

June 7, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Middlebury met in regular session at the Town Hall, Middlebury, IN and via Zoom at 6:00 pm, June 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Miranda Cripe.

Upon the roll call, the following members of the Council were present:

Jeremy Yahwak, Scott Miller, Miranda Cripe, Dan Shoup and Chuck Teall

Also, present were Mary Cripe, Town Manager, Craig Buche, Attorney and Peggy Hutchison, Clerk/Treasurer.

MINUTES:

Jeremy Yahwak moved to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting. Scott Miller seconded, and the motion carried with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Miranda Cripe commented on the good job Mary Cripe did presenting all the projects Middlebury has in the future. Those involved in Zoom meeting included representatives from the State, Elkhart County and Baker Tilly.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

The following Accounts Payable Vouchers were reviewed and approved on a motion by Chuck Teall and seconded by Dan Shoup. The motion carried by roll call vote – all yes.

Accounts Payable Voucher – Payroll May 20, 2021	\$108,391.09
Accounts Payable Voucher – Payroll June 3, 2021	\$110,039.47
Accounts Payable Voucher – May month end	\$563,478.32
Accounts Payable Voucher – June 7, 2021	\$116,111.36

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Miranda Cripe opened the bids for the 2021 Paving Project – Phase I. The bids were as follows:

Rieth Riley	\$739,169.90 – Alt. 1 - \$11,546.00
Milestone Contractors	\$663,123.75 - Alt. 1 - \$5,000.00
Niblock	\$657,453.75 – Alt. 1 - \$7,000.00

Dan Shoup moved to take the bids under advisement and Chuck Teall seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Jack Cook presented the American Legion’s proposal for the Veterans Banner Project. The banners will be on display for both Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day Holidays. This November is the celebration of the Legion’s 100th anniversary. Mr. Cook emphasized there would be cost to the town, except for the labor involved with hanging the new brackets and the flags. Scott Miller stated he thinks this is a great idea. Chuck Teall motioned to approve the hanging of the Veteran’s banners and Jeremy Yahwak seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Jackson Beck presented and explained proposed Resolution 2021-05 – “Resolution Adopting Written Fiscal Plan and Establishing Definite Policy for Annexation of a Portion of Jayco, Inc. Real Estate on State Road 13 and Villas of River Park and Crisp Real Estate on County Road 16.” Chuck Teall motioned to accept and approve Resolution No. 2021-05 and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Jackson Beck also presented Ordinance No. 657 – “An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate (A Portion of Jayco, Inc., Villas of River Park and Crisp Real Estate) and Declaring the Same to be a Part of the Town of Middlebury, Indiana”. This was introduced at the May 17th meeting. Scott Miller motioned to approve and accept Ordinance No. 657 and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes. The annexations will be effective 30 days after publication.

Public input was once again received regarding the Parking Ordinance. Gary and Collen Duncan, 206 Krider Dr., would like to see the ordinance address RV’s, boats, etc. In their neighbor, there is a problem of parking these vehicles on a curve and blocking traffic. Mary Cripe stated there have been other neighbors on Krider Dr. complaining about the same vehicles. The council will investigate addressing curves in the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Stager presented an overview of the year from the Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County.

Jackson Beck presented the Certification Regarding Tax Increment Replacement Amount. The Middlebury Redevelopment Commission is not requesting any tax increase. Jeremy Yahwak motioned to accept and to give consent to the Certification and Chuck Teall and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Dan Holderread presented Amendment No. 1 from Donohue & Associates, Inc. for their on-call services for the Wastewater Department. Donohue is requesting a \$10,000.00 increase bringing the total not to exceed \$20,000.00. Chuck Teall motioned to approve the Amendment No. 1 and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Robert Miller is seeking approval to hire Seth Hartman for the Public Works Department. His first day is today, June 7, 2021. Dan Shoup motioned to approve the hiring and Jeremy Yahwak seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Mary Cripe then presented Ordinance No. 642-C – “An Amendment to the Town of Middlebury 2021 Salary Ordinance”. This amendment increases the pay for the laborers and superintendent of the Public Works Department as well as an increase for the Wastewater superintendent. Chuck Teall motioned to approve Ordinance No. 642-C and Scott Miller seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Jackson Beck presented and explained Resolution 2021-06 – “Resolution of the Middlebury Town Council Terminating Resolution No. 2020-07 Concerning Public Access to Town of Middlebury Facilities”. Scott Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2021-06 and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Chuck Teall would like the Council to not participate in the SR 13 – Toll Road Interchange Infrastructure Project. Chuck does not want to obligate the residents of the Town to this additional expense. Chuck Teall motioned for the Council to formulate a letter to the Sewer Board to not proceed and Dan Shoup seconded. The motioned passed with a roll call vote – all yes. The Council will review the letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elk. Cty Plat Committee meeting – Thur. June 10 at 8:30 am at Elk. Co. Public Services Bldg
Elk. Cty. Plan Comm. meeting on Thurs, June 10, 2021 at 9am at Elk. Co. Public Services Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner – Tuesday, June 15 – 5 – 8 pm Northridge Cafeteria
Park Board Meeting on Wed, June 16, 2021 at 3pm at Town Hall.
Elkhart Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thurs, June 17, 2021 at 8:30am
Town Council Meeting on Mon, June 21, 2021 at 6pm at Town Hall
Redevelopment Commission meeting – Thurs, June 24, 2021 at 7:30 am – Town Hall
Stable Grounds Open House on Mon, June 28, 2021 6pm-8pm

Meeting was adjourned.



Miranda Cripe, President, Town Council

ATTEST:


Peggy A. Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer

This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in person or engage in remote real-time electronic observation.