

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: 03/17/2022

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

Time: 6:30 P.M.

John Kellerman, William Neyer

Place: In-Person, Live

Absent: Tom Grills

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. Approved, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Guests

Mary McCarty - SIRPC - OCRA Planning Grant Application

Mary McCarty introduced the Town's intent to submit an application to OCRA for a Community Planning Grant to conduct a comprehensive plan. The grant application is due April 14th and the town is applying for \$50,000, the town share being around \$5,600.00. The award announcement is expected in May 2022.

A comprehensive plan is an establishment of guidelines that help the future growth of your community, an inventory of what you have, general goals of where you want to be, where and how you want it to grow, policies, and how you are going to implement them. It will help develop ordinances needed in the future and provide a good road map of where you want to go.

Dick Weigle commented that the comprehensive plan is a tool needed to apply for future grants and increases your odds in the granting process.

Kara Schott, Sunman Main Street Program, commented that they are in full support of the grant application and the benefit of a comprehensive plan.

Carol Eckstein made a motion to pass the resolution 2022-03 approving the grant application and the matching funds of \$5600.00, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Permission to conduct the public meeting, disclosure stating the town was applying for \$50,000, and an agreement to offer translation to anyone who needs it were all signed by Don Foley and attested by Cheryl Taylor.

Carol Eckstein made a motion to pass the Drug Free Ordinance 2022-04, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Carol Eckstein made a motion to pass the Fair Housing Ordinance 2022-05, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Dick Weigel, HWC Engineering- State Road 101 Storm Water Improvement Project

Dick Weigel offered the information and process leading up to the award for the State Road 101 Storm Water Improvement Project. The purpose of the stormwater project was aimed toward “shovel-ready” projects initially so we submitted the project as an investigative and clean-up approach of the State Route 101 system and were awarded \$169,500.00. The Indiana Finance Authority, due to an overwhelming response, reduced the awards by 25% which left us looking for more matching funds. Cheryl Taylor then applied to Rising Sun Community Foundation and was awarded \$39,000 which made the project possible.

A community questionnaire will be sent out by HWC to gather community response regarding the ongoing flooding of 101.

HWC Engineering offered an agreement breaking down the two components of the project. Assisting the community in acquiring the bids for the televising and clean-up, obtaining and submitting the documents needed, and the development of a master plan.

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve the agreement, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Carla Hacker - A Tribute to Rosie Forthofer

Carla Hacker offered a tribute to a Sunman resident who touched many.

When you talk about the history of Sunman, you will always hear stories about Forthofer’s Market and the lovely woman who ran the grocery store, Rosina Nobbe Forthofer.

Rosie was born in Batesville and lived there until she married the love of her life, Raphael Forthofer. Together they opened and operated Forthofer’s Market for 28 years. Rosie was known for the delicious goodies she made and shared with her family and friends. Her giant cinnamon rolls come to mind when I think of her delicious creations. She was also known for her fruit baskets, Pea Soup and those cinnamon rolls.

Rosie was also employed by Batesville Casket, Nobbe Clothing Store in Batesville, McPherson’s and Weber’s Greenhouse in Sunman.

She and Raphael were married for 46 years before he passed away. He and Rosie were the proud parents of Shele Weideman, Nicholas Forthofer and Christy Werner.

Rosie died following a short illness on January 17, 2022 in Wellington, Florida at the age of 76. I will always remember her for the bright smile, adorable chuckle when she laughed and of course those cinnamon rolls. Thank you, Rosie, for the contributions you made to make Sunman a better place to work, live and play.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Accounts Payable Vouchers – 02/17/2022 through 02/28/2021 totaling \$ 25,179.43 and 03/01/2022 through 03/17/2022 totaling \$ 69,793.39 were presented to Council for approval. All approved and signed.

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

Marshal's Report, Report attached.

Utility Report, Report attached.

OLD BUSINESS

IFA Stormwater and Transportation Grant Agreement

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve the IFA Stormwater and Transportation Grant Agreement, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Rate Increases/Tap Fees/Surcharges

John Kellerman will draft new ordinance for increased utility changes across the board. Utility rates will increase over the next 3 years as follows: Water 12%\11%\11%, Sewer 10%\5%\5%, Sanitation \$1.00, Water Tap Fees for 5/8 - ¾" at \$1,500.00 scaling up as the pipe inch increases, Sewer Tap Fees for 5/8 - ¾" at \$2,500.00 scaling up as the pipe inch increases, out of town Surcharge 10%, reconnection fee \$35.00, returned check fee \$35.00. Letters will be sent to out-of-town customers informing them of a Public Hearing and proposed rates by the Clerk's office.

The Clerk will also send the appropriate advertisement to the Ripley Publishing for public notice.

ARP Plan

John Kellerman will draft the ARP plan for review at the next public meeting.

Election Cycle

Tabled until next meeting

Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Apprenticeship Program

Tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Core & Main Invoice

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve the Core & Main Invoice in the amount of \$4,665.25 to replace emergency repair supplies that were used in the last water main breaks, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Stand-by Generator Status Application

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve the stand-by generator status application in the amount of \$69.99 made by the town debit card from the general fund that will be reimbursed from the wastewater fund, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Training Reimbursement

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve the police training membership reimbursement to Ken Steinfort in the amount of \$85.00, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Memorial Contribution

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve a memorial contribution to the Sunman Rural Fire Department in memory of Mike Wolf in the amount of \$100.00 out of the general fund, other services and charges, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Part-time Utility Position

Carol Eckstein made a motion to approve R. Joe Mitchell for the position at \$16.00 per hour, 32 hours per week for 48 weeks per years, not to exceed \$28,000.00, 2nd Sharron Bennett.

Memorandum approved this **21st day of April, 2022**

Sharron Bennett, Council Member

Carol Eckstein, Council Member

Don Foley, Council President

Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer