

February 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the monthly Town Council meeting. Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens present. Present besides Denny were David Miller, Council Member, Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer, Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor-Operator, and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney. Jo Temple, Council Vice-President, was absent.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the January 8, 2024 council meeting minutes and February 5, 2024 special meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the Allowance of Payroll Accounts Payable Voucher and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers as revised. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$6,449.31	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$4,076.01
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$372.18	Payroll Fund	\$4,475.68
Park Fund	\$624.40		
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$9,660.15	Total	\$25,657.73

Unfinished Business

The Council discussed the water utility improvement project. Denny Richardson along with representatives from Commonwealth and Kleinpeter Financial have been attending meetings in Rush and Fayette counties to obtain loans for the water project design.

Mary mentioned that Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineers, had mentioned that helping with the lead service line (LSL) inventory was part of the SRF grant request. He plans to work with Paul on the inventory.

Paul stated he has been working on the LSL inventory and has applied for a grant with the Alliance of Rural Water that will allow the town to use equipment to detect and determine the types of pipes.

Jeff Fish, Commonwealth Engineers, stated the drinking water "Breakpoint Chlorination" project will begin on March 12, 2024, after the next council meeting. Jeff discussed work that still needs completed before the project can begin. Besides Jeff and Paul, D&S Water/Wastewater Services will provide additional certified operator support. Jeff will walk through the project process with Paul and D&S. David requested Paul get everything ready for the project. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Paul to spend up to \$2500 for work needed before the project can begin. Approval was unanimous.

Paul explained the possible correction of issues for the #2 well.

Mary questioned the 27 engineering hours Strand billed for January since the sidewalk project was completed in December. Strand provided her with a daily breakdown of the hours that she shared with the Council. Mary also shared information received that stated the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) did not require trees removed in the project to be replaced. This is different information than was communicated in the project design stage.

Mary said she needs to send INDOT the recommendation of acceptance for the project. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the recommendation of acceptance. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve letters to be sent to three property owners regarding sidewalk parking violations. Approval was unanimous.

David reported that Davis Towing is in the process of getting the "no parking" signs.

Denny is still working on getting bus stop signs.

The Council discussed that when weather improves, four speed bumps will be installed in the north/south alley on the northside of town.

There was no new information regarding a police patrol.

Mary stated she did not get helpful responses from other towns regarding noise ordinances. She had previously provided the Council with nuisance ordinances. The corn dust and noise ordinances were tabled.

New Business

Mary provided the Council with a request for a water and sewer billing adjustment for a water leak from indoor plumbing. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve adjusting the water portion of the bill for two consecutive months. Approval was unanimous. Mary will contact the customer.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the Fayette County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Approval was unanimous. Mary said she would send the approval to Fayette County.

Mary stated she is still working on the 2023 annual report. She will email it to the Council with the Council responding with confirmation of review and any questions. There is a new option where she can give Denny as President access to the report and he can go in and approve it. It was brought up at the workshop that the Council may not want spend that much time drilling down in the report and actually signing off on it. Denny declined the option to approve the report online.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the conflict-of-interest forms submitted by Denny Richardson, Mary Richardson, and Paul Sembach. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Mary commented that there was a good turnout at the Rush County Comprehensive Plan meeting in Glenwood on January 24, but many were not Glenwood residents. Mary is very disappointed that only seven Glenwood residents completed the survey. Cards were mailed to all residents including Fayette County side. A comprehensive plan is not only a leadership tool but is needed for many grant applications.

Mary encouraged the Council to attend the presentation to Glenwood on June 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Also, the Council will need to attend the adoption meeting on August 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM. This is the same day as the council meeting so Mary asked if the Council would want her to try to change the time to 7:00 PM so this can be part of the regular meeting. The Council agreed to the time change.

At the comprehensive plan meeting, Jessica Roberts, Purdue Extension, provided flyers for speed tests. These are very important to show that Glenwood is underserved. We need people to take these tests often. When Mary took it, there was a question about the provider's advertised speed that she thinks might stop some people. Mary entered zero and it worked. She asked Jessica about this with no response. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve posting the broadband notice including website and facebook. Approval was unanimous.

Mary announced that Carla does not want to do anymore regular work than the posting. Teresa has not been working for the town for a few months and does not want to do so this year. Mary asked if people will help seek out someone that will be willing to help and have them contact Mary. She would like to try word of mouth before posting a notice. The job will consist of posting revenues and uploading documents to Gateway which is done at town hall. Also, the person will review the bank account reconciliations which they can do at home. Currently, Denny is required to do this review until I have someone else to help. The job is flexible and may only be about six hours per month.

Mary noticed a flyer at the Post Office stating someone will pick up weekly trash up to six bags. This led her to believe containers might not be provided. Mary suggested the Council watch to see if bags of trash are being accumulated as this can attract dogs to dig through them. The trash ordinance states that trash cannot be placed outside the residence or business more than 12 hours prior to pick up.

Mary provided the Council with their revised certificates of election reflecting three-year terms.

Mary reported on the Clerk-Treasurer boot camp workshop she attended. This is only every four years so she will need to find other training opportunities to satisfy the SBOA requirements. There is going to be a new budget system this year.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. Paul reported the town truck needs repair. The town tractor needs a new battery and service. Mary agreed to find the last dates the tractor received service.

Other Business

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to adjourn the meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer