



**INDIANA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2025**

MINUTES

I. OPENING THE MEETING

- A.** Call to Order – **Dan** called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- B.** Pledge of Allegiance
- C.** Roll Call – all present
 - Councilwoman Hancock
 - Councilman Nichols
 - Councilman Patterson
 - Councilman Smock
 - Councilman Thomas

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Whitestown Economic Improvement Board - 2024 Annual Report – **Todd Barker** discussed the annual report, stating that it is an annual requirement to present this to the council. The CIRT Grant ended in 2024 for the bus service. Discussion ensued. **Todd** mentioned the State Statute did change to include longer routes for the service.

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) – Ken Kingshill asked about the status of his public information request. **Ashley**, from Taft, responded. He mentioned that it might be worthwhile for the Town to investigate hiring a full-time staff attorney to help save money.

Katie Barr introduced **Jason Forsythe**, the new DPW Director.

Kevin Russell spoke about a podcast from Lebanon, and he felt the comments were not fair to the council and wanted to express his disappointment. He recommended the council disavow the comments made on that podcast, as the person spoke about how there was only one true resident left on the council. **Kevin** thought it was disrespectful for the other council members, as they are residents just the same. He also spoke about Westwood Landing. He also discussed a future subdivision on 750 and wanted to voice his opinion about traffic being a potential issue.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approval of Meeting Minutes- January 6, 2025, Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B.** Approval of Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025, Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
- C.** Claims-January 2025 Expenses Town | January 2025 Revenues Town | January 2025 Utility Claims. **Eric m/m to approve the above consent agenda, Tobe 2nd. Ken Kingshill** spoke up on the claims and had questions for the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the claims. **5-0 approved.**

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consider Expenditure exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$38,200 for the Main Street Trail extension – **Dominic** came up to speak about his expenditure. **Dan** asked about the add-ons, and **Dominic** answered. **Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$38,200, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- B. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$ \$1,787,843.62 (Construction Contract award to Grady Brothers for 2024-2 CCMG Paving Project) – **Sri** discussed the need for this expenditure. This is coming from a Community Crossing Grant. Cheryl had recommendations about roads to look at for this grant. **Courtenay m/m to approve with a NTE of \$1,787,843.62, Eric 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- C. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$ 99,108.60 (Professional Services Agreement with BLA, Inc for Construction Administration& Inspection Services for 2024-2 CCMG Paving Project) – **Sri** also talked about this project. **Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$99,108.60, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**

- D. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$45,000 July 3rd Firework Celebrations – **Dominic** talked about the quotes and recommended Ramsey Pyro for the display, as they have provided us with good shows in the past and we know what we're going to get with them. Cheryl had a question regarding the quote process, what was asked in the quote, etc... A member of Burgerhaus Productions spoke up, in the crowd, and mentioned their bid and how they believed they could save us money. **Eric m/m to utilize Ramsey Pyrotechnics with a NTE of \$45,000, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- E. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-03; 2025 Salary Matrix – **Dan** did the first read of the ordinance. **Katie** discussed this and **Chief Westrich** also requested to have the amount of Division Chiefs increased while they transition a **Chief** out of the role, and the new one can transition into the role. The chief also requested the ordinance is passed tonight. **Cheryl m/m to suspend the rules Tobe 2nd, 5-0 suspended. Dan did the 2nd read and Cheryl m/m to approve, Eric 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- F. Consider approval of out-of-state travel for planning staff to attend 2025 Planning Conference – **Todd Barker** mentioned how this request is for himself and **Allan** to attend a conference. Cheryl asked what will happen in the office while he and **Allan** are gone. **Todd** said **Shannon** will be working in the office until they return. **Eric m/m to approve, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- G. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-01, declaring certain personal property to be surplus – **Michael Kistner** talked about this resolution. This mainly pertained to computer equipment he would like to be able to dispose of, as they cannot be re-purposed as they are unusable. This equipment will be recycled and there will be receipts for all items that are destroyed. Discussion ensued. **Cheryl m/m to approve, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- H. Consider expenditure exceeding \$25,000 not to exceed \$45,042 for Microsoft Licenses – **Michael** also spoke about this expenditure. Discussion ensued. **Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$45,042, Tobe 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- I. Consider expenditure exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$54,377.62 and a prepayment amount of \$27,188.81 (For Audio/Visual equipment for Town Hall – **Michael** also spoke about this expenditure and about how the current equipment needs to be replaced. Discussion ensued. **Kevin Russell** spoke up about this and wanted to make sure that this is ADA compliant. He said he didn't see anything in the contract about that, so he wanted to bring it up to help those who are hearing impaired, etc... Council discussion ensued. **Courtenay m/m to approve the prepayment of \$27,188.81, Eric 2nd, 5-0 approved. Tobe m/m to approve the expenditure with a NTE of \$54,377.62, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- J. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$50,000 for Professional Community and Economic Development services between Whitestown, IN and Boone County Economic Development Corporation – **Jessica**, from the Boone EDC, did a recap of 2024 and the ROI. Discussion ensued. **Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$50,000, Tobe 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- K. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$50,000 for Professional Community and Economic Development services between Whitestown, IN Utilities and Boone County Economic Development Corporation – **Jessica**, with the Boone EDC spoke about the recap for the Utility portion of the discussion from the last item, **Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$50,000, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- L. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-02, dedicating certain property as right-of-way I Resolution – **Ashley**, the town attorney, spoke about this topic. **Cheryl m/m to approve, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- M. Consider approval of out-of-state travel to attend Fire Command Officer Bootcamp – **Chief Westrich** spoke about this item. It has a NTE of \$2,000 – it is for one fire fighter. **Eric m/m to approve the travel, Tobe 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- N. Consider expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$ 80,000 for Fire Gear – **Chief Westrich** spoke about this item as well. It is for new employees and replacement for some older gear. **Eric m/m to approve with a NTE of \$80,000, Cheryl 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- O. Consider expenditure Exceeding \$25,000; NTE \$ 419,309 for SCBA – **Chief Westrich** also spoke about this item. **Cheryl m/m to approve with a NTE of \$419,309, Eric 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- P. Consider adoption of Resolution 2025-03 (Acknowledging the Clerk Treasurer's authority to cancel town warrants and outstanding unpaid checks) – **Cheryl** asked if the list could be checked to see if any of the checks had a replacement that was re-issued. Discussion ensued. **Tobe m/m to approve, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- Q. Acknowledgement and Acceptance by the Town Council of a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form for Councilor Hancock – This was acknowledged and accepted by the council.
- R. Acknowledgement and Acceptance by the Town Council of a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form for Councilor Patterson - This was acknowledged and accepted by the council. **Ken Kingshill** had questions.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS – Tobe** talked about the plane accident in Washington D.C. He was on an airplane when it happened, and he was very emotional about what had happened. He had flown that same route many times, and he said the names of the pilots and asked for a moment of silence. **Tobe mentioned Captain Jonathan Campos, First Officer Sam Lilley, Flight Attendant Ian Epstein, Flight Attendant Danasia Elder, Staff Sergeant Ryan O’Hara, Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Eaves, and Captain Rebecca Lobach. A moment of silence was observed.**
10. **ADJOURN – Cheryl m/m to adjourn, Courtenay 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 7:36pm.**

The minutes from a Town Council meeting on February 12th, 2025, are approved on the 12th day of March 2025, by the following Town Council Members:

Cheryl Hancock

Dan Patterson

Courtenay Smock

Tobe Thomas

Eric Nichols

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer