

**TOWN OF OSGOOD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Present at the meeting were Tammy Wilhoit, Holley Rose, Bill Roberts, Chris Kuhn, Lynn Fledderman, Jason Smith, David Fox, Matt Wirth, Alex Wilhelm, Daniel Craig, Tony Wood, and Lavonne Butler.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – all present

Motion to waive the reading and adopt the pre-read minutes. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

Open the public hearing for the 2024 Budget. Council President asked if anyone had questions and no one responded. Hearing was closed.

Commonwealth Project Memo:

Water Improvement Project –

- The Geotechnical Engineering Firm (SME) is scheduled to do the soil borings along Buckeye Street on the 23rd. SME will coordinate with Tony on the details and schedule. Marshal Craig will provide traffic control.
- The MOT Plan has been submitted to INDOT for the water main improvements work.
- IDEM met with Commonwealth and the Town at the Water Plant on 8/14 to discuss the possibility of allowing the plant to be “shut down” for a 4 hour period and allow full utilization of the stored water in the Clearwell and Towers. The meeting went very well. They have asked for a few items to be documented regarding the safety and security measures at the plant, and IDEM will issue a formal response. Based on the discussion, we anticipate they will allow the Town to proceed.

Motion to approve Commonwealth invoices for \$6,000 Bidding and \$3,624.75 Permit Application Fees. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

2022 Round 2 – Community Crossing Project –

- Project is nearing completion – likely in the next month.

Motion to approve Pay Estimate #3 for Johannigman Excavating in the amount of \$51,954.01 with retainage of \$2,734.43. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

2021 Round 2 – Community Crossing Project –

Motion to approve Pay Application #8 to All Star Paving for \$60,000.
Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

2023 Downtown Sidewalk Improvement –

- The Town is considering replacement of existing sidewalks along Buckeye Street between West Ripley Street and Beech Street. Considering the location and proximity to other improvements, the Town desires to make the sidewalk stand out as the downtown district.
- Commonwealth has assembled and provided Steve with a proposal for the next sidewalk project. This project will be fully funded by the Reynolds Foundation (not CCMG) as it involves the downtown

area. We have incorporated a landscape architect into this proposal for inclusion in meeting Osgood's expectations of appearance/vision of the bricked area and they will be participating in the kickoff meeting and design process once project is authorized and contract is executed.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's Task Order for \$407,000 pending the Reynolds Foundation meeting and approval next week. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 - ayes

2023 Trails Expansion Project –

- We held our kickoff meeting for the Trails Project (utilizing a \$400,000 grant from IDNR) and are in process of obtaining environmental clearance documentation before proceeding with Design. This Design contract has been provided for approval.

Motion to approve Commonwealth's Task Order for the 2023 Osgood Trails Expansion Grant. Engineer is to provide Design Services, Permitting, and Bidding for \$31,875.00. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 – ayes

Lifetime Resources did a presentation to request \$1,500 funding for 2024.

Motion to approve \$1,500 from the 2024 Budget. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 – ayes

Retroactive to July 24, 2023: Motion to hire Paul Courter for a part-time position and Trey Einhaus for a full time position. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

Retroactive to July 31, 2023: Motion to give Alex Eckstein a raise for completing her Class 1 Wastewater License. Bill 1st, Holley 2nd
3 - ayes

Motion to approve and sign Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate. Lynn stated some of the verbiage may need changed, but there would be no changes in price. Holley 1st, Bill 2nd
3 – ayes

Council discussed keeping Trick or Treat on October 31st. They feel it's in the best interest to keep it on Halloween.

Motion was made to have Trick or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bill 1st, Chris 2nd
3 – ayes

Water Department – Tony Wood stated they are working on valves, hydrants, copper and lead. The new hires are working out good. Motor is being replaced on intake Pump 1. He's working with INDOT on a culvert on State Road 350 to see if the water main needs to be deeper. The new 6" meter is in for Napoleon, there is still one meter at the trailer park that needs replaced. Paul will be scheduling to take his DSM testing. There are a couple of things that need to be done before a shift reduction can take place.

Sewer Department – Tony Wood stated that Ed will be taking medical leave toward the end of the year. The COVID surveillance has been moved to the State Lab.

Police Department – Daniel Craig stated the new vests are in. Thanks to the generosity of the Gilmore and Golda Reynolds Foundation and the Rising Sun Regional Foundation, the police Department will be purchasing a new Dodge Ram. We will start paperwork on or after August 23rd.

Fire Department – David Fox reported they had 24 runs for July, 176 total for the year, and they have two new cadets.

Jason Smith was present and wanted to give kudos to the Police Department. He called for help and they were right there. He knows how hard it is for 2 officers to try to cover 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but they did well. He also wanted to request permission for the Lions Club to be at the stoplight on September 9th.


Motion was made to approve the Lions Club Request. Chris 1st, Bill 2nd
3 – ayes

Claims were signed

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill 1st, Chris 2nd
3 – ayes


Clerk-Treasurer


President


Member


Member