Town of Cambridge City

**Council Meeting**

Monday, February128h, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Cambridge City met in a regular scheduled meeting Monday, February 12th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the regular place, the Town Hall, 127 N. Foote Street, Cambridge City, Indiana.

The Town Council Vice President Mike Amick presided. The Town Clerk-Treasurer Sherry Ervin was present to attest the proceedings. Pastor Doug Harris began the meeting with a prayer and was followed up by Vice President Amick leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Cal**l: Present on roll call Mike Amick, Gary Cole, and Jim King. Jim McLane was present via phone call. Absent from the meeting was Debbie McGinley. A quorum was attained.

**Also, Present:** Bob Bever, Town Attorney; Richard Roberts, Police Chief; Jeff Gabbard, Fire Chief; and WCTV. Several guests were in attendance including Anne Hays from Wessler Engineering, Jeff Plasterer, and Millie Emery from Western Wayne News.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Jim King made a motion approving the January 8th minutes and was seconded by Gary Cole, the motion carried. Jim King made a motion approving claims #9083-9152 and all payroll claims that were presented for payment. Gary Cole seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jim King approved the January financials and was seconded by Gary Cole, the motion carried.

**Guests:** Anne Hays from Wessler Engineering gave an update on Phase 1B water project and discussed two pay applications and a change order request. Jim King made a motion to approve Pay Application #6 in the amount of $252,078.90 and to approve Pay Application #7 in the amount of $822,032.00. Gary Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Change Order #1 was presented by Hays to the council for their review. Some work on Phase 1B at the Industrial Park has begun, Culy Contracting is still behind schedule and requested a 90-day extension last fall which council agreed to assess half the damages between the original completion date and the extension. Culy is asking for another extension on the deadline, but any further decision was tabled until the March 4th council meeting. However, a motion was made by Jim King approving the change order items 2-8, adding an additional $105,627 (ductile iron pipe, additional hydrant for flushing, filter controls upgrade, flushing raw water main between Wells #2 & 3, LED wall pack, and adding VPDs to the Town Wells 2 & 3) all to the project. Gary Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.

County Commissioner Jeff Plasterer discussed with the council an opportunity for Main Street business owners to apply for a grant through the HELP program for external improvements to their building. A motion was made by Jim King for the area allowable for the grant application on Main Street from the eastern city limits to the western city limits. Gary Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed. By the March meeting, council will need to decide who the scoring volunteer will be so the awards can be presented by the end of summer.

**Unfinished Business**: Since Ken Risch was absent from the meeting, Amick reported additional letters have been sent out regarding blighted properties on North Plum Street and East Church Street address to clean up the properties. Other unfinished business Bob Bever will have the Tree Service Ordinance and the Electrical Ordinance at the March meeting. More discussions regarding RV parking in the park during the April eclipse brought up more concerns regarding the idea. A motion was made by Jim King to proceed with the program and to find answers to the questions that are of concern. The eclipse committee will meet again and will answer the questions (cost, damages, and RV parking spaces) raised by council members and will advise on the final plan at the March meeting. Mike Amick seconded the motion. Gary Cole voted against the motion, but the motion passed.

The 2024 East Germantown fire contract will stand as is. Pershing’s Council President called the Clerk’s office asking for the contract to remain at the $2000 as it previously has been. The increase of the fire protection service was on the 2023 contract, which all the Pershing council members agreed to by signing their names. The Pershing Clerk only paid $2000 for the year 2023 and still owes the Town of Cambridge City $1000 from the 2023 contract. Clerk-Treasurer Ervin will make a phone call advising the amount that is still owed and advise the contract will remain at $3000 for the fire protection service.

**Staff Reports**: Fire Chief Gabbard announced the fireworks will be displayed on July 6th and the car show will be July 7th at Creitz Park. Other reports, the CCMG bids were opened for the 2024 paving project with the winning bid going to Dave O’Mara at $193,492.20.

A motion was made by Jim King to pay Beals-Moore & Associates $5800 for the survey that was done behind the fire station. Gary Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim King made a motion to re-nominate Mike Amick to the Western Wayne Regional Sewage District Board, Seat 3. Gary Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed. The clerk will contact Jim Cohen asking if he would like to remain on Seat 4 and will advise the council at the March meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim King and was seconded by Gary Cole. The next regular council meeting will be March 4th at 6:00 p.m.