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Town Council Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2024
Town Hall– 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

- Council Members Present: Greg Brewer, Bryan Burney, Chad Gooding, Scott Jones, John Price
- Employees: Ryan Crum, Tim Gropp, Mark Witsman
- Clerk-Treasurer: Stephanie Crider
- Town Attorney: Beth Copeland

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the August 13, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. Burney. 5-0

Public Comments for non-agenda items

- Dottie Salsbury, 9260 Brookview Avenue, voiced her concerns about the noise problem at Daniel's Vineyard.

Committee & Staff Reports

- **Parks Board**: They reviewed recommendations for the purchase of benches for \$17,354, that would be brought to Town Council for approval. They also discussed the more prominent sign-ups for the 5K this year as well as the renaming of the Building a Brighter McCordsville Fund. They also discussed playground equipment and the delay with receiving those due to drainage issues. MyRec software for booking events through the Town's website was also discussed and should be up and running soon. Their next meeting will be the 22nd of October.
- **Redevelopment Commission**: They had Patch development present and discuss the scope of their project.
- **Vernon Township Fire Committee**: Discussion began with Health Insurance but that was tabled. They voted to reject the merit system and there were several general orders updated.
- **Metropolitan Police Board**: Did not meet.
- **Public Works Committee/Commissioner's Report**: They discussed the drainage improvements for Vail Road, approved two invoices, and had a brief discussion on S Railroad St.
- **Plan Commission**: did not meet.
- **Architectural Review Committee**: The meeting started with a withdrawal of petition from Hancock Health, approval of Davis Homes' architectural design for the Enclave, and discussion of

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Patch Development. They approved Lennar homes request of new models and elevations at Alexander Ridge, and they approved certain models in Summerton with garage bump outs.

- **McCord Square Review Committee:** Did not meet.

Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda included the Clerk-Treasurer's Report, Building a Brighter McCordsville Fund Name change, Park Bench quote, American Pump Repair & Service recommendation, MTM Proposal, Waypoint Strategies Contract, and the Taft Letter of Engagement.
 - Dr. Burney questioned whether monthly updates could be included in the Taft letter of Engagement.
 - Mark Shublak, Taft Law, stated that is customary and that would be something that they can bring to the Council. He gave background of his experience as well as what the scope of the work that would be.
 - Dr Burney stated a monthly update would suffice.
 - A representative with Waypoint Strategies explained the process of what they will be doing for the Police Department regarding asset management. Council commented on certain aspects of the contract as well as questioned whether the scope would grow.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the consent agenda with changing Waypoint Strategies to a net 30 payment schedule and also Taft giving us a monthly email report. Price. 5-0

Vernon Township Library Budget Proposal-Public Hearing

- Ashtan Bennett, Vernon Township Public Library Director, gave a brief introduction.
- Mike Reuter, Financial Consultant for the Vernon Township Public Library, gave a presentation of The Fiscal Plan for the Vernon Township Library, plan attached.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.

Town of McCordsville 2025 Budget-Public Hearing

- Mike Reuter, Financial Consultant for the Town of McCordsville, gave a presentation of the Fiscal Plan for the Town of McCordsville, plan attached.
- Mr. Gropp gave a presentation on the budget, attached.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.

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Old Business

Ordinance 070924 – Adopting a Nuisance Ordinance – Second Reading

- Mr. Gropp explained that they have pulled out the noise portion of the Nuisance Ordinance and that they would be bringing back a Noise Nuisance Ordinance.
- Dr. Price stated that they did not want to hold up the Nuisance Ordinance with the noise portion.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Ordinance 070924. Burney. 5-0

Ordinance 081324A – ARPA Recovery Fund No 176 Amendment – Second Reading

- Mr. Gropp explained that in order to follow the guidelines, they chose to allocate the money to Park Improvements Acquisition.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Dr. Price to approve Ordinance 081324A. Jones. 5-0

New Business

Ordinance 091024 – Amendment to the Hampton Walk PUD – Second Reading

- Mark Leach, Land Use Planner with Faegre Drinker, gave a brief presentation which outlined the amendment, petitioners' packet attached.
- Noted a home designated as a side high impact lot with commitment letters.
- Noted a commitment letter for additional landscaping.
- Mr. Brewer questioned why we have the change to the PUD.
- Mr. Crum stated that they felt it was a better feel for the area across from Old Town to incorporate two-story townhomes.
- Dr. Burney explained that this was also debated during the ARC meeting, and they agreed with Fischer homes.
- Mr. Crum further elaborated that this was given a favorable recommendation from Plan Commission with regard to the two-story townhomes.
- Motion by Dr. Price to approve Ordinance 091024. Burney. 5-0

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Xpress Bill Pay Contract

- Mr. Crum explained the contract and the reason for the contract.
- Dr. Burney stated his concerns for the contract being locked out of passwords as well as blank information on the form that was not listed.
- Mr. Crum stated that the contract would be signed by the Council President, and he also explained the process of paying the processor for the fees.
- Dr. Burney questioned designating someone as the password holder.
- Mr. Jones questioned the interest rate increase and how we would be locked into that rate.
- Council decided to push this out until the next month with negotiations with Xpress Bill Pay.

Assistant Town Manager's Report:

- Project Status Report: Posted online.
 - Dr. Burney commented on the addition of the numbers.
- Mr. Crum stated that they are well into the comprehensive plan process and that they are getting into their planning week with specific meeting dates and times.

Town Manager's Report:

- Mr. Gropp explained his travel plans and his absence at the planning week.
- Mr. Gropp elaborated on the success of the Party in the Park and thanked all the staff and volunteers for their hard work.
- Mr. Gropp discussed how they are changing the location of the Cars and Coffee and Market event to McCord Square.
- Mr. Gropp gave notice to McCordsville residents regarding the race event for the City of Fishers that will impact the Town.
 - Dr Price questioned how this will impact the work on 700.

Town Councilor Comments

- Mr. Brewer reiterated what Mr. Gropp stated and thanked staff and volunteers for their work at the Party in the Park. He also thanked the Parks Board for their hard work in bettering our community.

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Voucher Approval

- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the vouchers. Price. 5-0

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Council President. 8:47 p.m.

Minutes Approval

These minutes approved this 8th day of October 2024.

Greg Brewer, Council President

Attest: _____
Stephanie Crider, Clerk-Treasurer