

Dillsboro Town Council

February 13, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Steve O'Brien from the CARE Team.

Council members present: Doug Baker, Becky Fryman, Tim Benning, Charlie Caldwell and Jamie Craig.
Attorney present: John Watson

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 23, 2023 was approved by CM Benning. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried. Executive Council Meeting minutes from January 23, February 9 and February 13, 2023 were approved by CM Fryman. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens

- Sewer Adjustments – Londalea (Bruce) Murray – 13174 Sunset Drive. Outside water faucet leak. Adjustment for \$68.74. Jamie Kinnett – 12812 Rullman Drive. Leak inside wall in kitchen. Adjustment for \$43.53. Heidi Sizemore – 10089 Sesame Street. Leak under house. Adjustment for \$124.22. Brenton Sturgill – 10450 Twin Oak Drive. Major outside faucet leak. Leaked for several days before customer noticed it. Adjustment - \$1,345.78. CM Fryman made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments. Seconded by CM Craig. Motion carried.
- Outstanding Check for Over 2 Years old as of December 31, 2022 from deposits From Water Appropriation Account 6103001391 – Samantha McQuhae - \$69.05, Emily Reiter - \$75.00 and Belinda Spurlock \$75.00. From Sewer Appropriation Account 6203001391 for deposit. Emily Reiter for \$75.00. CM Benning made a motion to void the above outstanding checks. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Additional Appropriations Public Hearing is February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the Continuing Education Fund for \$500.00. The \$1,472 from police firearms from Cady & Kevin Turner. Cady asked for an additional appropriations at a January 9 meeting. CT Stevens managed to move appropriations around in the 2023 budget and added \$1,500.00 in the police general fund.
- Received a check from Dearborn County Foundation for Quality of Life for \$3,428.22. CM Bennings made a motion to table this to next meeting of how to use this money. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.
- Received a check from the Clayton Family Dillsboro Park Maintenance Fund of \$308.62. This was deposited in the park fund.

Fire Department – Tim Heitmeyer

- Fire Incident Summary Report for January was a total of 16.
- Pumper truck is 20 years old. Had an issue with the pump on the truck and was repaired for \$8,000.00 and was paid from the Fire Department budget. New one would be around \$500,000.00. Suggested a accumulative fund in the future to purchase a new one.
- Knox Box System - Asking council for an ordinance for businesses to purchase a box.
- Fire Territory – Funding for EMS and Fire Department personnel.
- Overhead Garage Door had to be repaired.

Police – Josh Cady – nothing new to report.

Utility Superintendent – Matt Bauer

- Water Project – Been cutting and capping off meters. 6 more meters left to do. No new update on the arrival of endpoints for meters.
- Presented to council for Payment #4 to Mike Holman Excavating, Inc. for \$275,057.30 for the construction of the Division 1 Water Main Replacement US 50 & SR 262 project. CM Fryman made a motion to approve this claim. Seconded by CM Craig. Motion carried.
- Storm Sewer risers on Main Street across from Trinity Church. Council previously approved around \$500.00. Still waiting on supplier.

CM Baker stated there needs to be one utility employee to check our town owned properties every month to make sure everything is ok.

CM Baker also stated a need of a Park Board Superintendent. Bauer is to ask the utility employees if any of them would volunteer for this. If not council will appoint somebody. The employee will do utility and park together. Bauer asked if more pay. Council said no.

Bauer did ask council regarding the snow plowing the soccer parking lot. At the last meeting on January 23, 2023 Attorney Watson stated this could be a liability. But Bauer wanted to make sure council wants the utility department to plow the parking lot as mentioned in the last meeting. CM Baker stated yes go ahead and plow through the soccer parking lot and the side road to Central Avenue for people to walk.

Town Manager/Economic Development – Susan Greco

- A representative from HWC Engineering was present for the updated street listing approval. CM Baker signed the approval.
- Neil Clayton representing the Clayton Family Dillsboro Park Maintenance Fund through the Dearborn County Foundation was present. Clayton stated 5% is distributed. Recommend people to donate to this fund. It is tax deductible. The month of October is matching to a contribution.
- Received a REMC Round-up Grant around \$1,900.00 for baseball playground. Containment wall and ADA handicap accessible. Will apply for Ross Foundation Grant for \$5,000.00 for mulch.
- Steve Williams, owner of old TC's building, had to work so he could not come to the meeting.
- DeVille's Pharmacy is closing February 15. Dillsboro has had a pharmacy for 120 years. Will be missed. George's Pharmacy will do free deliveries to Dillsboro. Greco will be meeting with the Marking Department and Blake Gillman, owner, from George's Pharmacy.
- Coffee Company in the old shoe shop building has electric and utilities now. Second floor has been drywalled and painted. Hoping by May the coffee shop will be open.
- Property Demolition will occur at 12731 North Street. Property had severe leak damage. No required demolition permits needed because the town does not have any.
- Tim Heitmeyer, Civic Club, asked council for their annual donation of \$5,000.00 for the Dillsboro Homecoming. CM Baker stated at the 1st meeting of the year council decided to freeze all gifts out of Riverboat budget. The town does do additional security and the street closure permit for the homecoming. Other annual requests from Children's Advocacy Center and Lifetime

Resources has been denied. CM Baker asked for comments from council members. All agreed not to give a donation except CM Caldwell which stated he disagrees because Civic Club does a lot for the town. CM Benning made a motion to hold off this year of any donations from Riverboat. Seconded by CM Craig. Motion carried. CM Baker did state for Mr. Heitmeyer to check back next year.

Tim Heitmeyer did state the Civic Club will still be doing the Summer Concerts this summer. Civic Club members are low. Need more members. Will be taking down Christmas Lights on February 19 and can use help.

- Friendship Gallery – Council received pictures of the roof. Greco contacted Supply Company and they are willing to incorporate. A manufacturer representative will be looking at the roof and see if the roof was applied properly. We have a leaky roof, no insurance coverage on roof and Dillsboro Arts have completed the renovation on the first floor. Mike Stehlin stated the roof right now has 3 foot wide seams. Mr. Stehlin can replace the roof with 1 seam for \$13,500.00 and insulate the roof for \$3,800.00. Attorney Watson stated go ahead and have Mr. Stehlin fix the roof. Town has good pictures especially the bad spots. So move forward after Greco talked to the manufacturing company because this is an emergency situation. Been leaking all through to the first floor and will leak again when it rains. CM Fryman made a motion to have Stehlin fix the roof because this is an emergency situation. CM Benning seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will be paid for from Town Owned Properties.
- Regarding no insurance on the roof at the Friendship Center. And the town is paying the premium. Attorney Watson will send a letter to the insurance regarding this.
- Fire/EMS Update – Fire territory. Greco was contacted by Jeffery Bellen from AIM who does Fire/EMS merger. Will not be able to do it this year. The plan will include legal, financial and 3 public meetings. Will be able to do in 2024.
- Annexation – County Planning & Zoning and town ordinances don't match. Rhonda Cook will be looking into this. Fiscal plan is moving forward. Robert Reynolds is working on this. Need to move slowly on annexation. Need to know expenses upfront.
- Dillsboro Elementary School cross walk. Cross walk is not where street light is. Cady is dealing with INDOT regarding this.
- LINK 101 Survey deadline is February 17.

Tim Heitmeyer asked council if any update regarding the Fire House Bell Tower that needs repaired. Heitmeyer mentioned it at a previous meeting. Greco stated she will check into it.

Attorney – John Watson - Regarding the Lake Dilldear Extension Project Have done everything. Presented a proposal. Changes to the board. Need to just sit tight. Do need from the BP gas station how much their water bill has been.

CM Baker asked Greco regarding the DeVille's Pharmacy building. Greco stated it can not be leased to another pharmacy which was in the closing agreement.

CT Stevens asked council regarding the plaques to the former board members, Tom Wafford, Mary Lou Powers and Charlie Baker. Been waiting until Powers health got better. Since Powers is doing good. The plaques can be presented to them at the next council meeting.

Being no further business. CM Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.



Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer



