

August 9, 2022

On August 9, 2022, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Fledderman were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 375 calls so far for the year. The department lost two volunteers, and they have 27 active members. The new breathing apparatuses are in. \$74,000 has been raised so far, and the department will raise the rest of the funds.

Laura Greiwe from Margaret Mary requested the town's participation in their paint the town pink campaign. They would like to put a temporary pink speed bump in front of the coffee shop for the month of October. The council approved unanimously.

Leah Hildebrand, Ripley County 911 director presented drawings for a proposed radio tower. The 180 ft. tower will be located in the Industrial Park. Roxanne asked why this location was chosen. Leah stated that this area had already been surveyed thus alleviating the cost of a survey. Roxanne and Holly will discuss alternative locations and let Leah know their decision. Chief Sieverding noted that everyone should know how serious this project is.

Jessica Beach, owner of several properties in the projects, was in attendance to discuss her sewer lines. Ms. Beach replaced the sewer line and wanted an agreement from the council that the town will maintain the line. Randall informed her that the town is only responsible for the area from the main. Ms. Beach asked who is responsible when the neighbor's line needs replaced, and he tears up her property. The council agreed that when the time comes, the property owners will need to communicate. Roxanne noted that this is a unique situation as the projects used to be government property and was sold to individuals.

Cheryl Damon-Greiner, owner of Pat's Bulk Food, requested that parking be restricted for the community night out on August 17. Booths will be set up in front of the store, and the event will be over by 8:30. Cheryl will coordinate with Marshal Mann for placement of signs and barriers. The council approved unanimously.

Lindsay Elston from Child Evangelical Fellowship requested permission to hold a 5K October 29 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. CEF will be responsible for marking the route. Marshal Mann said he didn't have any issue with it. Roxanne asked Ms. Elston to touch base with Joe when the event was closer. The Council approved unanimously.

Yvonne Downey from Lifetime Resources requested funding for the Catch-A-Ride grant match. The council agreed to take it under advisement and get back with Ms. Downey after discussing it further.

Paul Sipples from the Versailles Lions Club requested permission to use the town property for the Pumpkin Show September 21-25. The council approved unanimously. Luehrs ride company is requesting additional electric service. Duke will install a 200-amp meter base and a 200 amp disconnect on the back of the town hall. The Lions Club will be responsible for the cost. The council approved unanimously.

Al Sellers would like permission to block the town's intersection for a truck convoy Friday, September 17. Mr. Sellers is expecting 75-100 trucks for the convoy which will benefit the Make a Wish foundation. Marshal Mann was not in favor of blocking traffic for that long. Roxanne suggested Mr. Sellers contact the Ripley County Sheriff's Department for assistance.

Marshal Mann gave an update on the ordinance violations. The old Downtown Mowers building need to be demolished. Once there is an official report, the town can proceed.

Superintendent Randall Miller reported that the street department has been flushing the hydrants. There was a water main break on north Adams Street. Two hydrants on the square need to be repaired. The pumps were pulled and cleaned at Graham Creek lift station. Some of the blacktop at the sports complex is cracking and needs to be repaired. Randall will have O'Mara look at it next time they are in town.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby reported that the trash contract is up in October. The TRECS system is set up. A company will be coming on August 24-25 to take a capital assets inventory.

Director of Community Development Holly Wehr reported that the survey was completed on the pocket park. The two parcels of property had to be connected. The concrete for the pavilion has ben delayed due to weather. Holly presented an update on the grants she is currently pursuing.

Attorney Lynn Fledderman presented the council with several sample golf cart ordinances. She stated enforcement could be an issue. The town can restrict streets and certain areas. Marshal Mann and the council all agreed that Batesville and Madison's ordinances were good. Lynn will draft an ordinance. Ordinance #2022-06 amending abatement for weeds, debris and rank vegetation was passed under suspension of the rules.

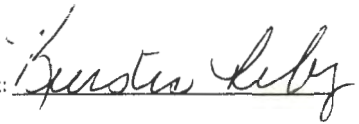
Roxanne asked Lynn if the town could pass an ordinance regarding the development of subdivisions. Lynn stated that falls under the county, but the town could add requirements for streetlights, etc.

Lynn will work on an ordinance regarding public participation. She stated that it is a good idea to set parameters. Lynn also recommended having an agenda and limiting comments.

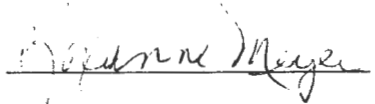
The council approved \$40,000 for the fire department in the 2023 budget.

The council discussed Perry Street parking. They agreed that Curry should take a look at it and see if there is a way to widen the street.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Attest: 

Kiersten Libby, Clerk-Treasurer



Roxanne Meyer, Council President



Josh Combs, Council member



Mike Dougherty, Council member