MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA May 22, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY POOL PROJECT</u>: Mr. Daily opened the public hearing regarding the community pool project shortly after 4:30 p.m. Shannon McLeod appeared before the Council and introduced the project to the audience. She asked Mr. Main to give some of the history of the public pool, and Mr. Main explained when the pool had been constructed, renovated, and more recently damaged in 2018 flooding. Ms. McLeod completed her description of the project, and the floor was opened for questions and comments. No questions or comments were offered. Ms. McLeod told the Council that the application would be submitted for the project. Mr. Daily closed the hearing.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also presented the payroll docket for review. Ms. Anglemyer then asked Mr. Daily to open the public hearing on Ordinance 6-2023, regarding rate increases for the wastewater utility. Mr. Daily opened the hearing for public comments and questions. No public comments or questions were offered. Mr. Daily closed the public hearing. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to approve Ordinance 6-2023 on second and third readings. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2023 on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner asked the Council if they wished to approve the executive session minutes from the Director of Operations interview process. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the executive session minutes for May 3, 2023, May 4, 2023, May 5, 2023 and May 11, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Wagner suggested that the Golf Cart Ordinance subcommittee meet with him to discuss additional changes.

Mr. Daily asked Mr. Wagner if the Town Council would need to begin live streaming its meetings by May to comply with the new statute and Mr. Wagner replied that the statutory deadline appeared to be July 1, 2025 for implementation. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he would confirm that date. The Council discussed several options for live streaming of meetings.

Mr. Daily asked whether any progress had been made in addressing the Town apartments. Mr. Weldy explained that the elevator repairs were nearly completed and

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that the electrical panel had been installed. Mr. Wagner suggested that a sub-committee be formed with Mr. Weldy, Mr. Fraine and Mr. Leman to develop proposals. The Council asked him to proceed.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</u> Danny and Ruth Thornton appeared and complained about a neighbor that he claimed was operating a car repair business on his home property. Mr. Weldy and Mr. Wagner explained that they had not found sufficient evidence of any zoning violation. Mr. Thornton and Mrs. Thornton claimed they had evidence of an advertisement, and Mr. Wagner asked them to share it with Mr. Weldy after the meeting.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and noted that Greg Hildebrand, the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation Director, and Eric Vance, the new Town mechanic, were both in the audience. Mr. Weldy presented CF-1 statements for IMPA, Mike's Custom Painting, Patrick Industries, and Southwire for Mr. Daily to sign. He elaborated on the work still remaining to complete the elevator repairs in the Town apartment building and submitted a request to hire summer help for the Fire Department on behalf of Chief Matt Neher, who could not attend the meeting. The Council approved the hiring of summer help for the Fire Department. Mr. Graverson asked Mr. Weldy when the flowers would be placed downtown, and Mr. Weldy told the Council that it should happen this week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo informed the Council that Kenny Moser had obtained his DSM certification and had also worked more than 4,000 hours as an apprentice and was due for a raise. Mr. Aguayo asked the Council to approve a pay raise for Mr. Moser in the amount of \$1.00 per hour beginning May 8, 2023. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the pay increase for Mr. Moser as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Aguayo then asked the Council to promote Dexter White to a Class AA operator effective May 22, 2023. Mr. Aguayo explained Mr. White's qualifications for the promotion. Mr. Graverson made a motion to promote Dexter White to Class AA operator effective May 22, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Spaid would be joining the Mishawaka Police Department, and that three other officers may be leaving for other departments in the near future. He also told the Council that a dispatcher, Amber Martin, was also leaving the Department. Chief Kile explained that he had 5 previous applicants for the last open position that would be considered for any new openings. Chief Kile asked the Council if he could make an offer to a new officer with additional vacation time and explained that one of the reserve officers may be willing to join the department if he was to receive 5 days of vacation for the remainder of the year before resuming a regular vacation schedule beginning January 1, 2024. The Council discussed the request and gave Chief Kile the permission to offer the additional vacation time.

Mr. Langdon told the Council that the Street Department's pavement and sealing contractor would be in town for crack sealing soon.

Mr. Cunningham had no new information to report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Mr. Main told the Council that more than 2,000 people had passed through the Town's parks in the past two weeks due to several large events.

Mr. Fraine submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

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Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Daniel Byam appeared on behalf of JPR and presented a review of the pre-selection package results. Mr. Byam made recommendations to the Town Council for approval but explained that JPR wanted to seek second proposals for aeration blowers. Mr. Byam asked the Council to approve the remaining equipment selections and to notify the selected and unselected submitters. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the remaining equipment selections as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam then asked for permission to begin a second pre-selection process for the aeration blowers, Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the second pre-selection request for the aeration blowers, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the contract for the Director of Operations with Keith Fraine, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Janet M. Anglemyer,

Clerk-Tréasurer, Fown of Bremen

William Daily, President

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