

March 24, 2025

Meeting opened by President Steve Hall with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Members present: Randy Dunnuck, John Blankenbaker, Spencer Reed, Jeff Davis, Steve Hall

Members absent:

Others present: Jerry Scott, Joyce Hamilton, Earl Clark, Caleb Halsema

Randy made a motion, seconded by Spencer, to approve minutes from the 03/10/25 meeting.
Motion carried 5-0.

Council members signed a docket for current expenditures. Jeff made a motion, seconded by John, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Steve reported that the Private Drive sign was installed at 500 N Delaware, Jack Sears property, to deter vehicles from going into their driveway. We also tried to put up a "T" sign at the end of North St. and the Sears did not want it because it was too big. We believe we have done all that we can with this situation.

The Second Harvest Food Giveaway on March 17th was a great success, over 90 vehicles went through the line.

Spencer reported that he has a list of organizations that were on the sign and 2 will be coming off the sign and new ones added. He will get more information and should be ready to get it all fixed soon.

John reported that the amphitheater columns are done, and they are ready to move ahead with getting the lifts and finishing the rest of the soffit, etc. He is waiting for decent weather. We still have not received a quote from Barber Welding on making the railings for the handicap steps approaching the stage. Steve will call Barber and get an answer from him and if he isn't going to get the job done, then we will try to contact someone else.

Jerry said that Culy will be back tomorrow to finish the repairs at the entrance to Albany Heights. They will have the water shut off for 2 hours and then they can make the repairs. There is no need to have a boil order at this time, it's only a 2-inch line.

We will contact the Dairy Dream about placing his barricades at the dead end of High St. tomorrow. We have purchased the signage, and it will be placed tomorrow. Joyce will post on social media alerting the public that High St. is a dead end at the entrance to the Dairy Dream.

Jerry said that they are being run ragged helping to vac the holes for the new decorative streetlights. They keep running into rocks, brick, etc. so hopefully they will get them all done soon.

The phosphorous testing at the sewage plant is done, and we will wait for response from IDEM.

Sergeant Halsema reported that there has been no action on HB 1186.

He said they had to order another part for the wiring on the 2025 truck, so they are waiting for it to be delivered.

Caleb attended an instructor training school at ILEA last week, so now he can be an instructor for police and fire.

All the speed signs should be working now, the repair parts have come in and speed limit signs have been put up where needed.

Caleb also said that the police department received a rapid grant from Ball Brothers Foundation in the amount of \$4110.00, to purchase evidence training equipment.

New Business

Steve Hall opened and read the 7 submitted mowing bids for 2025. After all bids were opened, it was determined that Antrim Mowing and Edwards Lawn Care were the 2 lowest bids. After discussing the total cost of weekly mowings, it was determined that Antrim Mowing was the lowest bid. After discussion, John made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to accept Antrim Mowing for the 2025 mowing season. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve congratulated Monroe Central High School and Delta High School for a great basketball season, unfortunately ending at the semi state level.

On record, it was reported that John Blankenbaker will be rooting for Purdue this Friday while playing in the sweet 16 NCAA tournament.

Steve will be setting up a meeting with some officials, regarding road safety, and invited the Council members to attend also. He anticipates the meeting to be sometime in April.

Randy said that he will have a complete list of prospective Splashpad employees at the next meeting for Council approval.

He also said that he has investigated the concessions and it's been determined that he would like to have a hot dog roller and a cheese heater. He asked that he be approved for spending up to \$250.00 and will work with Joyce to see where these items can be purchased for the least amount of money. Spencer made the motion, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried 4-0, with Randy abstaining.

It was asked if we would be offering the \$2 Tuesday again this year at the splashpad. Everyone agreed that it has been a good program, Steve will begin asking sponsors.

Steve asked Randy to check the sponsor plaques on the splashpad picnic tables to see if we need to order some new ones for this year. They seem to fade over time, so there could be several that need replaced.

Spencer has been in contact with the engineering firm for development of lots 2 and 3 at the Industrial Park. He is helping them to negotiate what kind of permits and where they can obtain them.

Steve reported that he had been in contact with Brad Bookout regarding lots 4 and 5 at the Industrial Park. He had interest from someone wanting to purchase both lots and wondered if the pricing was negotiable. We said that they need to make us an offer and we will go from there.

Joyce asked for Council approval to get the new codification of ordinances for between \$1200-\$1800. This is something that we are required to do annually, and the cost is usually much lower than the company's quote. Jeff made a motion, seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 5-0.

Joyce said she received the contract for the 2025 fireworks from Night Magic and the cost is increased \$630.00 and is less 2 5-inch shells. She is going to try to negotiate for the 2 shells to be added and if we need to bargain with them, then we may want to eliminate some of the smallest shells. She will try to bring this contract back to the Council at the next meeting for approval.

Steve said that the concert committee mailed out more sponsor request letters today. He said that the committee has looked at an insurance policy that would cover the cost of the band, up to \$2,500, if rain cancels the concert. He will bring this back to the Council at a later date.

Jerry said that it is time for the Evacuator Machine to get a scheduled service done. He will call Vermeer and try to set up an appointment and will see if they will come here to service it, or do we have to take it to Indianapolis. He will let Council know at the next meeting. Joyce also mentioned that she had received a recall on the machine in the mail this week, so we will get that fixed at the same time as the service.

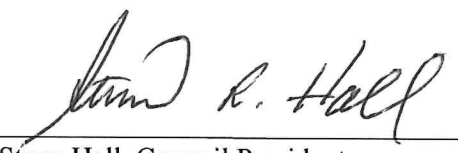
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Nothing from the Public

Spencer made a motion, seconded by Randy: the meeting was adjourned by Steve Hall at 8:09 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:


Joyce Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer


Steve Hall, Council President