

Memo is considered "DRAFT" until approved by the governing body.

Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Day: Tuesday

Roll Call

Date: 04/21/2022

Present: Carol Eckstein, Sharron Bennett, Don Foley, Cheryl Taylor,

Time: 6:30 P.M.

John Kellerman, William Neyer, Tom Grills

Place: In-Person, Live

Absent:

Streamed via FB Page

604 North Meridian Street

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Sunman, IN 47041

Approval of Agenda

Carol Eckstein motioned to adopt the agenda as is, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Guests**Kelly Gardner - Alliance of Indiana Rural Water for Mike Chambers, Servline.**

Kelly Gardner explained the insurance offered through Servline for water and sewer leak protection and water and sewer line protection plan. The plan is offered to Sunman Utility customers at a price/tier chosen by the Town. No contract or fee is charged to the town directly for the service and customers may opt-out of the program with a phone call. The Servline breakdown of fees and coverages is attached to the meeting minutes. The charge that Keystone charges to make the changes to the program that would bill for these services would be covered by Servline. The Council will have to approve the program to be able to offer it to the customers. The Town also chooses which local companies are authorized to service repairs. Mike Chambers will be at the May meeting to answer any further questions.

Kelly Gardner - Alliance of Indiana Rural Water - Apprenticeship Program

Kelly explained the Wastewater Apprenticeship program to the Council. The 2-year program is offered to a qualified employee which would receive 4000 hours of on-the-job training by a certified operator, and 288 hours of classroom training. The program is approved for CEUs through IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) and the student must pass the IDEM certification exam. The program is approved through Veteran's Affairs, Vocation Rehabilitation Services, Workforce Development, and the Department of Labor. They all offer funding sources for this program. Kelly stated that she has been working with Cheryl over the last several months and we have a potential candidate that she feels would be a good fit for the program after a phone interview. He is also a veteran and because of their registration with Veterans Affairs, she can manage his GI Bill. She further explained that it was important to train an employee or employees to take over because it can impact the health and safety of the Town.

There is another possible funding source from the IFA (Indiana Finance Authority) that offers funding that the Town qualifies for because we do meet the medium household income guidelines. The reimbursement grant offers \$7,000.00 in training and \$700.00 for a laptop for the student to use. The laptop does remain the property

of the town. Cheryl Taylor asked if there will be more funds available next year since this was their “spend down” year with the IFA? Kelly confirmed that it was their “spend down” year and that more funding will be available for next year. On the Wastewater Program, funding can offer \$91,000.00 and the Water Program can offer \$75,000.00. Kelly will continue to work with Cheryl and let her know when funding becomes available.

Sam McBride - Railyard Bar & Grille - Sunman Community Festival

Sam approached the Council with a request to shut down West Washington Street for a day for a community-involved festival. Don Foley stated that they need more time to look into things and would invite them to the special meeting that would be scheduled in a few weeks. The letter requesting the closure is attached to the meeting minutes.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Fund reports, financial statements, and utility reports were presented to Council and Attorney.

Tri-State Liquids Invoice

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the emergency service invoice the agenda as is, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Rawdom Meyers Invoice

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the invoice for the agenda as is, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Marshal's Report, Report attached.

Tom Grills

Utility Report, Report attached.

Bill Neyer

Park Report

Erick Taylor announced that the ballparks are available for rentals. They currently have Tuesdays and Thursdays taken but the rest of the week is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. They are in the process of obtaining bids to install a walkway from the building to the play area to make it accessible to all, keeping in mind those who have a disability. If anyone in the community can assist in installing the new equipment at the park, please call the Park Board or the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Marshal Appointment

Carol Eckstein motioned to hire Brian Maynard as Marshal for a salary of \$39,552.00, 2nd Sharron Bennett. John Kellerman swore Brian in to start on April 28, 2022.

Police Administrator Contract Revision

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the contract for Thomas Grills to stay on as the Police Administrator for \$300.00 per week starting on April 28, 2022, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

2022-06 Water Rates and Fees Ordinance

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the 2022-06 ordinance without reading, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

2022-07 Sewer Rates and Fees Ordinance

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the 2022-07 ordinance without reading, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

ARP Plan

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the ARP plan, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Election Cycle

The Council discussed changing the election cycle to the County schedule. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS**Workers' Compensation - Sick Hours**

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the reinstatement of 32 sick hours and 24 vacation hours to Alex Eckstein, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Commercial Lawn Mower

Cheryl Taylor requested more time to compare quotes on a new mower.

Comments from the Floor

Rob Bradley addressed citizens regarding the upcoming election where he is running for Ripley County Sheriff. He expects changes in the administration that bring an end to the restrictions placed on Sunman by the current Sheriff. The current restrictions hinder the performance and restrict our Reserve Office in their ability to do their job as sworn. Rob Bradley would appreciate your vote on May 3, 2022

Memorandum approved this **19th day of May 2022**

Sharron Bennett, Council Member

Carol Eckstein, Council Member

Don Foley, Council President

Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer