

March 12, 2019

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Rossville Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

On call of the roll: David Severt, Jack Fingerle, and Bill Croto

Also present were Chad Colby, Travis Harris, Robert Shaffer, Karamjeet Singh Mann, Anthony Johnson, Kevin Seward, Michael Gochenour, David Meek, and Brian Fisher.

Dave Severt called the meeting to order and minutes from the February 12, 2019 and executive work session March 4, 2019 were approved as presented.

Karamjeet Singh Mann, representing Friendly Gas Station, appeared before the Council to discuss an easement to allow 2-way traffic in the alley north of the gas station. Robert Shaffer presented to Council an easement agreement for review. After discussion and review, Bill Croto made a motion to approve the easement with the understanding the improvements to the alley and landscaping is completed and seconded by Jack Fingerle. After further discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to amend the previous motion and change the wording in the first paragraph of the easement to state "its citizens, visitors, and successors", seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

David Meek appeared before the Council to discuss the excessive water usage at 113 E. North St. after a new tenant moved in on 01/16/19. Chad Colby stated he had the meter pulled and tested. There was no issue with the meter. After discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to charge \$315.91 for the water usage and waive the wastewater usage, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Mike Gochenour informed Council he would be renovating the old fire station into a 24-hour exercise business with key card access. He also discussed modifying the water and wastewater lines into the building. He wants to put in a meter pit at the front of the building and change the 4 inch line to a one inch line. This was tabled until the April meeting so that Chad Colby can supply a better estimate of the cost of installing a meter pit.

Travis Harris discussed the findings that were included in an email dated February 27, 2019 to the Council members of the old Gingerbread Shop. He stated he had not heard whether there had been any progress from Area Plan or the State Fire Marshal's office. Robert Shaffer was asked to contact Area Plan.

Robert Shaffer stated he had not yet been able to make service on Randy Voyles.

Chad Colby discussed the mini excavator demonstration and reviewed an update on the Agrico barn. There was continued discussion of having a qualified water operator.

The 2019 fire contract with the Rossville Volunteer Fire Department was presented to Council for review. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Council approved allowing the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #20 to collect donations on June 15, 2019 for "Dollars Against Diabetes". Additional Appropriation 2019-02 was presented to Council for approval. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Dave Severt reminded everyone of an OCRA meeting at the Town Park Pavilion on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

There was discussion of several issues the water department will be facing in the upcoming future as the system is getting older and in need of repairs or replacements. After much discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to implement a rate increase effective July 1, 2019, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Voucher Register was signed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____

Patricia McIlrath
Clerk Treasurer
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