

Dillsboro Council Special Meeting

July 29, 2024

The special meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on July 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Baker, Becky Fryman, Tim Benning, Charlie Caldwell and Jerri Jackson. Town Manager present: Derek Walker. Clerk-Treasurer present: Rita Stevens

Old Business

LWCF/Stage Financial Commitment Letter. TM Walker presented the revised design and costs for the construction of The Green Space. The new design does not include a concession stand, consolidates the stage, storage, and dressing room into one structure and is estimated to cost \$1,251.885.

The Civic Club donations and other potential funding sources have been identified which amounts to \$380,000.00, however the Town needs to make a commitment based on funds secured for the LWCF grant application. This would require a financial commitment of \$495,942.00. This commitment could be spread over 3 years and recommend including in the 2025 Riverboat budget.

The council discussed the project needs and what could be eliminated. A splash pad was decided to keep. CM Baker recommends a filter water system. The City of Rising Sun's 2023 operating expense was \$10,630 for their water bill. Some of the miscellaneous site amenities of \$37,800.00 could be eliminated. CM Benning stated picnic tables and benches could be a donation from a person/family like at the ballpark. Tim Heitmeyer stated fund raisers could be held with the proceeds going to this, such as bingo.

The council decided to cut \$60,000 from the financial commitment. CM Benning made a motion for a financial commitment of \$435,000 over a 3-year period from Riverboat. Which is \$145,000 a year. Seconded by CM Caldwell. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

TM Walker was contacted by Herbie Smith's sister regarding a sign for Herbie which has a South Dearborn Track & Field record. The council decided there are several with school records. Decided to keep sign recognition to at least a state record. Grace Quinlin is a Honorable All American and Katie Robinson has 4 State Champions that the town is purchasing a sign to recognize their accomplishments.

CM Benning asked if need to go ahead and approve a Façade Improvement Match Grant for 2025 so it is in the 2025 budget, the council agreed. TM Benning made a motion of at least \$10,000 from Riverboat for a Façade Grant in the 2025 budget. Seconded by CM Fryman. All in favor. Motion carried.

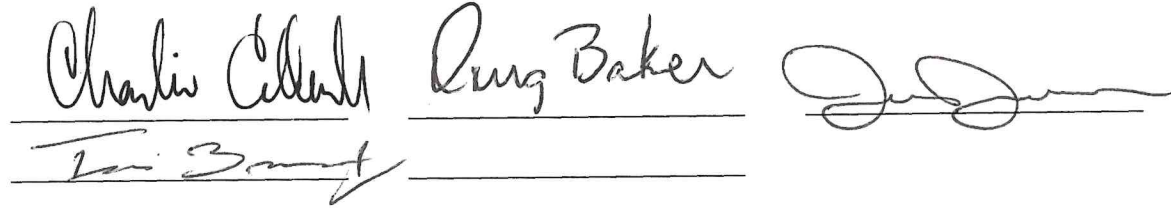
CM Baker stated he talked to Thom Maltbie and Melissa Walston regarding paying for the Main Street 101 Conference for Kami Hamilton, Executive Director. They both stated Main Street can pay for it.

CM Baker stated Mark Dole is asking the council to write a letter of support for the YES Home.

Being no further business. CM Fryman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
Seconded by CM Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.



Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer



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