

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 APPROVED**

1) CALL TO ORDER

- 2.) Present:** Walter Freihofer
Greg Jacoby
Colleen Field
Cole Marr
Zack Gordon: Attendance by Phone
Mike Russo, Town Marshal
Willie Hall, Town Engineer
Maddlyn Clary, Town Attorney
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

2) RESIDENT FORUM –ATTENDEES WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN’S RESIDENT

- A. No one offered to speak

3.) Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of October 11, 2021 minutes: Approved by Roll Call 5-0

4.) Vouchers: \$34,723.26. Approved by Roll Call 5-0

5.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

- A. Town Attorney Jacob Bonifield distributed a draft of a 2022 Salary Ordinance No. MH 2021-07 to be considered. The Ordinance was approved after a first reading and waiver of the rules allowing the second reading at the same meeting. The vote was approved 5-0.
- B. Maddlyn Clary, Attorney attended the Council meeting in Jacob’s absence.

6.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE.

- A. IN ADDITION TO THE POSTING THAT WAS MADE BY MARSHAL RUSSO, HE ALSO BROUGHT A SAMPLE OF THE BALLISTIC PANELS THAT NEEDED APPROVAL CHIEF DEPUTY BATZA. THE REQUEST WAS ADDED AND APPROVED IN THE LIST OF VOUCHER APPROVALS.

7.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER (SEE PROJECT INVENTORY)

- A. Engineer Hall recommended that the bids for the sidewalk project let and the opening would be at January Council meeting.
- B. Hall confirmed that there were two potholes at 75th & Pennsylvania Street.
- C. Hall indicated that he would be reaching out to Indianapolis DPW to resolve the final tally for the highway miles for which the Town is responsible. He indicated that there would be a meeting set for the end of November to address the issue.

8.) Clerk Treasurer Report

- A. CT requested that all Councilors sign the vouchers prior to leaving.
- B. CT inspected and confirmed the tree on 74th and Gregg Rd. In additions, he had been in contact with the Forestry Supervisor of DPW regarding the dead ash tree overhanging N. Meridian Street. it was determined that the tree was not in either the DPW or MH's right of way but was on the private property of the owners of 74 Gregg Road. As result, the CT has sent a letter to the owners along with supporting pictures of the tree advising them of the risk and requesting that the tree be removed.
- C. CT informed the Council that he had approved the removal of the tree at 7955 N. Illinois, a dead ash that was in the Town's right of way. The approved cost will be \$4320.
- D. Included in the Vouchers is a Town's expense for the Halloween Candy.

9.) Old Business.

- A. Sidewalk Project Action: it was decided that there was no additional action needed for the Sidewalk project and the Council agreed that the bids should be let for opening at the January Council meeting

10.) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ARW 2022SERVICE AGREEMENT APPROVAL: MOTION BY GREG JACOBY AND A SECOND BY COLLEEN FIELD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION WAS APPROVED 5-0
- B. LWG SERVICE AGREEMENT APPROVAL: MOTION FOR APPROVAL FROM COLLEEN FIELD AND A SECOND FROM ZACK GORDON. MOTION WAS APPROVED 5-0
- C. COUNCIL APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NEED MAKE ACCOUNTING YEAR ADJUSTMENTS.

12.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.) Development Standards Committee:

a. **77 E. 70th Street Variance Request:** The Committee recommended the approval of the Sayre's Variance Request* that would allow the construction of a garage that would result in a structure closer to the property lines that allowed in the Town's Municipal Code. However, the neighbors have all approved and the variance Committee recommended that approval of the variance. With a motion from Greg Jacoby and a second from Zack Gordon, the motion passes 5-0.

- **The garage can be built on the existing pad or in the same location. The garage will be 24' x 22'. The existing pad is 5' off the western property line in lieu of the required 15 feet. The south edge of the true pad is approximately 26' off the south property line in lieu of the required 30'.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JANUARY 10, 2022

ADJOURNMENT