

## MEETING MINUTES

*PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 BUDGET*  
108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537  
Thursday October 8, 2020 6:00 PM

### Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.  
Ryan Young  
Kelli Chavez

**Council Members present:** Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Kelli Chavez

**Council Members absent** - None

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order – meeting started at 6:00PM

**Patrons:** Paul Tyler, Bill Reed, Jerry Auer, Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction, Phil Ellinger, Ed Shepherd and Linda Sanders of Wessler Engineering.

**New Bussines:** President Ecker presented the 2021 Budget for the second and third reading. The president made a motion to accept the 2021 budget as written. Ryan Young seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Ayes 3-0 Motion carried.

President Ecker made a motion to close the meeting. Kelli Chavez seconded the motion. Roll call Ayes 3-0. Motion to adjourn carried. Adjourned at 6:01 PM

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Ryan Young  
Kelli Chavez

Call to order – Called to order at 6:02PM

\* Council Members attending – Ecker, Young, Chavez

\* Council Members absent – none

Town Attorney present

Clerk present

**Approval of Minutes:** Ecker made a motion to approve September 8, 2020 minutes as written. Young 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call. 3 ayes / 0 nays – motion carried.

**Old Business:** Halloween date was set for Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

**Web design:** Kelli compared the 2 bids from Apheus for \$2200.00 and from Recon for \$3500.00. She is recommending Apheus because they offer more for a better price. President Ecker made a motion to accept the bid for web design from Apheus for \$2200.00. Young seconded the motion. Roll call Ayes3-0. Motion carried.

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**Old Business Cont.**

LED Sign: Graycraft brought a sample sign to demonstrate for Roger and Lorraine. A design was agreed upon with 10mm full color pixel pitch. The town will use Care Act Fund as a reimbursement for the town's share of the cost. Placement of the sign was discussed. Roger wanted the sign at US 6 & Michigan Street. Unfortunately the 60 FT right away for I&M electric is a concern. He is waiting to hear back from I&M to see if they would give an exception to the footage. The second choice location is in front of the fire station.

Resolution 10 – 2020 – A Confirmatory Resolution Regarding Resolution # 09-2020 Designating an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Property and Improvements for Tax Abatement. A public hearing was held for the resolution. There was no public objection. Roger made a motion to accept the Resolution 10-2020. Ryan seconded the motion. Roll call Ayes 3-0 Nays none. Motion carried.

Kevin Berger updated the board on the housing project. The application went in on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are 1 of 49 applicants for the grant funds. He should know in January 2021 if we qualified.

Ordinance 2020-01 Trash Ordinance: The attorney presented the board with the final draft of the ordinance. Roger made a motion to approve the ordinance as the first reading. Ryan seconded the motion. Roll call Ayes 3-0 Nays none. Motion passed for the first reading.

MVH: Paul gave the board a quote from Ranger Materials to seal Michigan Street for \$16,415.00. Roger is putting in for an 80 /20 grant for this project. This will take place in 2021. Roger is applying for a grant in January 2021 for sidewalk replacement from Walnut Street south to across from the fire station. The backhoe was serviced by John Deere.

Sewer: Still waiting for Haskins to do the work on lift station. He should finish his other jobs soon. Bill Reed will be working for the next two weeks before he retires. He has 28 ½ years of service with LaPaz. The board thanked him for his service.

New Business: Roger announced that Matt Haskins is applying for the police department. He will remain as a reserve for Bourbon. He is to take over his dad's company full time. There will be an executive session for the interview.

Pike Lumber called to see if LaPaz was interested in the lumber on the lot by the plant. Discussion was made by the board.

Marshall County Rehab Program: The intake meeting for the applicants will be Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Public Water Planning: The board will have a public hearing before the regular council meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff Sale: 1120 Michigan RD has been up for sale 3 times and not sold but outside of town limits. 123 S Michigan ST was up for sale but not sold. Discussion was made by the board to further review on November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**Patron Comments:** Lorraine related that a patron complained about a house with tall grass, weeds etc. located behind Ryan's residence. He will take a look at it. Lorraine also told the board she had a complaint about boys sitting on the bridge throwing rocks at cars. Phil Ellinger wanted to have the town open the alley way running north and south next to his home. The neighbor has a rail road tie in the alley and there is brush. Mr. Ellinger wants to drive on the alley to access his property.

**Financials:** Clerk updated the board on the positive pay. Ecker made a motion to approve APV's from September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>. Young 2<sup>nd</sup>- roll call – 3 ayes / 0 nays- motion carried.

**Close:** Ecker made a motion to close the council meeting. Young 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call – 3 ayes / 0 nays – motion carried. Adjourned at 6:32 PM

**Announcements:** Next Council meeting will be November 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM

  
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Roger Ecker, Council President

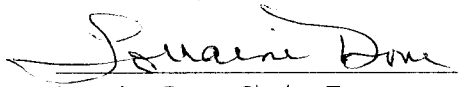
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