

May 11, 2021

This is a report of the Rossville Town Council regular meeting and public hearings for an additional appropriation and water rate ordinance on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

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

Also present were Chad Colby, Barth Mink, Ed Underwood, Robert Shaffer, Kenneth Cree, Joe Metzger, Trent Montemayor, Steve and Deb Bowman, and Lawrence Stroup.

Joe Metzger appeared before Council concerning an excessive water usage on the December 1, 2020 utility billing. The meter was pulled and tested. After discussion, the Council gave a one-time wastewater adjustment credit of \$118.26 on his account.

Kenneth Cree appeared before the Council to request a special exception variance zoning of 57 W. Main St. He wants to convert the Rossville Professional Building to apartments. It was questioned whether there would be adequate parking for apartment dwellers. Bill Croto made a motion to allow the special exception variance to convert the Rossville Professional Building to both commercial and residential on the condition there is adequate parking in the rear of the building for both commercial and apartment dwellers, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Kenny also informed Council he was going to be moving more trailers into the trailer park. He made a request to install a 4' x 8' sign on St. Rd 39. He was directed to contact Area Plan with questions pertaining to signage.

The Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-05 to amend the water-works ordinance was opened. Lawrence Stroup questioned why there was a need for a water rate increase. After further discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05 amending water-works ordinance on second reading, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Bill Croto made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-05 on third reading, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. The Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-05 was closed.

The Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation Resolution 2021-05 was opened. There were no comments from the community members present. Following discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to suspend the rules on all three readings and approve Additional Appropriation Resolution 2021-05 on all three readings, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. The Public Hearing for Resolution 2021-05 was closed.

Barth Mink presented the April, 2021 response calls report. Ed Underwood has passed his training and will be scheduled to attend the fall Academy class. The car delivery has been delayed due to a nationwide microchip shortage. Information was presented to Council to add three additional reserve deputies to assist with rising calls. The initial cost to equip three reserves will be \$8500.00 plus the cost of ammunition to qualify. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve the spending for the reserve program from the CCD Fund, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by

Council. The Rossville Police Department will be accepting applications through June 11, 2021.

Chad Colby introduced Trent Montemayor. Trent is a water/wastewater engineer with Donohue & Associates. An agreement to provide on call consulting services as needed not to exceed \$25,000.00. Bill Croto made a motion to approve the continuing professional agreement with Donohue & Associates, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Chad discussed the revised 1984 tower estimates for upgrades and improvements in the amount of \$254,000.00. To take down the old tower would be at an approximate cost of \$25,000.00. Chad also reported an overflow at the Wastewater Plant. Skiles Electric has completed the electrical upgrades at the park. The tables and chairs in the old shelter building were originally going to be stored. After discussion, due to lack of adequate storage space, the Council approved declaring them surplus and be sold.

The Community Crossing Matching Grant Agreement that was awarded to the Town of Rossville was accepted and signed.

Amended Salary Ordinance 2021-04 was presented to Council for review. Bill Croto made a motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2021-04 retroactive to April 1, 2021, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Bill Croto made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2021-04 on second and third reading, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Ordinance 2021-06, an ordinance to establish an American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund, was presented to Council for review. After discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 2021-06 on all three readings, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

A request was presented to Council from Greg Root to rent the pavilion from October 21st to October 30th to sell fruit and nut products. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to extend an offer of \$750.00 plus tax, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Voucher Register was reviewed and approved as presented.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

David Severt, President of the Council

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