

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

October 11, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Mr. Brandgard: The Plainfield Town Council meeting for Monday, October 11, 2021 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: Let the record show that Lance is not with us for the meeting this evening, and we have four members present; we have a quorum for conducting business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brandgard: On the consent agenda this evening:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 27, 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 October 8, 2021.
4. Approval of a contract with Davey's Resource Group, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000, for Tree Planting and Mitigation on property South of I-70, per the Department of Public Works Report. (Funded from Storm Water)
5. Approval to create a position for a part-time patrol officer for a 6-month trial period, pending approval of the Plainfield Police Commissioners, per the Police Department Report. (Funded from General Fund)
6. Approval to submit a project application to the Indianapolis MPO to request funding for up to \$2,604,800 for construction of a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Avon Ave. and CR 300 S (Township Line Rd.), including the filing of a financial commitment letter obligating the Town to cover the balance of costs currently estimated to be \$1,805,200, per the Development Services Report.
7. Approval to release all retainage, including any accrued interest, approximately \$68,445 to Kokosing Industrial, Inc. for work associated with the West Fork Interceptor, Phase 1, per the Development Services Report.
8. Approval to renew the town's privilege for land application of sledge from the south wastewater treatment plant and authorizing Town Council President to sign required forms related to town owned land and facilities, per the Development Services report.

Are there any additions or corrections to the consent agenda?

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have any business from the floor this evening?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: Business from the floor?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Brandgard: With nobody coming up, we'll go to staff reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Brandgard: Tim? Chief McKee? Anything from Financial? Well, Mel? Anything from Finance?

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brandgard: Town Manager's report?

Mr. Klinger: Well, as you can see, it's fall break. We have a number of key staff who are out travelling this week, and so we're a little bit bare bones.

Mr. Kirchoff: Based on conversations this morning, we should commend them for taking their vacations.

Mr. Brandgard: Absolutely.

Mr. Klinger: Yes, yes.

Mr. Brandgard: And again, based on – as managers, unfortunately we don't have all the managers here, but as managers, we should be encouraging our people to take the vacation, because that's what we give it to them for.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, absolutely, yeah.

Mr. Brandgard: And as was pointed out to me when I was working, you need to take it to clear your mind occasionally. So, anyhow, that was a commercial.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, well we certainly have a number of folks who are utilizing that time this week. I myself will be hit or miss; I'm not travelling or anything, but I am wanting to spend a little bit of time with family, as the kids are out of school and all. So, I'll be around this week, but I may take off a little bit on Thursday/Friday. I did just want to mention really quick, as a couple of you know because you were down there with us, but we had the AIM Ideas Summit Conference last week down in French Lick. I do think that this was one of the better conferences; the attendance was up considerably, and I felt like they had a really good diverse group of sessions on different topic areas, some really good sessions. You know, always with these things you have some that are hit or miss, but I felt like there were more good sessions than bad ones. I did put – they kind of did this sort of this quasi-virtual model here – all of the slide decks were made available through a drop box, and I did put those in the box. At your leisure, if you want to look at them, they're there. Like I said, a lot of different topics from public safety to development, personnel issues, quite a bit of course relating to kind of the "post COVID era" and the implications on the labor market and all of that, so you might want to check some of those out. Also, I just wanted to mention, I brought it up last time, but it was before the awards ceremony, now we are post award ceremony – we did receive an award for the Raceway Road project at the Monumental Awards, hosted by the Indy Chamber. Banning Engineering of course did a lot of that design work on a lot

of that project, and they submitted it for the award, and we were able to receive that. And so, that was another nice piece of hardware to put up; hopefully when our new building is done, we'll have a nice place to put up all of the hardware. Like I said, that was a nice award and it's been two years in the running now – maybe we skipped a year because of COVID.

Mr. Brandgard: But we have received two.

Mr. Klinger: We've received two and I've already got ideas of what we're going to put in for next year. Being out at conference last week, I don't have a whole lot of anything else, really. So, unless you have questions, that's all I have for this evening.

Mr. Brandgard: As Andrew mentioned, if you have the opportunity to go to the conference, it's well worth going down too. Not only do you pick up a lot from the sessions, you pick up more from talking to other people.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, it's a great networking opportunity, meeting with leaders from other communities, finding out what they're going through and dealing with, you know, being a lot of the same things that we're dealing with. And so, really, yeah, a really good opportunity to network there.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Klinger: Thank you

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, any old business? Dan? Bill?

Mr. Kirchoff: I guess I'll consider this old business. We've had conversations off and on for some period of time about golf carts in the community, and I experienced last night again, going up Vandalia Boulevard, some teenagers coming down the county road in front of me, going into the subdivision. And I just shared with the Chief, a location where I saw a nice fancy brand new golf cart sitting out on the street. The only reason I bring it up is, in some conversations we were wondering - don't we have a list of the homeowner's associations in town? Some way we need to start communicating our position on this. I don't know whether Stephanie can help us with this, or how we go about doing it, but I just think we need to be proactive and get the message out. The Chief tells me that we have teenagers that are not in Del Webb, who are using Del Webb for a place to go drive their golf carts.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, I think – I'll have to talk with Stephanie – I'm not sure if we have – I think we have some sort of a list of neighborhood associations, but I don't know how up to date it is and how complete it is, but certainly we have some contacts there. I'll talk to Stephanie about it.

Mr. Kirchoff: And maybe in the Plainfield Post as well.

Mr. Klinger: Well, yeah, that would be a good opportunity too.

Mr. Brandgard: I think when – I thought when we crafted that ordinance for Del Webb it was to allow the residents to drive on their streets within there, which means you have to be a resident. I think if they're not going to police that, then maybe we need to rescind that and say none anywhere.

Mr. Kirchoff: Well, and I'll let him speak, but he said Del Webb people are asking to drive their golf carts to Walmart to shop.

Mr. Brandgard: Do what?

Mr. Kirchoff: Del Webb is driving their golf carts to Walmart to shop.

Mr. Brandgard: That's a little bit out of where we allowed it. So, we've got a lot of issues here.

Mr. Bridget: That's unfortunate.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, we'll explore that both from a communications standpoint and an enforcement standpoint. And as you just suggested Robin, maybe we need to take another look at the ordinance itself and make some changes there.

Mr. Kirchoff: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Kirchoff: Thars all I had.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, new business?

Mr. McPhail: No sir.

Mr. Bridget: I have one item Mr. President. While I was down at the AIM Summit, I learned in a session called "Musical Jeopardy", put on by a law firm that all we know very well, Mel, that municipal ordinances regarding signs on-premise and off-premise, are being challenged by signage companies. Are we aware of that? And have we taken steps to counter anything that might occur?

Mr. Klinger: Yes, that wonderful law firm that we are all very familiar with has submitted a brief – and Mel, I'll just turn it over to you because you know more than I do – but we are, we've been participating in that litigation that's moving forward.

Mr. Daniel: (microphone not on) (inaudible) major case (inaudible) as you well know (inaudible). So, about the time we get everything the way it should be (inaudible) another decision. (inaudible) signs. So, it's an ongoing, to try to keep up with the sign law.

Mr. Bridget: Well, one thing that was unique that I heard before, was that some municipalities may be encouraged to separate their on-premise signs from their off-premise signs in two separate ordinances, so that both aren't struck down at once. So, I thought that was interesting.

Mr. Daniel: (microphone not on) (inaudible)

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, so we'll continue to monitor how that case comes out in the Seventh Circuit and what that means for us, and if we need to make any changes to our own ordinances.

Mr. Brandgard: Anything else?

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brandgard: We'll go to resolutions, and we do have three resolutions this evening. First is Resolution No. 2021-65 – A Resolution Preliminarily Designating Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Personal Property and Improvements for Tax Abatement – Walgreen Co. (Distribution Center).

Mr. Kirchoff: So moved.

Mr. Bridget: Second

Ms. McKinney: Mr. Bridget – yes
Mr. Kirchoff – yes
Mr. McPhail – yes
Mr. Brandgard – yes

First Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 35-2021 is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: We have one Ordinance for its Second Reading. Ordinance No. 33-2021 – An Ordinance Authorizing 2022 Appropriations and Tax Rates.

Mr. McPhail: Move to approve.

Mr. Kirchoff: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 33-2021. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

Ms. McKinney: Mr. Bridget – yes
Mr. Kirchoff – yes
Mr. McPhail – yes
Mr. Brandgard – yes

Second Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 33-2021 is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. We also have two ordinances for their Third Reading and Adoption. The first ordinance for the Third Reading and Adoption is Ordinance No. 23-2021 – An Ordinance Creating a New Subsection in Chapter 93 of Title IX of the Plainfield Municipal Code of Ordinances Regarding Scooter Regulations.

Mr. Bridget: Move to approve.

Mr. Kirchoff: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 23-2021. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

Ms. McKinney: Mr. Bridget – yes
Mr. Kirchoff – yes
Mr. McPhail – yes
Mr. Brandgard – yes

Third Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 23-2021 is approved and adopted.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. We also have for its Third Reading and Adoption, Ordinance No. 28-2021 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 76 of the Plainfield Town Code and Establishing Parking Regulations for a Certain Area in the Town of Plainfield, Indiana.

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