

Town of Ulen Town Council Meeting – December 19, 2023

| Meeting Time and Location | Attendees (Council Members) | | | |
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| Notification Posted: Y | P | N | V | (Check present, not present, or virtual attendance) |
| Date and Time: December 19, 6:30 | X | | | Mark Ransom |
| Location: Ulen Country Club | X | | | Jennifer Jones |
| Recorded minutes compiled by: Mary Ann Hery, Clerk-Treasurer | | X | | Jason Jones |
| | X | | | Mary Ann Hery |
| Attendees (Other) | | | | |
| Sheryl Cassis | | Bob Burgun | | |
| Steve Million | | Ralph Holmes | | |
| Helen Million | | Juli Kurnos | | |
| John Messenger | | Gretchen Turner | | |
| Ann Newsom | | Joe Newsom | | |

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Planning and Zoning Project Update

The council continued to collect and notarize signatures to accept new covenants. 19 signatures have been collected so far. Council members are continuing to reach out to other residents. The goal will be to begin plan commission meetings in January or February.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Prior meeting minutes were approved and signed for the November meeting.

Reconciled financials were provided and reviewed for November.

Vouchers were signed for Christmas decorations and to pay an outstanding invoice for Royal Title, totaling \$224.32. The ledger balance at the end of November (including investments) was \$376,627.07.

Waste Management

After agreeing to pursue a new trash and recycling agreement based on an estimate from Priority Waste, the Town was notified that Priority has withdrawn its proposal and will not take on Ulen as a customer due to having more work than they can accommodate. The Council agreed to continue to work with Waste Management until a better alternative is found.

Electrical Issues

No update was provided about securing 811 service for the town.

Ongoing Landscaping Care

Stone and reflectors for the circles have been purchased and the town is awaiting availability of a stoneworker to begin repairs.

Three representatives from DesignLife/MCCOG (Madison County Council of Governments) gave a presentation to introduce the combined team of landscape designers and urban planners to meeting attendees. The presenters described their credentials, other municipal projects they have done, and solicited discussion and questions about their process and the proposed design plan. A number of participants offered thoughts and ideas. Per contract, the presenters will return for several subsequent monthly meetings as the project continues.

John Messenger was also invited to contribute to the discussion as a representative of the City of Lebanon/Memorial Park, since the park entrances are also being considered. Mr. Messenger expressed appreciation at being included in the decision-making and offered the possibility of sharing some labor resources as the plans are implemented.

The Council agreed to attempt to find the prior engineering survey done by Butler Fairman & Seufert, and share it with the design team.

SBOA Audit and Reports

Ms. Hery reported that the SBOA examiner has not yet been able to make an appointment to do additional review.

Clarity Capital Consulting is currently working on the Town's asset list, based on information located in the Town's archives and provided by Ms. Hery.

Street Damage

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Ransom are working with the County to find a concrete company to do the repairs to the concrete box and manhole on East Drive. In the meantime, they will attempt to find a metal sheet to cover the hole.

Sewer Line

Ms. Hery located some old documentation about the sewer line bypass under the Frandsen residence. She can create copies and share these with Mr. Frandsen if needed; however, Mr. Frandsen was not in attendance.

New Business

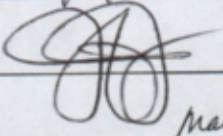
Grant Funding

Mr. Ransom contacted Drive Clean about assisting obtaining grant funding for various Town projects, including the entryway upgrade. Several opportunities may exist – Mr. Ransom will continue to work with this group to apply for appropriate grant funding.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15.

Approvals:

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| Council Member Approvals: | Mark Ransom |
| Attested by Clerk Treasurer: |  Maylene King |
| Date Approved: | 2-27-24 |