1,214,000.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Daniel: The next bid is from DC Construction, Noblesville, Indiana. DC Construction's bid is in proper form. The bid is \$1,283,625.58; \$1,283,625.58. The next bid is from Grady Brother's Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. Grady Brother's Inc. bid is in proper form. The bid amount is \$1,185,096; \$1,185,096.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Daniel: The next bid is from Milestone Contractors, Indianapolis, Indiana. Milestone Contractor's bid is in proper form. The bid amount is \$1,173,436.10; \$1,173,436.10.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: The next bid is from Harding Group, Indianapolis, Indiana. Harding Group LLC's bid is in proper form. The bid amount is \$1,040,356.88; \$1,040,356.88.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Daniel: The last bid is from Reith-Riley Construction, Indianapolis. Reith-Riley's bid is in proper form. The bid amount is \$1,254,418.64; \$1,254,418.64.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. I want to thank everybody who took the time to submit a bid, and also that all the bids were submitted in proper form, so that helps. The Engineer's estimate was \$1,408,203.74; again that's \$1,408,203.74. The bid review committee is Jason Castetter, Scott Singleton, Bill Kirchoff, and Mike Mann. I'd like to have you review the bids and come back at the next meeting with a recommendation. Again, thank you. The next bid opening is for Clarks Creek Extension and Living Christ Trail.

Mr. Daniel: Mr. President, we have one bid for that particular project. I think Tim Belcher is probably most familiar with that project; I don't whether he'd have any comments to that or not.

Mr. Brandgard: I guess the questions is Tim, can we resubmit it, or is it critical that we do something?

Mr. Belcher: It's not critical in terms of, you know, we don't need the trail tomorrow. We'd like to have it – we're disappointed to only get one bid. When you see seven on another project, you'd like to have multiple bids. So, the bid was from a local contractor; I don't know if that's an unfair advantage if we open it and don't award – that's the fear I would have. It could be re-bid; maybe the folks who are bidding tonight would be freed up to bid on the trail project.

Mr. Brandgard: Right

Mr. Belcher: So, I'm not sure how best the Council would like to handle it.

Mr. Brandgard: Lance?

Mr. Angle: Any chance we can slide this project in with the ones we just got the bids on? Kind of seems like a logical answer.

Mr. Brandgard: It does

Mr. Belcher: I was thinking that too, yeah. I don't know that things are going to get better with the bidding climate.

Mr. Angle: Right

Mr. Belcher: It gets busier and busier as the summer goes on; that's my concern, that we would maybe have less contractors that would be available to...

Mr. Bridget: But it's not critical for immediate start?

Mr. Belcher: No, no, it's just one that we have all the easements and everything we need in order and we can go forward whenever we have the bid. But we certainly can subject it to another chance and if it comes back the same – I don't, again, want to disadvantage the current contractor at all.

Mr. Brandgard: Right

Mr. Angle: Well, I'd like to recommend we just review our RFP and then put it out to bid one more time in the next 30 days, and then we can make a decision if we come to the same conclusion.

Mr. Belcher: All right

Mr. Brandgard: Is that a motion?

Mr. Angle: Motion

Mr. Bridget: I'll second that.

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to review the bid documents and then send it out for re-bid. All those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed?

Mr. Belcher: We'll do that; thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Daniel: Mr. President, I'm returning the unopened bid to the Clerk-Treasurer to return to the bidder.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you Mel.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Brandgard: Next on the agenda are public hearings and we have five public hearings. Do we have proof of publication for the public hearings?

Mr. McPhail: Yes, we do.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Again, since this is a hybrid meeting, if there's anybody in the audience electronically who wants to submit a comment, we can do that through the box on the link, I

believe. The first item is Annexation – 5518 Gibbs Rd (Lambert Avalon North; Northwest Corner Gibbs Road and Vestal Road). Again, this is a public hearing, if anyone has any comments, now is the time to present them.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Again, this is a public hearing for the Annexation of 5518 Gibbs Road.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Have we received anything?

Ms. Noble: Mr. President, I have not received any comments on the Lambert/Gibbs Road Annexation.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you. Do you have a comment? If you'd come forward please... if you could, give us your name and your address, and there should be a sheet to write it down on.

Ms. Brock: Yes, sir. I'm Elizabeth Brock, I live at 3280 Vestal Road; I'm in District 2. I was expecting – I saw this in the paper, and I was expecting signs to be up for notification so that more people would be here. I don't know anything about the project, other than whoever owns the property has been doing a nice job of clearing it for quite a while now. I don't know how many units are going in; if there's going to be a change in the road configuration, possibly a roundabout there because there's a 35 MPH speed limit on Vestal, however motorcycles and low-riding cars tend to take advantage of the hills and curves, and so that means nothing. So, that would be a good thing. If there's a large subdivision going in, sidewalks to the Aquatic Center probably would be in but I don't know what you all are planning. You've been great stewards of the community – is this going to be published before they build?

Mr. Brandgard: I think – this is the first step in the process. The property needs to be annexed into the town before any project can come into the town planners for review, and ultimately to the Council. We understand your questions and concerns, but we don't have any answers yet because we don't know exactly what's going in there.

Ms. Brock: Well, wouldn't you have questions before you annex; what their ideas are before you decide, well you can come into our community, and then you invite them in, and then they have things in mind that you really don't want? Like a mixed use or a shopping center; is that going in? I've heard so many rumors, I don't know, I've also heard that Saratoga Parkway is going to go all the way to U.S. 36. That's been in the plans for a long time, I was told. So, I don't know.

Mr. Klinger: So, this phase is just the annexation into town, and it would come in as agricultural land. And so, then the owners would have to petition to the Plan Commission and the Town Council to change the zoning to allow some other use, and they would have to submit a development plan through that process. And so, the steps you are kind of talking about, we're not there yet.

Ms. Brock: Okay

Mr. Klinger: Those would come later. So, this is just to bring the property into town so that those issues could be considered by the town's Plan Commission and the Town Council. And when that happens there's a different notice provision. And so certainly, neighbors within a certain range of that property would get a notice of those meetings, and that would be the time then, to raise any issues or concerns related to that.

Ms. Brock: All right, well we already have a great deal of traffic on Vestal Road, so you should be aware of that. The community center is wonderful; the Aquatic Center brings in a lot of traffic, which is wonderful, you know, it's well used. Having a rural piece of property there was really nice, however you can't always have that this day in age; we know it's going to be developed. I just hope good stewardship continues and you make wise decisions, and I'll be following this.

Mr. Bridget: Well, I can attest to the traffic on Vestal Road. I'm a bicycle rider...

Ms. Brock: It's dangerous for you.

Mr. Bridget: I no longer ride my bicycle that route.

Ms. Brock: It's very dangerous for you because a lot of – I know Brad Whicker used to come up that hill all the time because it's great for endurance, but it's hard to travel that road anymore as a cyclist.

Mr. Bridget: Well, you have been heard.

Ms. Brock: All right, thank you for listening.

Mr. Brandgard: Well, thank you for coming in.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Melanie, have you heard from anybody?

Ms. Noble: Mr. President, Andrew has some comments he would pass along.

Mr. Klinger: Well, any comments related to the Gibbs Road.

Ms. Noble: Oh, I'm sorry, nothing on Gibbs, no.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you. With that, we appreciate your comments and the public hearing for the annexation is now closed. The next two annexations have requested a continuance to our next meeting.

Mr. Klinger: Yes, and that's what Melanie was referring to a minute ago; we have received some comments online with regard to the annexations related to Redbird Group and the Hall Road properties there. Given that the petitioner has requested a continuance, if that's the will of the Council to grant that continuance, then we will just log those comments for when the public hearing is brought back to the Council. It will have to be re-noticed, so there will be a new notice put out for that public hearing when they are ready to move forward, but we will also log those comments so that we'll have them for the Council at that time.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you. With that, do we have a motion to allow the continuance?

Mr. McPhail: I would so move.

Mr. Angle: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to continue the annexation for 6446 South County Road 675 East, and the annexation for Damon Jones/Redbird Group, LLC – Property in the Southwest Corner of Hadley Road and Hall Road. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you. Next, we have a public hearing for the LOIT Special Distribution. Again, this is a public hearing; if anybody wishes to bring any comments to us, now is the time to do so. And again, if there are any comments from those watching, you can submit them through the box on the app.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Again, this is the time for public comment on the additional appropriation. Melanie, have we heard anything?

Ms. Noble: President Brandgard, I have no comments regarding the additional appropriation.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Andrew?

Mr. Klinger: I have not received any comments.

Mr. Brandgard: With that, I will close the public hearing for the additional appropriation. We also have a public hearing for the Re-establishment of a Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund (CCI). Again, this is an opportunity for the public to comment.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Again, this is the opportunity for the public to comment on the Re-establishment of a Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: With nobody coming forward, have we heard anything Melanie?

Ms. Noble: Mr. President, there are no comments on the LIVE stream.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, Andrew, did you get any?

Mr. Klinger: I have not received any comments on this either.

Mr. Brandgard: With no comments coming forward we will close the public hearing for the Re-establishment of a Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund. I want to thank everybody.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have a Town Manager's report?

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, I have a few items I wanted to mention this evening. First of all, I really just wanted to echo your thought earlier with Chief McKee. He's been a very valuable asset for the town, and I appreciated his efforts, his words that he spoke at the vigil that was held, I guess it's been over a week now. But I also wanted to thank the parties involved in conducting the vigil; the Hendricks County Community Foundation assisted with organizing that in cooperation with of course, the Town of Plainfield, but also the Town of Avon, Brownsburg and Danville. All four towns came together to support this effort to hold this vigil. A special thanks to Avon for actually physically hosting at the Avon Town Park. I thought it was really well put together and a good moment to remember those lives that we've lost through this pandemic. We continue to monitor the situation with the pandemic. Obviously, it has improved greatly over where we were just a few months ago and we expect that the Governor is going to give an address this week and is going to give some direction on where things are going to head over the next several weeks. And so, we look forward to seeing that and we are preparing some modifications to our own pandemic response plan for town offices and town employees that we will send out later this week after we hear what the Governor has to say for April, and hopefully starting to return to at least a new normal, I guess, understanding there's still going to be some precautions in place; wearing masks in key situations is still going to be important. And with that regard, we actually held another mask drive thru. Several of you showed up to assist with that effort last Saturday morning, and it was again, very well received. We had about 1,200 masks and we ran through our inventory before – it had been scheduled to go till 11:00 and unfortunately, we ran out of masks about 15 minutes or 20 minutes till 11:00. So, we ended up shutting down a little early because we ran out. But I think everyone who came through was very appreciative. Unfortunately, I think there were still a few cars coming in that we ended up turning away because we had run out. We'll continue to look at future mask distribution efforts as well. I just wanted to remind everyone really quick that this week, on Wednesday at noon, the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce is going to host a "State of the Town" presentation, and Brad has invited

me to kind of present the “State of the Town” after having gone through a very difficult year. I think it will be a good opportunity to share with the business community and the general public, just kind of where things sit in terms of our response to COVID, as well as where we see things going in the future in this town. And we have a very bright future, so I’m looking forward to that opportunity. It’ll be kind of a mixed message; I’ll probably deliver a statement up front and then we’ll do a little question/answer toward the end there. And then finally, I just wanted to mention the MADE@Plainfield project. Mr. Brandgard and I had the opportunity to walk through that last Friday. You may recall that the Department of Homeland Security is one of our partners in that project; they are looking to bring the Public Safety Academy to Plainfield. So, we had an opportunity to walk through it with Director Cox and with now State Fire Marshall Joe Thacker, once the Plainfield Fire Chief – but we had an opportunity to walk through with them and really see the building. It’s really coming along; last time I saw it, it was just a shell with no walls, now it’s an actual building and they are getting the finishing touches going on with drywall going up. It really is impressive, and we’re really excited about that facility opening in August. End of July they should be putting the finishing touches on, opening in August. So, everything seems to be moving very smoothly and its going to be, I think, a great asset for the community. I just wanted to share that because I’m excited about it. We do have an opening scheduled, a ribbon cutting scheduled I believe July 29<sup>th</sup>, so hopefully that’s on your calendars and just look forward to that day. I think that’s all that I have for this evening unless you have any questions for me.

(brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Andrew, thank you.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, any old business?

Mr. McPhail: I just have one item. I’m going to ask Tim if he can comment on this. You know, we approved the sewer separation on the Mill Street project tonight; does that complete our sewer separation project?

Mr. Belcher: If you’re talking about the long-term plan that we had...

Mr. McPhail: Yes

Mr. Belcher: We’re getting very close. The mile square that had combined sewers, this is the last section of town that we’re working on. I’m not sure it’s 100% separated in that area but it’s going to be darn close, and then once you approve – the North treatment plant upgrades are also a large component of that same program that we’re going to do some technology upgrades for handling more combined flow at that plant. So basically, we are at like the 5-yard line on that program, so that’s a big accomplishment.

Mr. McPhail: Well, I just want to commend Tim on the hard work that he’s done over the years. I don’t remember what year it was but very early in my tenure, that was one of the first projects that I got involved with. I remember going to a meeting with Tim and I think it was IDEM that was running the meeting, and they told us that we needed to separate our sewers and that we were in a position where we could raise our sewer rates something like \$130. Tim has been able to get that done without punishing our rate payers over these years and he’s done a great job. As always, he’s been patient and worked through this, just thanks Tim, for all the hard work.

Mr. Belcher: I appreciate all the support, yeah. I won’t say that how I could visibly see Kent’s blood pressure going up when they said the \$100 rates for our community; that was not going to go over well. So, we got more creative and found a better solution for IDEM and I think it’s working out really well for our community, so thank you very much.

Mr. Brandgard: Tim, again, thank you.

Mr. McPhail: That's all I had thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Lance?

Mr. Angle: (indicates no)

Mr. Bridget: No

Mr. Brandgard: Bill, old business?

Mr. Kirchoff: Nothing here.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Todisco: Mr. President, I'd like to comment on, I guess it'd be old business. The Youth Assistance Program, I put some flyers out in front of you and there's also a handout to the program. We are functioning; we are existing. We have a mentoring program intact right now and as I came to the meeting tonight, I found out one family that we already helped put into a housing situation – it was a single mom with four kids living in a hotel – we found rental property for them and hopefully they'll be in that towards the end of the week or next week, working with Family Promise. So, I just wanted to mention that. I couple of other items I do want to mention in the utility area. We will be offering Spanish version on the IVR system starting Wednesday or Thursday. So, they'll have the option to select Spanish if they need help to work that system. And then the ACH program, which we're trying to get them to pay through the bank with their checking account, that actually began over the weekend and we've already had people starting to process that on the website. So, that's two new technical type processes we began that will help our consumers.

Mr. Brandgard: Great, thank you.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, new business?

Mr. McPhail: I'd just like to make a comment. It looks like Mr. Kirchoff's got a good suntan, so we'll welcome you home with a suntan Bill.

Mr. Kirchoff: Well, we head out tomorrow morning and will hopefully be home Wednesday evening and I'll roll up my sleeves and show you how good that tan is.

Mr. Angle: Well, travel safe; we'll see you soon.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you

Mr. Angle: Nothing here.

Mr. Bridget: No

Mr. Brandgard: New business Bill?

Mr. Kirchoff: Nothing other than I'm heading north.

Mr. Brandgard: I have one question. Did you make it to the pool today?

Mr. Kirchoff: No, it was too cool.

Mr. Brandgard: We're sorry to hear that.

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah, I can hear that in your voice.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah. Well, safe travels.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you

**ORDINANCES**

Mr. Brandgard: We have four ordinances this evening. The first is a Single Reading of Ordinance No. 04-2021 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation – LOIT Special Distribution.

Mr. Bridget: Move to approve

Mr. McPhail: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve Ordinance No. 04-2021. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

- Mr. Todisco:
- Mr. Bridget – yes
- Mr. Angle – yes
- Mr. Kirchoff – yes
- Mr. McPhail – yes
- Mr. Brandgard – yes

Single Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 04-2021- is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: We also have for a Single Reading Ordinance No. 06-2021 – An Ordinance Establishing Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund (CCI) Under Indiana Code 36-9-16.

Mr. Angle: I'll move to approve.

Mr. McPhail: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Single Reading of Ordinance No. 06-2021. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

- Mr. Todisco:
- Mr. Bridget – yes
- Mr. Angle – yes
- Mr. Kirchoff – yes
- Mr. McPhail – yes
- Mr. Brandgard – yes

Single Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 06-2021- is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. We also have for a Second Reading Ordinance No. 05-2021 – An Ordinance to Amend the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance and Zone Map of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Take Effect - (319 South Center Street).

Mr. McPhail: Move to approve.



Mr. Angle: Second

Mr. Brandgard: All those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you.

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