



April 12th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Winkler, Austin Turner, MacKenzie Taylor, Rick Pharis, Haley Hurst, Ray Rodriguez, Jessica Frye, Robert Roa, Vernon Miller, Larry Randolph, and Matt King.

Jim called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Jim made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 8th, 2023. Austin Turner seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 8th, 2023. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved.

Water: Jim announced Ben is away at AWWA training in Indianapolis.

Maintenance: Jim started by saying, I am going to advise the guys to get the speed bumps in near the park. Matt said, we are waiting until we get a set date for the paving. Matt said, I don't want to put the bumps in and then have to turn around and take them right back out. Rick confirmed for everyone, Pulver will be starting on the 28th of April. Rick did not know what road they would start on. Jim mentioned, there is a trench drain near the park entrance that needs some attention as soon as possible.

Jim said, Larimer has been a nightmare. People are using that road like it's a race track. Jim asked Ray and Robert to have more of a police presence and/or run radar on that road. Jessica suggested moving the speed sign onto that road for a while and see if that slows down traffic. It's helped on some of the other roads in Town. Austin said, you can try it.

Jim asked Matt what has been going on at the Maintenance Department? Matt replied, we are all doing well and I am getting the salt for next year, already. Jim asked, do we have the room? Matt replied, not really, but we will make room for it.

Matt said, they've been fixing a lot of pot holes. He is going to have to get another ton of patch. So far, they've gone through two tons. Unfortunately, the patch isn't holding up because the semi-trucks keep destroying it. Jim asked if there was anything to prevent this from happening, especially when trucks are turning the corners. Matt said, a big rock. Matt had to put one in near Dean's old shop and that helped tremendously.

Matt said, they have started mowing. We also made the bathroom accessible for the softball games that will be going on here shortly. There is a back order on meters, Jim mentioned. Matt

said we engineered what was broken in the bathroom and it's working. Matt praised Vernon for doing such a great job out at the park.

Larry asked, the intersection of Jefferson and Elm, could that be turned into a four way stop? The council members and everyone in the room was in favor to turn this intersection from a two way stop to a four way stop. This would hopefully, slow down traffic and also get the semi-trucks to use to back entrance when going into Forest River. There is also a semi that sits on the corner of Jefferson and Elm. This is an awful blind spot and hazard to walkers and traffic. Austin said, I thought we already said something to this individual. The Town has not, we need to find either a local ordinance, County ordinance, or look into State Code.

Marshal: Ray gave an update on a letter he sent out to the local businesses to acquire donations for a flock camera system. So far, we have received two donations totaling up to \$500. Rick said, he has some contact information from someone at the County Prosecutors Office and will get ahold of her.

Ray sought permission from the council to waive the golf cart registration fee. Ray said, it really doesn't amount to much for us. Many of the residents that have these use them to save on gas or to be ecofriendly. Jim stated, he called around to other municipalities and spoke with different people in regards to their golf cart ordinances. Jim and Austin were okay with waiving the registration fee. Jim made it clear, even though the fee has been waived, it is still vital that they come down and register their golf carts so the Town can keep track of them. Another concern is the driving age for the golf carts. Ray stated, 15 is the youngest and they have to have a learners permit or a state ID. It's the same thing with being able to drive a moped. Requirements that have been established are 15 (with the necessary ID/permit) or 16 years or older with a valid/current driver's license. Jim and Austin were in favor of this as well. This is already currently in the Town's Golf Cart Ordinance, so MacKenzie will amend and waive the registration fee.

New Business: Rick said, he apologizes and needs to leave shortly. Hopefully, at the next meeting he will have quotes for everything that we've asked for. The police alley, the five other alleys in town, the parking lot, and garage doors for the police.

Park: Jim asked Vernon if he had anything for the park. Vernon said, I was hoping I could talk to Ben yesterday and then found out that he was out of town. Vernon stated, Ben said something about getting a quote to asphalt a parking lot? Jim said, I told him he could get a quote. Vernon asked, I told Ben, why do you want to do that? I don't think he knows how much it'll cost in general and then to maintain it every 5-6 years. My biggest gripe is, we need to maintain the park and what we have. Along with, this new stuff we have coming in. The buildings need maintenance, the driveway, walking path, and the disc golf all need attention. Vernon said, I talked to Ben about this all a year ago and things haven't gotten done or ordered for me to fix

these things. Vernon expressed, I wanted to talk to Ben before this meeting about these things again. This stuff really concerns me that we aren't maintaining what we already have. I've told Ben just give me the okay and I can order these supplies and items I need to maintain the park. Disc golf needs to be cleaned up along with the walking path, it floods when it rains. Ben did get me a load of material but I expressed to him, I need more to repair the path and I haven't gotten anymore. The playground itself needs some work too. Austin said, he went to the park the other day and went to sit on the bench and the back of it was loose. It's the bench right in front and the back isn't on very well. Haley said, she knew what he was talking about. That was broken three years ago. MacKenzie told the council there are no funds available to asphalt a parking lot out here. If he is thinking he can use the TIF money, he has to ask permission from the RDC. We have no other funds to use towards that. Jim agreed that the asphalt would be an unnecessary expenditure and we can do this in a more cost-efficient way. Vernon expressed that he knows how to lay limestone and can get a nice parking lot in place that will hold up better and not require as much maintenance. Vernon knows and understands the process in spreading limestone, packing it, and maintaining it. Matt suggested, soon we will have a lot of crushed concrete. We can take all of that crushed concrete and dump it for you at the park and this can be used for the parking lot. Matt said, it's very similar to limestone and would again, save us money. Vernon was very excited about this and agreed that would be a fantastic thing to do. Matt told Vernon; his department can help him with this whenever he needs. Jim told Vernon to get him a list of supplies and things that need to be maintained in the park and he would take care of it.

Eagle Park will be getting redone soon by the eagle scout for his project. First, an overlay of those 5 pine trees will be removed. There are two dead trees on the south side that will be removed also. Another item that will be removed is the tube. The basketball courts will be coming down. There is a gentleman who brings his children to this park a lot and has a business and agreed to remove the slats and posts of the fence for us for \$1,300. These posts are concreted into the ground. Then, we will add a four-foot black chain link fence around the area. Vernon said, Ben asked me to get a quote on a two-rail board fence? Jim said, he just met with Ben on Friday and this is what was decided. Jim advised Vernon to hang on to the quote.

Clerk Treasurer: MacKenzie gave the Town Council the February Bank Rec. Suzy Bass has looked over it and signed off on MacKenzie's work.

Newsletters have been sent out, there's a lot of good information, thanked everyone for contributing.

Reminder, there is a pancake sausage breakfast here on the 29th from 9am-11am. All donations raised will go to Sunshine Daycare.

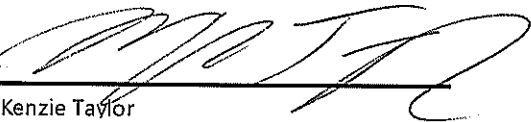
New Business: Jessica told the Council that we are having a “Back to School Bash” August 5th from 11am-3pm. Jessica has reached out to Walmart, Target, Amazon, Forest River, etc. in regards to acquiring donations of school supplies or backpacks. Jessica spoke with Moe yesterday about the Fire Department helping out with this event. Moe was excited and willing to help out. It’s our goal to make sure every kid leaves with a filled back pack or a great amount of school supplies. Jim and Matt suggested contacting Toni from the Fire Department because they do something similar to this. MacKenzie said, she would e-mail Toni tomorrow and see if they’d be interested in putting this event on together.

Matt said, I bought this parcel back in 2022. It’s near the old Carriage dump. I would like to have this parcel turned into County property instead of Town property. Matt assured the council this will not affect those that have the trust. The parcel is 300 feet long by 33 feet wide. Jim said, I don’t have a problem with this. Austin said, he doesn’t have a problem with this either. Matt said, he will need a letter from the Town stating it’s okay to have this piece of property zoned as County property. MacKenzie said she would work on this tomorrow.

Jim made a motion to pay bills. Austin Turner seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to sign bills. Jim made a motion to adjourn. Austin seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.

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Dean Smith
Council President

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MacKenzie Taylor
Clerk Treasurer