

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
April 1, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana met in regular session on April, 2024 in the Union County Commissioners' Chambers.

Town Council President Keith Bias called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Jerry Kahl, Derrek Jenkins and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Jim Barnhizer and Matt Reuss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18th regular meeting. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2024-5 was presented on first reading. Mr. Keasling made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the ordinance on first reading. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-5. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-4. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Jim Barnhizer informed the Council that the Fire Department would be meeting the next evening to discuss staging of the trucks and staff during the eclipse. Chief Barnhizer stated that 64 had been repaired.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss informed the Council that the signs in regards to skateboards, etc. in the business district have been ordered. He asked the Council to have patience with his department as one of his employees is off work for possibly three months due to back surgery. Mr. Reuss also discussed the ordinance that will be presented this meeting. Discussion occurred regarding the status of the pump at the pump house and the Town Hall generator that is going to have repairs done to it.

MISC. BUSINESS

Ms. Shepler informed the Council that she has been working with a consultant that specializes in website design since Conner Bias is unable to assist the Town at this time. The consultant believes the Town should have a logo to use as a brand for the website, Facebook page, letterheads, decals on trucks, etc. Ms. Shepler informed the Council that a few years ago, this same concept was discussed but never came to fruition. There was discuss that a contest to design the logo would involve the community at large. Ms. Shepler stated the winner could receive a gift card of some kind. Mr. Bias stated that he would discuss the contest with the high school art teacher. Ms. Shepler said she would contact Cyrus at UCDC for him to help spread the word.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve an adjustment for Dylan Wright in the amount of \$ 5.82. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

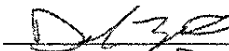
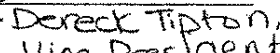
Ms. Shepler asked the Council for their input on whether to close the office or not for the total eclipse on the eighth. After a brief discussion, the Council decided that the office would close at noon on the eighth since the area banks, schools and businesses were closing that day due to the amount of people the area was expecting to receive.

Ms. Shepler reminded Council members that the next two meetings would occur at the Town's street garage as the County would be using the Commissioners' Chambers for early voting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Keasling and supported by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: 
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer


Keith Bias, President

Derrek Tipton,
Vice President