

AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2010

7:00pm

Avon Town Council Chamber
6570 E US Hwy 36, Avon, Indiana

Call to Order was given by Council Vice President Beverley Austin.

Invocation was given by Pastor Karen of Avon United Methodist Church

Roll Call was taken by Clerk-Treasurer, Sharon Howell. Council members present were Charlie Dorton, Nikki Gordy, Beverley Austin, and Michael Rogers. Tom Klein, Town Manager and Dan Taylor, Town Attorney was also present.

Proclamation

Council proclaimed September 5, 2010 as Slovenia Day.

Consent Agenda

Council member Dorton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included:

7-8-10 Council Meeting Minutes

8-26-10 Check Register

Approving Contract Amendment: Crossroads Engineering

Introduction: Ordinance 2010-09: Establishing Financial Review Fee

Resolution 2010-16: Accepting Right of Way for River Birch Elementary Road Improvements

Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-for, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-absent, M. Rogers-for

4-for, 0-against, 1-absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment

Paul Morton of 900 N CR 450E, Avon spoke on behalf of the World War II Committee expressing thanks to the Avon Town Council, the Avon Police Department, and the Avon Town Staff for their eager cooperation in producing the first World War II Memorial Car Show on August 22nd 2010. Thanks also to the Avon/Washington Township Fire Department for providing the EMT's for the event. Mr. Morton also thanked, Ms. Erin Mulryan and the park staff for their efforts to support the vendors and the volunteers on the day of the event. Their efforts made the event one of the best attended as described by the participants. The character of the community is revealed by its willingness to support good causes. Avon residents should be proud of local government and businesses that continue to step forward to support the making of the World War II Memorial Park. Plans are being made for the Car Show next year.

Council Comment

Council member Rogers expressed his appreciation to Red Bledsoe and all the many volunteers that came forward to promote this show. People like Red are the heartbeat of the community and his work is appreciated.

Council member Dorton commented that budget work will be starting tonight and he feels fortunate Avon can maintain its staff level, when our neighbor to the north is letting firefighters go. It is hard work by all of our staff which allows such quality of service and keeps us moving in the right direction.

Council member Austin commented on the concept of Economic Gardening and a seminar to learn more about it. Ms. Austin will place information in Council member mailboxes.

Council member Rogers commented on Ivy Tech and requested that the Town Manager acknowledge the members of the Redevelopment Commission for all of their work.

New Business

Authorization to Replace Vehicles

Ryan Cannon presented and reviewed the vehicle upgrade plan. The Town currently has a fleet of nine vehicles and will be reducing the number of vehicles in the fleet to seven. Staff recommended the purchase of 2010 Silverado 1500 2WD from Dugan for right around \$17,000 and a 2010 Silverado regular cab 4x4 base model from Bill Estes Chevy for \$20,348.42. Mr. Cannon requested selling five vehicles as indicated, approving an expenditure of \$40,000 to purchase two new fleet vehicles and authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to finance the two vehicles. Neither one of the vehicles would be used for snow plowing. Council member Rogers made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Cannon to purchase or lease to buy two vehicles with approval up to \$40,000 subject to the Clerk-Treasurer arranging financing on this purchase and also authorizing Mr. Cannon to move vehicles from Indy Tire lot to Town lot.

Motion was seconded by Council member Gordy. Roll call vote was taken.

C. Dorton-for, N. Gordy-for, B. Austin-for, G. Zusan-absent, M. Rogers-for
4-for, 0-against, 1-absent. Motion carried.

2011 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion

The 2011 budget was presented and included information on:

- The total property tax circuit breaker impact on the Town's funds,
- declining fund trends,
- explanation of funds and allowable uses,
- trends in public works.

The 2011 Budget issues were reviewed and included:

- addressing reductions in general fund,
- health insurance payments
- extra pay period
- employee pay
- dispatch and additional funding
- staffing levels
- circuit breaker for debt in EDIT
- income tax collection
- road maintenance funding
- economic development
- implementation of plans

The 2011 budget activities with potential for reductions included:

- Town Manager – Summer Intern
- Planning/Building – Summer Intern
- Police – Vehicles
- Public Works – Mulryan Salary/Benefits expense could be transferred to Food & Beverage
- Public Works – Consulting expense could be transferred to MVH
- EDIT – Long range planning – possible reduction if part time employee in planning & building

The 2011 budget for each department was reviewed. Discussion was held on amounts budgeted for utilities, liability insurance, emergency generator, and seasonal workers.

Planning Director, Al Salzman proposed that the Assistant Planner line be budgeted as a part time position to retain the current intern in the department, Joe Smoker for about 35 hours a week for the 2011 calendar year. This would internalize some of the long term planning functions and also help with the rotating coverage concept that Tom is introducing. Joe and Misti would be sharing time up front for at least part of the week. Mr. Salzman also included an intern for the summer, which will probably go away to balance the impact of retaining Mr. Smoker in 2011. Capital in the planning department has been reduced with the biggest reduction being the planning and building consultant.

No changes in the budget for 2011 for the Town Court.

Chief Miller commented that the Police department budget for 2011 is not much different than 2010. There have been a few changes going down line by line. Office supplies and computer consulting has been reduced some. Repair and maintenance account line has been reduced by two thousand. Part of dispatch services are paid from the general fund budget and part from the EDIT fund.

Ryan Cannon presented to Council the 15 year Capital Improvement Plan for Road Improvements, Public Works, Parks, and Police/Other. The parks capital improvement plan follows the budget for 2011. The Parks budget is budgeted from Food and Beverage tax. Parks program spreadsheet was reviewed. 2010 project carryover included the YMCA, update Town Park Site Plan, Multimodal Connections (100N and sidewalk connections), and expand existing parking. Seasonal employees would remain the same at 2.5 for 2011.

Discussion was held on the use of TIF (Tax Increment Finance) Funds. The Town Manager was directed to talk to the Redevelopment Commission President and Vice-President about allowing the use of TIF funds for some improvements at the Town Hall that would allow for other improvements in the Town from other funds.

Ryan reviewed the Public Works budget spreadsheet by fund. The drainage part of the budget is in the food and beverage fund. Included in the food and beverage budget are storm sewer cleaning, phase two permit engineering, storm water education, and part of the salary for Sam. On the capital side, included are drainage engineering, grading roadside ditches (part in EDIT and part in Food and beverage), some drainage inventory updates, and utility study. Mr. Cannon also reviewed other items that have not been funded from the capital improvement plans. 2010 public works budget 1,452,000 and 2011 is 1,447,000 on the operating side. Capital budget for 2010 was 426,000 and has been reduced in 2011 to 120,000.

Mr. Klein went over EDIT fund. The EDIT fund was impacted by circuit breaker. Included for 2011 are payment to the Hendricks County Economic Partnership, 27th pay, additional dispatch amount, and one time salary payment.

TIF fund budget was submitted by the Redevelopment Commission. Included in the TIF budget was 500,000 for economic development. A request was made for more detail for the budget numbers.

Public Hearing

Council Vice-President Austin opened the public hearing on the 2011 Town of Avon Budget. With on one coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public coming forward for comment.

Adjournment