

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

July 26, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Mr. Brandgard: Welcome everybody to the Plainfield Town Council meeting for July 26, 2021.

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: 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 this evening.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of July 12, 2021.
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket of Expenditures and Affidavits of Payroll, per the Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
3. Approval of the Human Resources Report dated July 21, 2021.
4. Approval of the updated Employee Certification and Licensure Incentive Program per the Human Resources Report effective August 1, 2021. (Funded from Department Budgets)
5. Approval to increase hourly wages for Department of Public Works and Parks Maintenance hourly positions by \$1.50 per hour, per the Human Resources report effective the start of the next pay period. (Funded from Department Budgets)
6. Approval to decrease Employee Health Insurance Premiums by 50% per the Human Resources Report effective the start of the next pay period. (Funded from Rainy Day)
7. Approval of Change Order No.1 to the contract with Midwest Mole, Inc., reducing the contract amount by \$281,480, by eliminating the Water Main Crossing of Quaker Blvd at Camby Road, per the Development Services Report.
8. Approval of an agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert in the amount of \$197,420 for Study and Design of a Restroom Facility, Trail Extensions and Utility Extensions in the Plainfield Nature Park, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from I-70 TIF)
9. Approval to submit a Community Crossing Matching Grant Application, including a Financial Commitment Letter, to INDOT for the Quaker Boulevard Concrete Pavement Preservation Project, per the Development Services Report.
10. Approval of the Request for Proposals/Qualifications for Project Blackhawk and permission to publish notice of the project to qualified vendors.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Brandgard: We'll go to business from the floor, and I think we have Scott Zarazee who wishes to address us. It's good to have you out again.

Mr. Zarazee: It's great to be here; thank you for allowing me to speak. I appreciate everyone having me out here. My name is Scott Zarazee, I'm the new Outreach Coordinator for Attorney General Todd Rokita. And so, we are out doing our outreach in cities and counties, and I just wanted to talk a little bit about what Todd is doing as Attorney General, some of the things we are doing in the Attorney General's Office. I'm sure many of you know, or at least have an idea that what the Attorney General does is represent the State of Indiana, but we do have other programs that are used and available to the public, such as our Advisory Division which pertains a lot to what you do here. As I'm sure you know, the state passed a lot of laws and regulations, and they went into effect at the beginning of this month. We do have an Advisory Division so that if there's something that you want clarification on as to how it affects your town here, you can work through your State Legislator in order for us to issue an opinion as to what our opinion is on the proper implementation on that procedure. We also have the Consumer Protection Division; there are a lot of things I'm sure – you know, you probably get a lot of phone calls that are pretty obvious to you they are scams, but to some people they are not; they go forward with them. When I was out talking to someone, she came up to me and said that her sister got a phone call and that someone berated her into giving her social security number to them. So, she asked us what she could do in a situation like that; we do have Consumer Protection for citizens. We also have Unclaimed Property; this is probably the thing that the Attorney General likes for us to talk about the most. Our office gives back to Hoosiers over \$1 million in unclaimed property every week. I myself, when I started a few months ago, I went on the website and found out that I had \$400 in unclaimed property, so that was a nice little bonus starting my new job. I'd encourage everybody to visit our website and see if you have anything like that. We also have a Real Estate Division that can give opinions on property seizures and things like that, so if there's anything in that nature. So, those are the things that we can offer at the Attorney General's Office, and my job is to go out and hopefully engage the public a little bit more, including their representatives, as to what we do.

Mr. Brandgard: Scott, thank you.

Mr. Zarazee: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Any questions?

Mr. Angle: Not from me

Mr. McPhail: The Danville paper published the unclaimed list for Hendricks County and none of us were on it.

Mr. Zarazee: That's probably a bad thing, you never know.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah – thank you Scott. Is there any other business from the floor this evening?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: If you could, come to the microphone and give us your name and address; there should be a sheet to write that down on for the record, if you would please.

Ms. Carter: Hi, my name is Abigail Carter, and I am the PTO President at Guilford Elementary. We just recently had our ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday and we're excited for the new school to be open here in a couple of weeks. I'm also a first-grade teacher at the school. We are seeking approval to plan a 5k event at Guilford, and it would be in October, the last of October, Saturday the 30th. It would be starting at the school, down Moon Road hopefully on the trail, and then through Sugar Grove – which most of the families come to Guilford from the Sugar Grove neighborhood – and then back to the school. We're planning on having a Halloween themed type

run, so it would be open to the community. Families could dress up in costume; we're going to have a costume contest, just make it fun for the kiddos. So, it would be pretty much the school district's first public event since COVID, which we're really excited about hosting, so that's what we're working towards.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, Chief, this works for you?

Ms. Singh: She's already spoken to police department.

Mr. Brandgard: Oh

Ms. Carter: I have reached out to the police department, and then also the Sugar Grove HOA as well.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Ms. Carter: So, I'm just waiting to hear back from them.

Ms. Singh: Prewitt did tell her to get an off-duty officer from the off duty (inaudible).

Ms. Carter: And I did request that.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay – do we have consent?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Brandgard: Consent

Ms. Carter: Okay, thank you. Are any of you runners? Would you like to register?

Mr. Brandgard: The ribbon cutting yesterday...

Ms. Carter: Yes

Mr. Brandgard: That's a fantastic school.

Ms. Carter: It is, it's beautiful. We're very excited.

Mr. Brandgard: The layout and the rooms, it ought to be a pleasure to teach there.

Ms. Carter: Yes, yes, very excited. So, we were just wondering about the trail from the school, if that will be finished by the end of October?

Mr. Brandgard: Scott? You're smiling.

Mr. Singleton: I'm glad this was asked. I'm confident that it will be, but contractually it doesn't need to be. So, I will get a little bit more certainty so that we can make that commitment, but I am very confident that that is the plan.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, great, thank you.

Mr. Angle: Just tell them it's for the kids...

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Ms. Carter: It is for the kids.

Mr. Angle: ...then they'll feel guilty and make sure it's done early.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Ms. Carter: Thank you gentlemen.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you so much. Is there any other business from the floor this evening?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: With no other business coming forward, we'll go to staff reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Brandgard: Tim, anything from Development Services?

Mr. Belcher: I have nothing else, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay - Scott, anything else from Transportation? Welcome back.

Mr. Singleton: Nothing additional, thank you very much.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay - Chief McKee, anything from the Police Department?

Mr. McKee: Nothing additional.

Mr. Brandgard: Welcome back also. Chief Anderson, from the Fire Department?

Mr. Anderson: Nothing this evening, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay - Todd, anything from Development?

Mr. Cook: Nothing this evening.

Mr. Brandgard: Doug, anything from the Communications Center?

Mr. Burris: Nothing further, sir.

Mr. Brandgard: Brent, anything from Parks?

Mr. Bangel: Nothing additional, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Jason, DPW?

Mr. Castetter: Nothing additional.

Mr. Brandgard: Stephanie, anything from Communications?

Ms. Singh: Nothing additional, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Steve?

Mr. Dyson: I would like to break the chain, but I don't have anything additional.

Mr. Brandgard: Kevin, anything from Planning?

Mr. Whaley: I'll follow suit; nothing additional.

Mr. Brandgard: Nate?

Mr. Thorne: I will only say, thank you for the support on the consent agenda items. I have a lot of very happy staff members that have expressed already lots of text messages, that are paying attention. Thanks again, for that.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Mark, do you have anything?

Mr. Todisco: Just that I was fortunate to walk through the MADE building this week, and also the Guilford Elementary School; both are impressive buildings, and I was excited to see those coming up.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you – Did I miss any staff?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: We'll go to Town Manager's report.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Klinger: I would love to say, "nothing additional" but I actually have a number of items to bring up this evening. First, I do just want to mention, in terms of the COVID pandemic, we're continuing to track and monitor – I put in my report some information; Hendricks County is now back to yellow status and cases are starting to go in the wrong direction, going up, and so I just want to make sure you understand that we're continuing to monitor that and are already starting to think about what are some of the things that we can do protect our employees. Encouraging people to go back to virtual meetings, making sure that we're not crowding too many people in small spaces and those sorts of things. So, we're looking at ways that we can mitigate that so that we're not impacted by that growth in cases. There are two ordinances in your agenda this evening that I do want to mention, that are on the agenda for first reading. The first one, Ordinance No. 21 is just really kind of a cleanup ordinance related to parking of motor homes and recreational vehicles. Looking at some past ordinances, Mel and I both agreed that this ordinance is actually still in place but is not clearly identified within the codified ordinance; we want to correct that. And so, that's what this is. It's not really a change of policy, it's just recodifying this section. And then No. 22 is really kind of a result of an action, a couple of actions that were taken earlier in the year related to unsafe building. At that time, we had some discussion about having a different, better process for managing those types of matters that come forward. So, what this would do is actually establish myself as Town Manager, as the Hearing Authority on those matters, to conduct essentially an administrative hearing on those issues. I bring it up tonight because we have an issue that is pending that Mr. Jones is ready to take to a hearing. And so, there is some urgency about needing to get this process in place so that we can take this particular case through this process. And so, I would ask that you consider fast tracking that particular ordinance, to be able to move that process a little bit faster.

Mr. Kirchoff: So, are you suggesting at the next Council meeting, that we do Second and Third and Adoption?

Mr. Klinger: Yes

Mr. Kirchoff: Okay

Mr. Klinger: And then...

Mr. Brandgard: Or if it's important enough, since it's just an administrative one, we can probably do all three.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, that is possible. I think it takes a consensus of all five Council members to do so, but that would help move that process along, for sure. And then I just wanted to mention, this is a busy week – we have, of course this is two to three years in the making, MADE@Plainfield Higher Education Facility is nearing its end of construction, and operation starting. We have the grand opening this Thursday at 1:00 p.m., and we're very excited about bringing everyone to Plainfield to see the grand opening and to be a part of that. And we're even more excited for the first week of August when it will be open to classes for Ivy Tech and Vincennes, and the Department of Homeland Security will be conducting the courses as part of the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy. So, we're very excited about that. WorkOne is also going to be a tenant

of that building; I think they're coming a little bit later in the year, so they're not going to be there in August, but they are, as they wind down they're existing lease, going to be making to move over there as well. So, very excited about that. Tomorrow night our Main Street – and actually, before I mention that – some of you are a part of and aware that we had the Director of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the state come visit us last week. Denny Spinner, who was the Mayor of Huntingburg for some time, and then was appointed to this position by Governor Holcomb, he came and visited the community last week. We were able to give him a tour of the downtown area, a hardhat tour of the Government Center that's under construction. We just, you know, talked about what's going on in terms of revival within downtown Plainfield. He had an opportunity to meet with the Main Street, a couple of members of the Main Street Plainfield, including Doug Huff who was able to talk about the work they're doing on the Prewitt Theater. So, it was just a really good visit; I said earlier today, I feel like we learned as much from Denny as he learned about what we're doing here. He shared an awful lot, talked about things that they did in Huntingburg that really worked. And so, I thought it was a really good visit. In talking about Main Street Plainfield, we are actually having an open house tomorrow at CrestPoint Realty at 5:00 p.m. So, we encourage folks who are interested in downtown and seeing that being supported, and supporting the local businesses, come check that out. Again, that's CrestPoint Realty, right on Main Street, at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, so check that out. And then finally I wanted to mention – not to make much ado about nothing, but we're going to have Much Ado About Nothing at Hummel Park Amphitheater on Saturday. The town helped us sponsor this event to have Shakespeare in the Park come and do a performance at Hummel Amphitheater on Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and they will be performing Much Ado About Nothing – kind of excited about that one. And I think that's all I have unless you have any questions of me.

Mr. Angle: I think the only quick questions is, the Ordinance No. 22-2021 which amends Chapter 150 of the Building and Construction regulations, what does it currently say about the Hearing Authority? What are we actually amending?

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, so the way it was set up, the Council is essentially that authority, and if you'll recall back several months ago, we had a couple of matters that came through on Clover Drive and it was a little bit of a challenge, I guess, to conduct that hearing as part of a meeting. And so, we got some feedback, and Mel specifically got some feedback from Council members of "hey, we need to do this a little bit differently" and so all this does is really change that authority to the Town Manager. So, what I would do is conduct the hearing, hear out the sides, and present some sort of findings of fact and conclusions to the Council, and then – I don't know if Joel can answer to any of this – but the Council would always have the ability to rehear that if you wanted to.

Mr. Angle: Okay

Mr. Klinger: But it basically makes it a little bit more of an administrative process, and then you get kind of the results of what are the facts of that situation.

Mr. Angle: Thank you

Mr. Klinger: Anything else?

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: With nothing else, we'll go to Kent, any old business?

Mr. Kirchoff: No sir.

Mr. Angle: None

Mr. Kirchoff: I guess I cover this under old business; I mentioned to Stephanie that I was going to bring this up. I'm not sure who else to thank Stephanie; you and maybe the Chief...

Ms. Singh: Yes

Mr. Kirchoff: ...on the Plainfield app, the information about the golf carts. It was kind of interesting – as some of you know, I was at Myrtle Beach last week for vacation and there were golf carts running everywhere. You know my conservative nature and it was – I kept looking at that and low and behold here it comes and hits my cell phone, and I'm going "thank you very much". So, I commend you for that because it is a concern I've had for a long, long time, so thanks for addressing that.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, thanks for bringing that up; I was going to bring it up also. My son meets me up every now and then, and he said over the last few weeks, on the west side, there's golf carts running everywhere with kids in them. In fact, he was cutting the grass and a kid come by in one of those small, motorized bikes or scooters, and about hit him because he didn't stop to go around the corner. If we could have some more patrolling on the west side – well, one day I saw one go across Main Street over there by the police station – we only have one area in town they're allowed, and maybe we may have to disallow it to get rid of them, I don't know, but it's something that we need to look at. Thanks for bringing that up because I was going to.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you. That's all I had.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: New business, Kent?

Mr. McPhail: No

Mr. Bridget: Mr. President, I'd just like to echo something that Andrew already said. The Main Street Plainfield Group is a registered OCRA organization; just registered, just less than a month old – I guess it's a month and a half. So, the open house that we're having tomorrow is a really important kick off and I really encourage people in the community to take a little bit of time between 5:00-7:00 p.m. tomorrow night. It's going to be on Main Street at 208 West Main, which is right across the street from the Prewitt Theater. This is an organization that is all about Plainfield and the vitality of downtown. I really would appreciate everybody just giving a little consideration to go there.

Mr. Brandgard: Good, thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: The only other thing I had was – I think it was in Andrew's report – about the parking ordinance for downtown, and I cannot find a copy of it, so I'm not sure where to look.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, that's because I can't actually find an up-to-date copy of it either. I need to get Mel to provide a fresh copy, but as you know, Mel is on vacation right now...

Mr. Kirchoff: I feel better now.

Mr. Klinger: We will get that out to you to review as soon as we can. My goal would be to have that for you for First Reading at the next meeting. So, we'll get that to you.

Mr. Kirchoff: I appreciate that. I'm glad I – I don't feel so bad that I couldn't find it. That's all I had.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brandgard: We'll go to resolutions. We have one resolution this evening, Resolution No. 2021-44 – A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining that the Qualifications for an

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No: 19-2021. 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

Second Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 19-2021 is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. We also have for a Third Reading and Adoption, Ordinance No. 16-2021 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 91 of the Plainfield Town Code to Establish Regulations for Animals on Public Property.

Mr. Kirchoff: So moved.

Mr. McPhail: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 16-2021. 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

Third Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 16-2021 is approved and adopted.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Brandgard: Is there anything else to come before us this evening?

(Brief pause)

ADJOURN

Mr. Brandgard: If not, I'd entertain a motion to sign the documents requiring signature and adjourn.

Mr. McPhail: So moved.

Mr. Angle: Second

Mr. Brandgard: All in favor?

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Adjourned

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