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November 14th, 2023

Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Lynn Allen, Terry Ingersoll, Andrea Hornberger, Jeff Gnoose, Brenda Higgins, George Turner, Mary Kincer, Rod & Karen Bolin, Joyce Pickett, Ray Rodmaker, Edna KayFalett, Tammy Wisman,

Motion to open meeting at 6:30 pm CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Nov. 14th, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Rod Bolin with Hogan Hill Baptist Church wanted to talk with the Council about possibly using the Church building that the Town owns at 14467 Main Street. Rod stated that the building they are currently using is falling apart and they do not have the money to get it fixed. Bolin also stated that they would hold services on Sunday mornings, and Tuesday evenings. Allen stated that we currently have a congregation that uses the facility, and they have services on Sunday mornings. The council stated that we could set up a meeting with the congregation that currently uses the building and with Rod Bolins congregation to see if something could be worked out and they would get back with Mr. Bolin about the meeting.

Tammy Wismann submitted a letter to request a donation from the Town of Moores Hill to help with funding for the Moores Hill Winter Walk. Wismann stated that this year they will have a magnet to give to the people participating and then at the end the participants will receive their ornaments. There will also be carriage rides, stockings for the kids, and this year the ornament will be an honoring the first responders. Motion to donate \$1,500.00 to the Moores Hill Winter Walk CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen, Motion carried.

Reminder for the upcoming meeting on Thursday Nov. 16th, 2023 at 6 pm for the Moores Hill Redevelopment Committee Meeting.

CM Allen stated that she is working with the SIRPC to redo the Moores Hill Comprehensive Plan and that she will have more information to follow.

Motion to approve purchase of lunch for the “Road Crew” that the Dearborn County Sheriff’s Office provides CM Allen, 2nd CM Ingersoll; motion carried.

Motino to approve October 2023 Sewer Fund and General Fund Account Payables Vouchers CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Motion to approve October 2023 Fund Utility reports CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Motion to approve October 2023 Payroll Utility reports CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Motion to approve October 2023 Wastewater Utility reports CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Motion to approve October 3rd, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, CM Allen stated that a correction needs to be made on the minutes for the name of Williams Street, CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11-1, An Ordinance establishing a Redevelopment Committee for the Town of Moores Hill CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lynn Allen to serve as a voting member on the SIRPC Board for the Town of Moores Hill in 2024 CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

CT Hornberger stated that she was contacted by Civista Bank about Positive Pay to help reduce our exposure and risk of fraud for our accounts with Civista Bank. CT Hornberger stated that she is going to have a meeting with them and report more at the next meeting.

Town Attorney not present.

LRS Superintendent Dell was not at the meeting due to training, but he asked that the council discuss the purchase of a bucket truck from Rodney Crabtree with RC Electric. Dell stated that if we purchase this from Crabtree, we will know about all the maintenance on the truck and if we have any questions, we can easily reach out to him to get details. Motion to purchase bucket truck from Rodney Crabtree for \$12,500.00 for the Town of Moores Hill CM Allen, 2nd CM Ingersoll; motion carried.

Motion to sell the old bucket truck and the lawnmower that is stored in the garage at the water tower, and to advertise for sealed bids, CM Allen, 2nd CM Ingersoll; motion carried.

Town Marshal not present.

Motion to pay Joseph Garrison at Spot Labor pay for painting the curbs in Town and for cleaning out the Storm covers CM Allen, 2nd CM Ingersoll; motion carried.

Mary Kincer stated that this is the second time that she has attended the Council Meetings to complain about her neighbor having chickens that are loud and roam all over the place. Kincer stated that she should not have to go through this again. CM Allen asked if she could talk with the neighbor one more time and if this doesn't work, we will begin the process of legal actions. Kincer agreed to this.

George Turner stated that Council President Bobby Russell stopped by his house and stated that a Mike Lawrence is purchasing the property behind his house and that the Town would need to open up the alley way beside his house to give access to the new property owner. Turner stated that he does not want this opened up and does not want traffic going by his house. Council stated that they would talk with CP Russell and the TA to see what is going on.

Brenda Higgins stated that she has submitted a payment to the Town of Moores Hill for her wastewater utility. Then a couple days later received a certified letter stating that the check was sent back to the Town of Moores Hill for unable to charge. She does not understand why CT Hornberger did not call her and tell her about this instead of sending a certified letter and charging her \$40.00 plus the amount of the

check. Then Higgins proceeded to ask why there was another payment made to the Town and ran through even though she did not authorize this transaction.

CT Hornberger stated that she received a payment from Brenda Higgins for account number 10002300 on Sept. 19th, 2023 in the amount of \$76.00 Ck# 9649.

Hornberger deposited the check into the bank like normal. On Sept. 25th, 2023 Hornberger received a letter from Civista Bank, for Higgins account for the said payment, stating that the check was sent back for the reason of Chargeback, also stated that the bank has charged a fee of \$20.00 for unable to process the payment. So, CT Hornberger followed the Town of Moores Hill Ordinance Title V: Public Works, Chapter 52, Subsection 52.28, (C), (b), nonrecurring charges, returned check charge, \$20.00 plus bank fee.

CT Hornberger used the Key-Utility program and reversed the payment to the account on Sept. 25th, also added on the \$20.00 for the bank fee and \$20.00 for the Town fee. Then sent the certified letter to give notice to Brenda Higgins. On October 1st the new charges were added to the account for the flat monthly rate.

On October 18th, 2023 CT Hornberger received another payment from Brenda Higgins in the amount of \$75.73 check # 9654, \$40.00 of that payment went to the \$20.00 Town fee and \$20.00 for the bank fee and \$35.73 went to the Wastewater fee. On November 1st the new charges were added to the account for the flat monthly rate.

CT Hornberger stated that when Brenda Higgins received the letter she came to the office and was yelling and not wanting to listen so that she could tell her of the process. Ms. Higgins began to yell and cuss so CT Hornberger asked her to please leave the building. Higgins came in again later that day requesting copies of her detailed history. CT Hornberger printed out the detailed history as far back as she could. Ms. Higgins does not want to sit down and discuss this calmly, so the Council stated that we need to close the meeting.

Motion to close the meeting at 7:28 pm CM Ingersoll, 2nd CM Allen; motion carried.

Attest:

X *Andrea Hornberger*

Andrea Hornberger
Clerk Treasurer

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Robert Russell (Bobby Russell)
Council President

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Lynn Allen

Lynn Allen
Council Member

X

Terry Ingersoll

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Council Member