



WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting
Food and Beverage Tax
February 22, 2021
MINUTES

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – **Clinton** called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- B. Roll Call – All present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing – Ordinance Concerning Food and Beverage Tax (**Ordinance 2021-01**) – **Clinton** opened the public hearing at 7:06pm. **Clinton** talked about how this is a part of an economic development for a multi-sport complex. This is an item which will generate revenue from people coming into Whitestown to utilize this complex as well as the Little League.

Neil Davis – wanted to find out more about the project and the nature of the tax. He wanted to know if this would be an ongoing tax/project or if it would be finite or completed when the project was completed.

Curtis Shields – has some questions regarding the necessity of the taxes, why are the incentives necessary, why couldn't the developer move forward without the incentives, if the taxes should be a last resort, and how long would the tax be imposed.

Clinton said this tax would last until a future council would revoke it. This deal had the least amount of risk for the residents. **Clinton m/m to close the public hearing, Rob 2nd, 5-0 closed at 7:19pm.**

Rob asked **Nathan Messer** about utilizing this tax as opposed to the property tax.

Nathan said this is a "pay to play" type of tax, so only people who utilize our restaurants would be paying the tax. **Rob** asked about what safeguards are in place to make sure this tax comes to us instead of going to Zionsville. **Clinton** said we have been working more with the Department of Revenue to help make sure the taxes go where they should.

3. ADJOURN - Clinton m/m to adjourn, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 7:24pm

The minutes from a Special Town Council meeting on February 22nd, 2021 are approved on the 10th day of March 2021 by the following Town Council Members:

Clinton Bohm, President

Susan Austin

Eric Miller

Jeff Wishek

Rob Worl

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer