

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

May 23, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Mr. Brandgard: The Plainfield Town Council meeting for Monday, May 23, 2022, is now in session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Brandgard: I'd like to ask everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM

Mr. Brandgard: Please let the record show, all members are present, and we have a quorum for conducting business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brandgard: We have a few items on the consent agenda. I have a feeling this is going to blow up before long but, nonetheless.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 9, 2022.
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 May 20, 2022.
4. Approval of the FirstPerson Compensation Study recommendations effective July 1, 2022, per the Human Resources Report. (Funded by department operating budgets)
5. Approval to purchase a F-250 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup from Andy Mohr Ford in the amount of \$55,065. (Funded from Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund)
6. Approval of proposal from Wallace Construction, Inc. in the amount \$27,619 for crack sealing and paving improvements on trails and park facilities, per the Parks and Recreation Report. (Funded from Food and Beverage Fund)
7. Approval of Work Order No. 22-06 for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 with Banning Engineering for work associated with the Prewitt Theater, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from Riverboat Fund)

Are there any additions or corrections to the consent agenda?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: If not, I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Mr. Bridget: So moved

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Brandgard: Kevin, anything from Planning? Brent, anything from the Fire Territory? Brent, anything from Parks? Kyle, anything from the Police Department?

Mr. Prewitt: So, the supply chain being what it is, automotive producers are asking in advance, in ways that they haven't been before, actually seeking consent from the Council tonight to order thirteen vehicles for 2023, so that we can get into the GM window for ordering. They opened on May 19th, and they're anticipating it will only remain open for up to a month, maybe two. So, we need to get these vehicles ordered before they close it, and we have no vehicles available for next year. We would not be making payments for these vehicles until we actually receive them, I would like to get your consent to go ahead and order these vehicles for the police department.

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have consent?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Brandgard: Consent.

Mr. Prewitt: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Angle: Does that fix the price?

Mr. Prewitt: Well, the best they do is – one vehicle is now \$43,840, as an estimate.

Mr. Angle: Yeah, I had a feeling.

Mr. Prewitt: So, it's kind of a theme, but...

Mr. Angle: So, no fixed pricing.

Mr. Prewitt: No, nothing fixed. Thank you.

Mr. Angle: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Jared? Jason, Public Works?

Mr. Castetter: (inaudible) showed you some pictures of – earlier in the work session – we have a sanitary force sewer main that runs through some farm property, just south of town there. It's been exposed in West Fork Creek – no leakage, just the pipe itself is exposed, due to erosion during high water events. So, what I asked the Council was, is to declare this an as emergency so that we can move quickly to stabilize the force main that runs through there, as it is exposed. At this time, all I'm asking for is that declaration emergency. I'll come back to you with agreements after (inaudible), at a later council meeting.

Mr. Daniel: I would ask that any motion on that, they authorize Robin to sign any emergency order necessary to (inaudible).

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have a motion to declare emergency?

Mr. Kirchoff: I would so move, and as Mel suggested, authorize you to sign any documents that need to be done.

Mr. Bridget: I second that.

Mr. Brandgard: A motion and a second to declare emergency relative to the exposed force sewer main, appointing me as the signatory on anything that needs to be signed relative to that emergency. 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

Motion had been approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Castetter: Thank you. And I just have one other thing. I hope you had a chance to travel U.S. 40 and see that I've made progress with Duke Energy, and we've got some flags (inaudible) going east, and hopefully west of the White Lick Creek, we'll have that answer here soon. I see we have a representative here tonight. I hope to get approval and get that accomplished.

Mr. Kirchoff: I got a very nice thank you text from Mr. Hardin and I told him I would pass that on to you. He was appreciative for that, so thank you.

Me Castetter: It looks nice.

Mr. Kirchoff: It does.

Mr. Brandgard: They do look nice.

Mr. Castetter: That's all I have.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Scott, anything from Transportation?

Mr. Singleton: Yeah, thank you. I did just want to offer a hopefully brief run through of a lot of stuff that was in my report. Stephanie has been helping out, pushing out a lot of notifications through social media, but just to kind of reiterate all the traffic changes that are coming here in the coming weeks, I thought it would be good to kind of get that out in the public realm, with emergency services. I'm emailing them, they're getting it all too, but just to kind of summarize. So, anyway – tonight, INDOT is expecting to close the ramp from I-70 Eastbound to Quaker Boulevard. So, that will be closed for approximately six weeks for their I-70 pavement replacement project that's been going on for a couple of years. It was somewhat unexpected, something that came up relatively recently. Shortly thereafter we learned, and I've shared with you, INDOT will be closing the bridge that goes over I-70, which I call Center Street, it's old S.R. 267. So, some sign went up last week and Stephanie, like I said, is helping get information out about that. That should be closed all the way into the fall but right around that closing, the good news is that we should be lifting our lane restrictions over at Camby and Quaker Boulevard/old S.R. 267. So, all that is obviously weather dependent because we've got striping, we've got a lot of surface pavement getting done today, but hopefully we'll be able to get that opened up shortly after the Memorial Day weekend. Our pavement patching project on Quaker Boulevard is moving into its next phase, and then in a few weeks that crew will be coming down into the interchange area to work. They to try to avoid being down there during the school season when people's times are little bit more sensitive. So, as those ramps close and reopen we'll be moving down there and you'll see some more traffic restrictions down there, just kind of all overlapping as it's going. And then finally, (inaudible) public hearing, public information hearing for folks, what we're doing out down there in and around the I-70 interchange area. It's really tied to the relinquishment, as you guys know, some of the funds and how we're going to use it but it's just kind of a bigger planning project to this happening. And so, we want to update people to reach out to Visit Hendricks County to help stir the information with some local businesses there.

There's a lot happening between this meeting and the next meeting, so we want to kind of get that out there. And certainly, if you guys have any questions, reach out. And that's it.

Mr. Angle: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. That's a lot. Al?

Mr. Geans: We all just want to come talk to y'all today. We are – well, a couple of meetings ago Jared McKee came up and presented on a marathon, Back the Badge Marathon, and today we want to ask for consent, because the Community Services Division and the Safety Division will work together to put on that event. We don't have all the details at this time, but we need to work together to develop a plan around a potential marathon, it being such a big event. So, we're asking for consent from Council to move forward with the planning of Back the Badge event.

Mr. Brandgard: Consent?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Brandgard: Consent

Mr. McPhail: Yeah, I'm excited about it.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Geans: Thank you Council.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Todd? Tim?

Mr. Belcher: Glad to be back.

Mr. Brandgard: We're glad to have you back. You look relaxed, that's good.

Mr. Belcher: (inaudible)

Mr. Brandgard: Nate? Mel?

Mr. Daniel: Nothing tonight, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Mark?

Mr. Todisco: Nothing additional.

Mr. Brandgard: Brad, you have anything from the Chamber?

Mr. Dubois: I'm like Al, I just wanted to talk. No, just as a reminder, June 1st is the first farmer's market, 4-7 on Wednesdays through the second week of September. We've got LIVE entertainment, Wednesday. That's it, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Good, thank you. Have I missed any staff members?

(Brief pause)

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brandgard: If not, we'll go to Town Manager's report.

Mr. Klinger: All right, well, first I will confirm your fears, the agenda planned for June 13th is probably going to be little bit longer than this one, maybe quite a bit longer than this one. Things are starting to kind go que up. Obviously, we have an extra Monday in May, so we have an

extended period between meetings, three weeks instead of two, so that usually means a longer agenda as well.

Mr. Brandgard: Well, I felt that you'd probably have an extra week to go through everything you've moved to find what you're...

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, I will say that's definitely probably what's impacted this agenda. We've all been busy with moving into the new Government Center, so some things kind of got pushed to the next meeting. So, it will be a little longer agenda then, but the move has happened. The new Government Center is open and operating. As with any new building there are hiccups that we're still dealing with. We talked a little earlier about some of the key fob issues, but IT is working hard to get through some of those things. I sent an email out to staff last Friday, saying hey, you'd be amazed how many of your processes are developed around your physical space, and when your physical space changes suddenly your processes aren't what they used to be, so you have to adapt and change and make sure that your procedures work within your new physical space. And so, that's where we're at right now; learning where we need to make changes and where we need to adapt to the new space. But all in all, in the end this space was designed to really make us more professional and efficient, and I think that's going to happen eventually; we'll deliver on that promise as we work within that space. So, we're very excited about it, it's a really nice building, we invite you all to come out and check it out, give a tour to kind of show you where all the different nitty gritty details are, like where to find IT and the mailroom, and those kinds of things, so. Two other things I want to mention tonight. One, you have an ordinance on your agenda, Ordinance No. 26-2022, and this is the first step of something that we've been talking about for some time now, about the utility billing function that has been, up until now, managed through the Clerk Treasurer's Office which is typical in a lot of communities, but as communities grow you often see them get reassigned back into a complete utility operation, and that's exactly what we're looking to do right now, is to shift that function to the Department of Public Works, particularly the Utility Division of Public Works, to unify that what is really a customer service component, with the utility operations. And so, this would be a first step towards that direction.

Mr. Kirchoff: The agenda says 26, but the physical ordinance says 25.

Mr. Klinger: I believe it is actually 26. Right Melanie? The ordinance for utility billing, is it 26 or 25? It's numbered as 25 in the box. I think it was originally number 25 and then we realized there was another ordinance already with a 25 on it. And so... so, I think that's why...

Ms. Noble: It is number 26. There was some confusion; someone else had numbered something and (inaudible).

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, so I think the draft in the box says 25, but it is actually ordinance number 26 by our numbering system, so what's on the agenda...

Mr. McPhail: The agenda is 26.

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah, but the physical copy says 25.

Mr. Angle: The digital...

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah, the ordinance itself.

Mr. Brandgard: No, the ordinance itself.

Mr. Klinger: We'll need to get the ordinance corrected to reflect number 26 before it's executed. So, we'll get that changed but the agenda is correct. The only other thing I wanted to mention was – so, you may recall pre-COVID, I think it was in one of our power work sessions – we were talking about downtown redevelopment and I had put forth a concept for creating a façade improvement grant program to be able to put – basically, to try and leverage some private investment from downtown building owners to make some improvements to their own structures in the downtown area, as part of the overall downtown redevelopment. We were and

have been hoping to partner with Main Street Plainfield on that effort. Due to COVID and other things going on I don't think Main Street Plainfield really has been in a position to really move it forward until now. I think those stars are starting to align and I think we're getting into a place where Main Street Plainfield is ready to take on something like this and is actually working with OCRA to potentially leverage those dollars into additional dollars for investment in downtown. So, I bring this up basically to say we still have that \$50,000 amount. It's actually been being carried forward in the budget for a couple of years now, and I think we're in a position to move forward with that, and just looking really for consent to continue to move forward with a commitment in providing that \$50,000 as a match to an OCRA grant for Main Street Plainfield, to help fund façade improvements in downtown. Would that be an accurate way to put it, Dan? Dan is involved in Main Street.

Mr. Bridget: That's fine.

Mr. Brandgard: Consent?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Brandgard: You have it.

Mr. Klinger: Thank you. That is all I have for you this evening unless you have questions for me.

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: None, thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, any old business?

Mr. McPhail: I just have a question for Dan or Bill. Did I see them start the buildout of the restaurant today? Something's going on there.

Mr. Kirchoff: Well, we're white boxing; we're doing the white box.

Mr. Bridget: Oh, in the parking structure?

Mr. McPhail: Yeah

Mr. Bridget: Yeah

Mr. McPhail: Okay

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, the white boxing has begun.

Mr. Bridget: And we've made really good progress on the Vine Street side with the veterinary; they'll be opening soon.

Mr. McPhail: Yeah, that's coming along.

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah, he's got a "coming soon" sign up already.

(inaudible)

Mr. Bridget: Things are looking up. Thank you for asking.

Mr. McPhail: Well, thanks for moving that along.

Mr. Brandgard: Old business?

Mr. Bridget: No

Mr. Kirchoff: I guess I'm going to bring this up under old business because as Mel and I talked while ago, I've brought it up a number of times – but the weather's turned nice and I think school is now out, so Friday afternoon my wife and I were coming back from Danville, and we were on Vandalia Boulevard. As we were coming down south on Vandalia Boulevard, a young family with mom and dad in the front seat and a two-year-old standing up in the front seat, and two little kids sitting on the back of a golf cart, zipping up and down Vandalia Boulevard, in and out of subdivisions. I know we have an ordinance that prohibits those so I'm not sure. My first thought was, is there some way we can work with the homeowner's association to communicate to them that they are not permitted on town streets. They were in two or three subdivisions, and I just wanted to bring it back to the council again and say, it continues to be a problem.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, we've put out communication through several different options. I don't know that we're necessarily having an effect. I will say that one of the things that AI is working on is trying to build stronger relationships with those neighborhood associations, so that is certainly a tactic that I think we haven't really been able to utilize in the past, but we can do that going forward.

Mr. Kirchoff: My thought, just because they were in two or three different subdivisions, that if we could work on that northwest quadrant, I think that's where we've seen the most activity. Again, I just...

Mr. Klinger: Also, where we have the most active neighborhood associations, so we ought to be able to make those connections.

Mr. Kirchoff: That would be great. Okay, thanks AI.

Mr. McPhail: They're approved at Del Webb, right?

Mr. Kirchoff: They are approved in Del Webb, but this was not a Del Webb family.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, Del Webb is the only neighborhood that got approval.

Mr. McPhail: Yeah

Mr. Kirchoff: And the only other thing is, we've talked about having work session with the school board; we still need to get that scheduled.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, we've been trying to work with them to get that scheduled and it's been a little bit challenging trying to work around everybody's schedules, but Melanie is still working on that.

Mr. Kirchoff: Good. That's all I had.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, make it a priority. I've had several conversations with Scott. Is that all?

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: New business, Kent?

Mr. McPhail: No

Mr. Bridget: Mr. President, it's come to my attention, just in the last week or so, that the existing ordinance we have for people who are not maintaining their properties, is that the grass needs to be 12 inches high before we can do anything about it, and we have some repeat offenders in

Mr. Brandgard – yes

First Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 26-2022 is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Now we have several ordinances for their Second Reading. First Second Reading is Ordinance No. 20-2022 – An Ordinance Annexing and Making a Part of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, Certain Described Territory Contiguous to the Corporate Limits to the Town of Plainfield and Adding Said Territory to Council District Number 2 (Daugherty, 5613 E County Rd 350 S).

Mr. McPhail: Move to approve.

Mr. Kirchoff: Second

Mr. Daugherty: Excuse me?

Mr. Brandgard: Yes?

Mr. Daugherty: I'm Brian Daugherty, the homeowner (inaudible). I'm still gathering information for (inaudible), so I would ask you to please table this.

(Brief pause)

Mr. Klinger: It's up to the council, how you want to handle that. From Second Reading, so nothing is actually formally adopted until the Third Reading. So, it wouldn't be adopted until June 13th at the earliest.

Mr. Kirchoff: Do you have a timeframe Mr. Daugherty?

Mr. Daugherty: No, I don't. I'm (inaudible) engineer (inaudible). I was not notified that (inaudible).

Mr. Klinger: This was a super voluntary annexation, so we need to look into this because my understanding is that you petitioned to have it annexed.

Mr. Daugherty: No, there's been a misunderstanding.

(inaudible)

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, I mean, we wouldn't move forward if we didn't have a letter that you were petitioning to annex.

Mr. Daugherty: (inaudible)

Mr. Klinger: We'll have to look into that.

Mr. Brandgard: If that's the case...

Mr. Klinger: Maybe it is a good idea to table it for now, while we dig into that.

Mr. Bridget: Absolutely.

Mr. Brandgard: I would entertain a motion to table Ordinance No. 20-2022.

Mr. Kirchoff: We should rescind the first motion, shouldn't we?

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Kirchoff: Do you know who made the motion?

