

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
February 20, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana met in regular session on February 20, 2024 in the Union County Commissioner's Chambers.

Town Council President Keith Bias called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Jerry Kahl and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for February 5, 2024 were tabled to the next meeting as Mr. Keasling was not in attendance at that meeting.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

MISC. BUSINESS


Ms. Shepler reviewed the End of Year Fund Reports for the General, Water and Wastewater Fund. She was pleased that the General Fund, known as Corp, finished as well as it did due to the instability of the police department's staffing and equipment issues. Wastewater cleared approximately \$ 136,000.00. She expressed her concern that water operating still had to have \$ 39,000.00 transferred to it from the depreciation fund in order to get it in the black. Ms. Shepler did say that unexpected expenses such as moving the waterline due to the construction of the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree building in the Wynds Subdivision cost around \$ 40,000.00 as well as the new lines out on 44 W that costs about the same. Also, Mr. Reuss ordered extra stock of antennas and other radio read meter parts stock that would be needed. She stated that she would continue to watch the water operating fund and determine if Alex Hill of Baker Tilly would need to be contacted to discuss a possible rate increase.

Ms. Shepler presented the numbers for the waterline project. All invoices have been paid and the reimbursement from the State has been received leaving a balance of just over \$ 417,000.00 in the fund. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the remaining balance of the project would be transferred back to the General Fund. The water operating fund would be given a one year reprieve on starting the reimbursement of the balance of the costs to the General Fund. At that time, the Council and the Clerk-Treasurer will determine if the water operating fund can handle a repayment plan.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Ortman's quote of \$ 22,450.00 to repair and install new parts on the main pump at the Town's pump house with the funding to pay for the repair to come out of the ARP fund. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Ms. Shepler stated that she would modify the ARP budget plan to address the pump house rather than the unmetered water station. She will bring it to the Council at the next meeting.

The Council tentatively approved the street closures requested for Live in Liberty by UCDC. When Ms. Shepler talked with Mr. Johnson, he stated that the events would occur in front of the courthouse rather than in front of the post office. All the request forms stated that the events would occur in front of the post office. Ms. Shepler replied that should would contact Mr. Johnson and have him clarify where the events were to take place.

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


Derek Tipton, Vice President
Keith Bias, President

ATTEST: 