



MEETING MINUTES

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164

October 16, 2023

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON
VICE PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN
COUNCILOR MIKE GALLAMORE
COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON

COUNCILOR ABSENT: COUNCILOR LINDSEY KELLY

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR MIKE MILLER

PUBLIC PRESENT: KEVIN HARRISON
PHIL MONTARSI
BRIAN YOUNG
DAVE WILCOXIN

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Dave Wilcoxin with the Nineveh Heritage Foundation stated the festival was a success and thanked Council for allowing them the use of the park. Mr. Wilcoxin stated they would like to have the festival again next year and wanted to know the procedures would be. Council President Nelson told Mr. Wilcoxin that he would need to come back to the Council again, and inform them about the festival. Councilor Mike Gallamore told Mr. Wilcoxin that a Park Board is now established and would like for them to be involved in the next festival.

- Council President Nelson motioned to waive the fee for water usage for the Nineveh Heritage Foundation. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Brian Young spoke to the Council and informed them that his father has been in the hospital for a few weeks and it will be a few months before he gets to come home and asked if anything can be done about the water bill since no one is living in the house currently. After discussion, Mr. Young was told there is a minimum bill that is due every month and they are not able to forgive the bill while his father is not living in the home. Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated there is a minimum bill due to the fact the service is there and a benefit to the property, and residents are all contributing their portion to that service. The Council also does not have any discretion to deviate from the current ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve the 2024 Budget Public Hearing Minutes and September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers gave his report. Marshal Southers stated he is waiting to get the quote for remodeling the police department. Mr. Gallamore stated we had a homeless man living in one of the restrooms at the ball diamonds and asked Marshal Southers if he has any information about getting extra cameras and asked, if he ordered batteries for the defibrillators. Marshal Southers stated he has not received a quote for the cameras and did not get a call back from the distributor for the batteries and will need children's pads for the defibrillators.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report and updated the Council on progress for the new utility building. Mr. Blackwell stated in early or mid-November, they should start framing. He had a meeting with Camp Atterbury about automation and they want to have an engineer do design work. Mr. Blackwell stated he is going to have them meet with our engineer to try and save some costs. He also stated there is a developer wanted to build 900 houses on two sides of our water plant. Mr. Blackwell stated there are very strict guidelines about well head protection and he needs to learn more about it. He stated local government has final say on how close we will let someone build. Mr. Robbins stated it is like a zoning ordinance and asked if Mr. Blackwell has a plan and he responded yes, he has and it's up to date as of 2020. Mr. Robbins asked if this was in the Town of Edinburgh and Mr. Blackwell stated they would have to annex the area first. Mr. Tearman asked if there are any concerns with contamination. Mr. Blackwell stated he has several concerns and the developers have a copy of his Well Head Protection plan and has put them in contact with HWC.

Mr. Blackwell stated they are at 87% efficiency for the month.

Mr. Blackwell stated the clarifiers are finished, but he needs to rebuild the sampler and it will cost \$5500.00 to fix. The sampler is 13 years old. He if had to purchase a brand new sampler, it would be \$14,000.00

After discussion,

- Councilor Gallamore motioned to approve rebuilding the sampler for up to \$5600.00. Council President Nelson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller said everything is done with Roberston Shay Park and they are ready for the winter. Mr. Gallamore asked if the lights at the concession stand are done. Mr. Miller said no and will give Mr. Gallamore the measurements. Mr. Miller stated he filled in the bee holes on the poles on the concession stand, the posts and picnic tables are stained. The door frame on the Trustee's office is done, but the frame is in bad shape. Marshal Southers stated he canceled the original doors and wanted to make them part of the new remodel. Mr. Gallamore stated he, Mr. Miller and Elena Hammond went to training for the CCMG. He believes we should still continue to do the grant in house. He spoke with two different engineering companies and one quote was \$15,000.00 and the other quote was \$36,000.00. Mr. Robbins stated for the size of the Town and scope of work, the more complicated the project and engineer is a good idea, but for mills and ovelays which is what we normally do, having an engineer is a waste of money.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented invoice #13 from HWC for \$1575.00 This is for the DOD project, mapping/survey, design and permitting, and HWC invoice #5 for the Rural Development grant for \$8,812.50.

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve HWC invoice #13 in the amount of \$1575.00 and HWC RD invoice #5 for \$8,812.50. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented Town, Utilities, September 28, 2023 & October 12, 2023, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$149,884.75, \$454,998.99, \$39,447.51 and \$41,657.52.

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger present an invoice from Playpower for the installation and equipment for Robertson Shay Park for \$24,434.17

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve Playpower as presented. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented Ordinance 2023-07 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan. She stated Johnson County Government adopted an EDIT fund for 2023 and they need our Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Robbins stated the Council is not bound to this plan, but as a statutory condition of getting our distributed share, we have to adopt a capital improvement plan. The funds can be spent on any legal purpose and the funds are meant to be spent of capital expenses and economic growth. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated the plan needs to be updated every two years.

- Council President Nelson motioned to adopt 2023-07 An Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Robbins stated he heard back from the brokers that are wanting to install a cell phone tower behind Town Hall and wanting a response from the Town. Mr. Gallamore asked if they ever responded about the site from the booster station. Mr. Robbins stated it is in the County and the brokers would have to deal with the County and they did not want to deal with that. Mr. Tearman asked what the survey said. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she doesn't remember the actual numbers, but some people were for it, some people were against it. Mr. Robbins stated the amount of money the Town would receive might be more than \$1000.00. Mr. Tearman stated the people where he lives would want it since they don't have service. Mr. Gallamore stated he remembers people coming to the meeting and they did not want it. Mr. Tearman said it will help with 911 service too, if you dial 911 it gives the Sheriff's department your location, we don't have that right now. Marshal Southers stated that is not accurate, right now they can track phones very easily. The deeper you are in the woods, it blocks a lot of it, but currently they can track you within a quarter of a mile. Mr. Tearman would like to have an AT&T representative to be present in a meeting. Mr. Blackwell asked if the Town can annex the property where the booster station is and have the tower there. Mr. Robbins stated yes that can be done, it would just take time. After discussion, Council would like to review the survey, get more information from AT&T and have a presentative from AT&T present in a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gallamore stated a few months ago, a resident came up and asked to have trees removed from the turn around. Mr. Tearman asked if the resident is saying the trees are ours, Mr. Gallamore said yes. Mr. Tearman said he has the same issue where he lives. There is a circle road, and there are trees in the circle, but they belong to a resident. Mr. Tearman does not want to pay for trees that are not the Town's responsibility. Mr. Gallamore stated he looked at the trees and they are healthy, and there are a lot of wires going through them. Mr. Robbins stated it might take a survey to see if those trees are in the right-away. Mr. Tearman asked if REMC can get involved and see if they can take them down or clean them up. Marshal Southers stated if we could get someone to cut down the trees, then Mike Miller can haul the wood to Town Hall and residents could come up and get free wood. After discussion, Council is not going to remove the trees.

Mr. Gallamore stated there was a request to have a stop sign installed on Bergman and Providence. There is currently a yield sign and a large bush. Mr. Nelson stated you can't see anything when you drive up Providence. Marshal Southers stated he feels the bush needs to be trimmed, but the homeowners are elderly and would hate to put the burden on them of taking it down or trimming it. Mr. Gallamore stated we can have Mr. Miller trim the bush. Marshal Southers stated he feels they need to stop on Providence. Mr. Robbins will update the ordinance in order to install the stop sign.

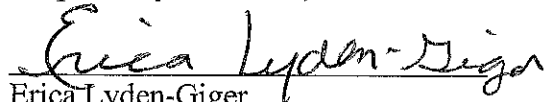
Mr. Gallamore stated Phil Montarsi has been here for 90 days and in his offer letter it was stated he gets a salary increase from \$20.00 per \$22.50.

Mr. Gallamore stated they owe Mr. VanZuiden an answer on his draining problem. He also said there have been multiple requests where he lives and it has always been denied. Mr. Gallamore stated he does not know how they can fix the draining issue. Mr. Nelson will follow up with Mr. VanZuiden.

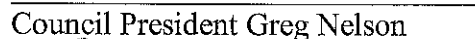
- Councilor Gallamore motioned to approve a salary increase for Phil Montarsi from \$20.00 per hour to \$22.50. Council President Nelson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

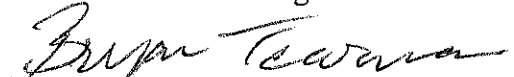
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Nelson motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm Councilor Gallamore seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Erica Lyden-Giger
Clerk-Treasurer

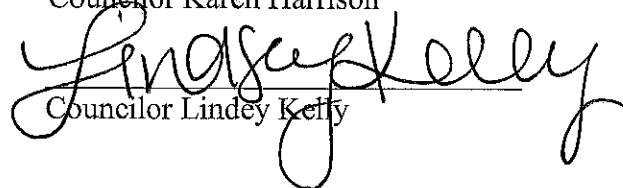
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Council Vice President Bryan Tearman


Councilor Mike Gallamore


Councilor Karen Harrison


Councilor Lindsey Kelly