

MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
ADOPTION HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
October 18, 2021

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON
VICE PRESIDENT MIKE GALLAMORE
COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON
COUNCILOR TROY MEADOWS
COUNCILOR PHILIP MONTARSI

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: WATER SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL
STREET SUPERINTENDENT AREC BURTON
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER LINDSEY KELLY

PUBLIC PRESENT: TOM KNIGHT
KEVIN HARRISON

Council President Nelson called the Adoption Hearing to order at 6:04 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPTION HEARING FOR BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING:

Clerk-Treasurer stated this meeting was to adopt the 2021 Budget as presented. Total budget is for \$939,043.00. We will receive our 1782 notice in November or December and that will tell us if our budget can be funded.

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to adopt the 2022 Budget. Council President Greg Nelson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Adoption hearing was adjourned

Council President Nelson called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

Tom Knight addressed the Council about a potential amendment to an ordinance that will prohibit the use of residential dumpsters. Mr. Knight informed the Council that his family uses a dumpster because it is more economical and the dumpster sits off the road on his property. Mr. Knight also wanted to know if there have been any complaints about his dumpster to the Council. Council President Nelson and Council Vice President Gallamore both answered that neither one of them had gotten any complaints. Mr. Nelson also added that he was not aware of any change to the ordinance. Town Attorney Lee Robbins informed the Council that he was updating an abandon car ordinance for their review and wanted to included unsightly residential dumpsters at the same time. Mr. Gallamore stated that the Council will study the proposed ordinance and will discuss it at the November meeting.

Kevin Harrison informed the Council that there is a vacancy on the BZA and would like that position filled. Mr. Harrison also asked the Council to mandate the Planning Commission to update the zoning ordinance. Mr. Harrison also stated the zoning ordinance #172 was created in 1995 or 1996 and needs updating. Mr. Harrison suggested updated the ordinances before they get codified. Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger said the process of codifying is already in progress, it was started in 2020.

Mr. Harrison would like to get the ordinances reviewed to be able to update fees. Mr. Gallamore stated if the ordinances need updated to start the process of updating.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Nelson made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Public Hearing minutes and the September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Phil Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell wanted the Council to be aware of the most recent water leak. The first call about the leak came in at 3:30 in the morning and it was fixed by 8:00 am. Mr. Blackwell said he is very impressed with his crew and can't praise them enough for their effort and work. Mr. Blackwell would like to offer Remington Tearman a raise of \$1.52 per hour to earn \$18.00 per hour.

Mr. Blackwell also asked the Council if they could approve a new water laborer position. The department is very busy with water leaks and an aging system. Mr. Gallamore asked Mr. Blackwell to think about if he needs more than one position created and it can be discussed further. Mr. Gallamore instructed Mr. Blackwell that he has permission from the Council to hire someone to replace Kyle Rash and to fill a newly created position.

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve a raise of \$1.52 per hour for Remington Tearman effective the first day of the current pay period starting on October 11, 2021 Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve a new water position. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gallamore spoke that the fence company that had been awarded the bid in April. The company finally installed poles, but they were not in the correct spots. Mr. Blackwell said that they poles have to be 5" off the electric boxes and one is right next to it. Other poles are blocking generator ports. Mr. Robbins asked Mr. Blackwell to send him the contract and he will contact the company.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Superintendent Arec Burton informed the Council that the new dump truck should be ready by the end of the month. Mr. Burton said he has contacted contractors to fix the road from where SCI Fiber bored under the road and caused a sink hole. SCI Fiber has taken responsibility, but require 3 bids. Mr. Robbins asked Mr. Burton why he is contacting the contractors and not SCI Fiber. Mr. Burton said he does not know why he is contacting them either. Mr. Robbins said he can help contact.

Mr. Gallamore asked about the status on the grant. Mr. Burton said he should know by the end of October or November.

Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Burton why the restrooms at the pavilion were locked in the morning. Mr. Burton said random people will lock them. Mr. Nelson also said the water heater closet is not locked and if there is a reason for that. Mr. Burton said not to my knowledge other than that it just wasn't locked. Mr. Nelson said it's dangerous not to have it locked, it needs to be locked and if Mr. Burton can lock it. Mr. Burton said yes, he can lock it.

Mr. Burton also asked if the Town is going to hire someone to help clean the restrooms at the pavilion. He also asked if he can contact an exterminator to spray for bugs to help keep the cobwebs away.

Mr. Gallamore asked who cleans the restrooms at ballpark. Mr. Nelson responded that the little league is responsible for cleaning those restrooms. Mr. Nelson also said the restrooms at the pavilion need to be cleaned once a week and asked Mr. Burton to contact someone to spray for bugs in front of Town Hall and at the pavilion. Mrs. Lyden-Giger said she can find someone to clean inside of Town Hall and the restrooms at the pavilion. Mr. Gallamore informed Mr. Burton that he is responsible for keeping the outside of the building clean and looking good.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented the Council with claims for the Town in the amount of \$127,115.85

- After discussion, Council President Nelson made a motion to approve claims for the Town in the amount of \$127,115.85 Councilor Meadows seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Erica Lyden-Giger presented the Council with claims for Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$202,692.24

- After discussion, Council President Nelson made a motion to approve claims for the Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$202,692.24 Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Erica Lyden-Giger presented the Council with claims for pay application #16 in the amount of \$38,324.90 for Phoenix Fabricators. Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked for approval upon further explanation from the engineer.

- Council President Nelson made a motion to approve Pay Application #16 in the amount of \$38,324.90 contingent upon further explanation from engineer. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger also informed the Council that the lights in the poles at the walking trail are going dim and need to be replaced. She would also like to add a few more light poles around the walking trail because there are dark areas. Mr. Gallamore asked if the lights at the pavilion were on a timer. Mr. Burton said they are dusk till dawn lights. Mr. Gallamore instructed Mr. Burton to search for 4 more light poles and get a price.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Robbins presented to the Council ordinance 2021-07 a revision to the 2021 salary ordinance, including an increase of employee Remington Tearman to \$18.00 effected 10-11-2021. He also informed the Council that a better way to have a salary ordinance is to have position titles instead of names, and for 2022 salary ordinance they need to think about how they want those positions titled or labeled.

- Council President Nelson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-07 as presented, Councilor Meadows seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Nelson made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2021-07 on second and final with revisions from Lee Robbins as described, Councilor Meadows seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Robbins also informed the Council that Monica Spears has been served and the time has expired. Building Instructor Tom Thompson will look at the property and decide what the integrity of the structure is.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

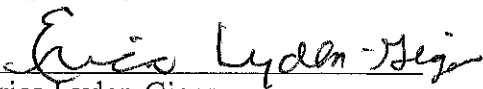
Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented the Council with the 2022 Anthem renewal proposal. The effective date would be 1-1-2022. The deductible for both individual and family plan will go up. The

premium will go up about 4.5%. Mr. Nelson asked why our broker didn't give us any other proposals. Mrs. Lyden-Giger said Anthem is our current provider, and our broker is checking into the Chamber plan as well. Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked the Council for direction. Councilor Harrison said employees hate when you change providers. Councilor Montarsi said it's better to keep our employees happy by keeping the same providers. Mr. Gallamore said he would like to see what the Chamber plan looks like.

Mr. Montarsi asked where the process of the premium pay was. Mrs. Lyden-Giger said the funds have to be appropriated and need to through the DLGF for an additional appropriation. It should be completed in November.

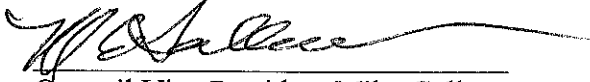
Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Meadows seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,


Erica Lyden-Giger
Clerk-Treasurer

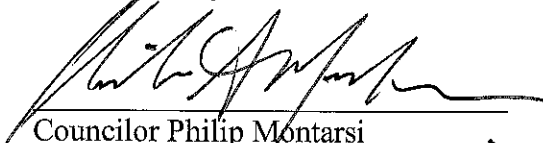
Council:


Council President Greg Nelson


Council Vice President Mike Gallamore


Councilor Karen Harrison


Councilor Troy Meadows


Councilor Philip Montarsi