Regular Meeting of the Cornersville Board of Mayor and Aldermen November 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



Those Participating: Mayor John Luna, Alderman Mary Johnson, Alderman Doris Arthur, Alderman Janice Kerber, Town Attorney Billy Ostermann, Town Administrator Taylor Brandon and Chief Mark Chandler.

- 1. Luna called the meeting to order.
- 2. Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Arthur said the Invocation.
- **4. Approval of the Financials**: Arthur praised Brandon for investing the surplus funds with Local Government Investment Pool to make more interest. Johnson made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- **5. Approval of the Minutes**: Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- 6. Citizens Comments: Theo Cristian, 114 Polk St., asked about the status of East Hill Street, Polk Street and Underwood Street paving project and wants to know why the timing of Citizens Comments moved toward the top of the monthly agendas and how do citizens learn more about subjects on the agenda. Brandon stated crews had been out twice in the week and construction had started on the paving project. Luna stated to learn more about what's on the agenda for citizens to reach out to their aldermen. Brandon stated he had complaints from citizens about Citizens Comments being at the bottom of the agenda. If a citizen wanted to discuss a Resolution or Ordinance, it would have possibly already passed. Osterman stated Resolutions are read only once where Ordinances are read twice.
- 7. Resolution 23-308 South Park Street sidewalk and paving and Fairview Avenue paving: Brandon stated he will be opening bids on Friday, November 3, 2023. He stated initially he had only received one bid. The receipt of more bids is more prudent for the Town, so he extended the bid opening to November 3, 2023. He stated he wants the town to pay cash for the sidewalk and borrow the funds for the paving of South Park Street and Fairview Ave to prevent depletion of reserves in the Street Fund. Kerber made a motion for Brandon to pay cash for the sidewalk on South Park St. and borrow the funds for the paving. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.

8. Citizen of the Year Vote: Arthur stated she would rather the citizens of the town to vote on the Citizen of the Year from the list of people who have been nominated and qualified instead of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Kerber stated she would like to see a biography of each person who qualified. Luna stated the Events Committee wants that person to light the Christmas tree in the park at the Main Street Christmas event, December 2, 2023. After discussion it was agreed the deadline for votes through Facebook page, email, phone call or in person vote at Town Hall be Monday, November 27, 2023 by close of business. Arthur made a motion for the Board of Mayor and Alderman to approve nominees, and citizens to vote and elect the 2023 Citizen of the Year. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.

9. Other Business:

- a. Picnic Tables in the Park: Johnson made a motion to table until Spring 2024.
- b. **Short Term Rentals/AIRBNB's:** Brandon stated he is looking at the Zoning issues, what other towns are doing, and what will work better for the Town of Cornersville as ways to generate revenue from different taxes. Luna stated he wants to see more information. Johnson stated she wants them to pay a permit as well. Johnson made a motion to table until December 7, 2023 meeting.
- c. Resolution 23-309 Written Complaints: Brandon for guidance about ordinance violations without written, signed complaints. Luna stated he wants signed, written complaints. Any follow-up documentation resulting from the complaint should be attached to the complaint. Brandon stated he wants to have a notice on the complaint form that the complainant has first tried to resolve the complaint with the potentially offending party prior to submitting the complaint. Brandon stated he will get the actual resolution written and have ready for the December 7, 2023 meeting.
- d. **Halloween in the Park Results:** Mayor Luna stated there were several thousand people in Cornersville the evening of Halloween in the Park. It is estimated around 2,000 kids were in town.

Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Kerber seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor or Vice Mayor

Town Administrator/ Recorder

Date Dec / 2023

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