

WHITESTOWN

INDIANA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2024
7 PM
MINUTES

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – **Dan** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- B. Roll Call – All Present
 - Councilwoman Hancock
 - Councilman Thomas
 - Councilman Nichols
 - Councilman Patterson
 - Councilman Smock
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – The Student Service members from Perry Worth Elementary led the Pledge.

2. PRESENTATIONS - none

3. CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

- A. Town Management Report | WMU Management Reports | Sewer | Water

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. DPW, Building, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Public Relations, WFD, WMPD

5. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK (Topics Not Related to An Agenda Item) – **Bryan Leach**, from the MVH Department, spoke about issues in the field regarding certain accounts to be able to obtain supplies. He also spoke about not being able to have open discussions.

Chris Ellet, from the Fire Department and the local union representative, spoke about a concern about Taft law and the Clerk's office.

Angie Veatch, from the H.R. Department, spoke about the past three months of complaints regarding the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Michael Kistner, the I.T. supervisor, discussed the 2025 I.T. infrastructure, and where to place the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 11/13/2024 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims – November 2024 Expenses Town | November 2024 Revenues Town | November 2024 Utility Claims. – **Eric m/m to approve the above Consent Agenda, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 approved.**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing for 2nd Reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-18, Amending Building Department Permit Application and Review Fees – **Dan** opened the public hearing at 7:18. **Eric m/m to close the public hearing, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 closed at 7:19pm. Dan did the 2nd read, and Eric m/m to adopt, Tobe 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- B. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-22 and Public Hearing for 2024 Braun-Mico Super-Voluntary Annexation – **Dan** opened the public hearing at 7:19pm. **Cheryl m/m to close the public hearing, Eric 2nd, 5-0 closed at 7:20pm.**

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- C. Acknowledgements of Final Commitments in Ordinance 2024-15 as agreed upon by the Town and Petitioner – **Dan** discussed the redline version of the petition.
- D. 2nd Reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-19, Amending 2024 Salary Ordinance – **Dan** did the 2nd read. **Katie Barr** said this was for the addition of bonuses for employees. **Eric** stated he is supportive of adopting this. **Cheryl** said he was in favor of the amounts that were presented last month, and the amounts which are in the current ordinance. **Courtenay** said he believes the bonus structure is top heavy, and he believes they should be equal for everyone. **Courtenay** m/m to propose a change of the bonus structure to \$1,000 to every employee. Discussion ensued. **Eric 2nd the motion. 1 in favor of the amendment, 3 against, 1 abstain. Motion failed. Cheryl m/m to approve the motion as it stands, Eric 2nd, 3-1 approved.**
- E. 2nd Reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024 – 21, 2025 Salary Matrix – Dan did the 2nd reading. **Phillip Snoeberger** spoke about this topic, specifically addressing council pay. **Andrew McGee** also spoke about the council pay amount. Council discussion ensued. **Courtenay m/m to amend the Council Max amount to \$10,800 per year, Tobe 2nd, asked the significance of the number he wanted to amend the number to, Courtenay. Courtenay withdrew his motion. Tobe m/m to amend the number to \$10,000 even, Courtenay 2nd, 3-2 passed. Dan m/m to strike out Council President and just make it Council Pay, Eric 2nd, 5-0 passed. Cheryl m/m to adopt as amended, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-23 (PC24-042-ZA Speedway) – **Todd Barker** spoke about this ordinance. **Craig Anderson**, the owner of the parcel, spoke about the history of the reason for this request.

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- B. First reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-24 (Establishing Encroachment Specifications for the Town of Whitestown's Right of Ways) – **Dan** did the first read. **Sri** discussed the purpose of the ordinance. Discussion ensued.
 - C. First reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-25 (Establishing Regions Bank as Credit Card Processing Company for Utility Payments) – **Dan** did the first read. **Ashley** spoke about the purpose of this ordinance. Discussion ensued.
 - D. Consider the adoption of the Fiscal Plan Resolution 2024-24. (2024 Braun-Mico Super-Voluntary Annexation) – **Dan** read the resolution. **Todd Barker** talked about the need for this resolution. **Cheryl m/m to approve the resolution, Tobe 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
 - E. Consider adoption of Resolution 2024-25. (Authorizing the Execution of a Legal Services Agreement Between the Town of Whitestown and Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP - **Dan** read the resolution and asked **Ken Kingshill** to come up to talk about the topic, as he signed up to speak about it. **Ken** believes the legal services were better prior to changing over to Taft. **Eric** is also not happy with the representation from Taft. **Dan** said his experience has been the exact opposite. Discussion ensued. **Courtenay m/m to adopt with a 30-day termination at any time. Tobe** thinks having it at 30 days could be disruptive to the operations of the town, since it could be brought up every month. **Motion failed. Courtenay m/m to adopt as presented, Tobe 2nd, 3-2 adopted.**
 - F. Consider adoption of Resolution 2024-26. (Establishing Town Council 2025 Meeting Dates) – **Dan** read the resolution. **Dominic** asked about how are we expected to have two effective council meetings per month? **Katie** decided to speak about this and asked for professionalism from the council. She told the council that having to come to two meetings per month is absurd. **Eric** likes the idea of moving the council meetings to 6:00pm. Discussion ensued. **Eric m/m to adopt exhibit version 1, Tobe 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
 - G. Consider expenditure exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$123,288 (Paving Projects for 2025-Giles, Anson, Jackson Run) – **Dominic** discussed this item for an encumbrance. Discussion ensued. **Tobe m/m to approve with a NTE of \$123,288, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
 - H. Consider approval of Tri-Party TIF Agreement – **Nathan Fox**, from Krohn & Associates, discussed this update to the agreement. **Eric m/m to approve, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
 - I. First reading, consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-26. (Establishing Medical Hardship for Utility Customers - **Dan** did the first read on this. **Ashley** explained the need for this ordinance.
 - J. Consider expenditure exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$958,511.60 (Construction Contract award to Sub-Surface of Indiana, Inc for A.S. White Parallel Water Main and CR 200 S Sanitary and Sewer Main Extension Project) – **Sri discussed the need for this project. Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$958,511.60, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
 - K. Consider expenditure exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$225,762 (Value Plus Engineering Solutions for Construction Administration & Inspection Services for A.S. White Parallel Water Main and CR 200 S Sanitary and Sewer Main Extension Project) – **Eric m/m to approve the expenditure with a NTE of \$225,762, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
 - L. Consider approval of 2024 Encumbrances – **Ashley** talked about the encumbrances, and the need for having them approved by a resolution. **Dominic** talked about how the fence was removed from the list as it was included in the agenda above. Discussion ensued. **Cheryl m/m to approve, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
9. **OTHER BUSINESS** – **Eric** said he doesn't want to hear the same thing happen again as what he heard today. **Cheryl** echoed his statement.

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10. ADJOURN – Eric m/m to adjourn, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 9:29pm.

The minutes from a Town Council meeting on December 11th, 2024, are approved on the 6th day of January, 2025, by the following Town Council Members:

Cheryl Hancock

Dan Patterson

Courtenay Smock

Tobe Thomas

Eric Nichols

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer