

Town of Ulen Town Council Meeting – May 28, 2024

Meeting Time and Location	Attendees (Council Members)			
Notification Posted: Y	P	N	V	(Check present, not present, or virtual attendance)
Date and Time: May 28, 6:30	X			Mark Ransom
Location: Ulen Country Club	X			Jennifer Jones
Recorded minutes compiled by: M. Herny	X			Sheryl Cassis
	X			Mary Ann Herny
Attendees (Other)				
Patsy Smith				Steve Million
Steve Lewis				Helen Million
Luanne Lewis				Margi Walters
Sue Ritz				Gretchen Turner
Ann Newsom				John Garber
Joe Newsom				

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Planning and Zoning Project Update

Planning and zoning meetings have been delayed because of several changes to committee membership and availability of the members. The Council is asking Bob Clutter for meeting dates each month for the next four months. The committee meeting may be scheduled earlier in the day (e.g. 3:00 pm). No confirmation of meeting dates has been established yet.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

- Prior meeting minutes (April of 2024) were approved and signed.
- Reconciled financials were presented from April and approved.
- Vouchers were approved and signed for a number of invoices. Total of all account balances at the end of March was \$380,116.98, including checking, money market and investment accounts.

Road Repair

Road repairs were completed at a cost of only \$800, including disconnection of the remaining phone line, filling the hole with pea gravel, and covering the hole with six inches of concrete.

Residents mentioned the recent appearance of cracks in the town's roads – the Council may need to look at options for longer term protection of the road surface. As part of our Community Crossings grant application work, Craig Parks has provided a quote to repair or cover the road surface. Options include either putting in 2"-3" strip of filler over all cracks, or do a full finish from curb to curb. This process may need to be repeated every 5-10 years. Mr. Ransom will work with him – initial pricing for his involvement is \$8k to develop a new grant, which is due in July.

811 Services

The Town found it necessary to pursue a different 811 service vendor. The vendor, Bloodhound, has been approached for a quote.

Entryway / Grant Funding

The next steps in this effort is to develop an RFP for the planned work and reach out to DriveClean and DesignLife/MCOG to pursue grant opportunities. Ms. Heryn will contact DesignLife/MCOG and Mike Crowley, both of whom do some work of this type, and Mr. Ransom will contact DriveClean, as we have an outstanding balance with them.

John Messenger has been reviewing the design plan and is eager to assist in some of the work effort.

Trash Services

A spring cleanup trash run will be scheduled and the residents notified.

New Business

Some discussion was held about how the town can best prepare for the 100th Anniversary celebration. The following action were discussed:

- Mr. Ransom will work with Ulen Country Club to see if there are any security or parking issues that may need to be addressed.
- Ms. Heryn and Mr. Newsom will engage a landscaping vendor to trim and weed circles and entry way overgrowth. The council unanimously approved this action with a not-to-exceed budget of \$5,000.
- The Council agreed that an email should be sent to residents about upcoming festivities and their expected impact, since many residents do not receive UCC communications.
- A resident suggested hiring a street sweeper. Steve Lewis and Mark Ransom will follow up to see if a vendor can be found.

The final SBOA examiners meeting has been scheduled. All Town Council members are invited and have agreed to attend if possible.

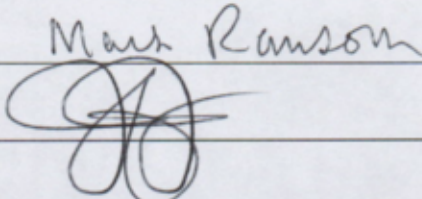
Several CDs are approaching their redemption dates. The Town Council agreed that they should be reinvested, as long as laddering continues to allow access to these funds if needed. Ms. Heryn will provide options for the next round of investment.

Streetlights continue to burn out. Mr. Ransom will seek to confirm that the right lights and sensors are being used (the same as what is being used in Memorial Park).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15.

Approvals:

Council Member Approvals:	Mark Ransom 
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Attested by Clerk Treasurer:	<i>Mary Anthony</i>
Date Approved:	6/25/2024