

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
January 2, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana met in regular session on January 2, 2024 in the Union County Commissioner's Chambers.

Town Council President Keith Bias called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl, Dereck Tipton, Derrek Jenkins and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Matt Reuss and Todd Dickenson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of December 18, 2023. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Todd Dickenson reviewed the events of the accident that occurred the early morning hours involving Town Officer Young while assisting County Deputy Bryson. The adjuster is going to contact the Chief when they are available to get to Pollitt's, where the car is currently, to determine if the car is salvageable or not. Also, Chief Dickenson informed the Council that Officer Young will be starting the Academy in April.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss presented Buckeye Power Sales quote to service the Town Hall's generator as it has never been serviced, no load bank has been performed or the fact that the tank shows that it has been ruptured. The initial service is \$ 1,600.00 without any repairs. The next two years, the service will be performed for \$ 745.00. Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the Buckeye Power Sales Agreement. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Mr. Reuss also requested that the Council consider increasing the reconnection fee for non-payment be increased from \$ 20.00 to \$ 50.00 or more due to the time that is spent on preparing red tags, passing them out and it would hopefully serve as a deterrent for the habitual customers. A discussion occurred regarding the red tags and the fee. The Council decided to extend the conversation to the next meeting.

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Discussion occurred regarding the Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy using their personal cars to take the deposit to the bank. Several different options were discussed regarding reimbursement for mileage, stipends or buying a fleet car since the Town's insurance would not pay in the event the employee has a car accident while working for the Town. Mr. Bias requested that members be prepared to discuss the options at the next meeting.

After a brief discussion, Camden Managements adjustment request was denied.

Mr. Bias discussed the conditions the Ramey Property. Mr. Bias stated that the property looked like it had been 1/2 to 3/4 cleaned up. However, it looked like the materials that had been stored on the driveway had just been pushed up against the garage. Mr. Bias requested that Ms. Shepler inform the Ramey's that the property's condition is still not satisfactory. Fines could be coming in the very near future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Keith Bias, President

ATTEST: 