



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
June 17, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana met in regular session on June 17, 2024 in the Union County Commissioner's Chambers.

Attending members appointed Derrek Jenkins to run the meeting as the President and Vice President were not in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Cyrus Johnson, UCDC and Matt Reuss

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Utilities Superintendent, Matt Reuss informed the Council that his crew started working at 3:30 a.m. to paint the downtown curbs and parking lines as well as the areas around the school. The next morning, his crew will be coming in at 5:00 a.m. to paint the handicap parking spots in those same areas.

A brief discussion occurred asking that Police Chief Todd Dickenson continue the previous practice of presenting the monthly activity reports of the police department. The members agreed that they wanted to see what activities the officers were dealing with in the previous month. Ms. Shepler stated that she would let Chief Dickenson know of their request.

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Stanley Brock did not appear before the Council, as he requested, to discuss erecting a stop sign at the intersection of E. Sycamore Street and Columbia Street. The Council and Mr. Reuss had a brief discussion of the traffic in that area. The Council that they would not make a decision unless Mr. Brock attended a meeting.

Michael Lindsey did not appear before the Council as second time, as he requested, to dispute his not being granted an adjustment on his utility bill.

Ms. Shepler included in the Council packets the financials for the additional appropriation meeting that will occur previous to the regular meeting of July 1<sup>st</sup>. She reviewed the numbers with the members and ask if they had any questions or concerns.

Mr. Reuss informed the Council that he will not be able to use all of his PTO before his anniversary date of June 26<sup>th</sup>. His department has been down a man since March and he has been covering for the other employees so they can take their time off. Due to previous years of employee turnover, the Council had approved him converting his PTO to Comp Time to avoid the costs of overtime. He is currently at 38 days of comp time which is quite a bit more than the employee handbook allows. Ms. Shepler suggested to the Council of buying out his PTO rather than converting it to PTO or him being granted to carry it over. The Council agreed to pay out his PTO. Ms. Shepler stated that she would bring his PTO buy out in the form of a resolution at the next meeting.

Ms. Shepler approached regarding a situation she and Mr. Bias had been dealing with the previous week regarding the Davis Park Pillars, the School and the Eldridges. The Eldridges have been in contact with the School Superintendent regarding the metal remnants of the old pillar that was located in their yard. Since there is a question



Shepler and the Utility Billing Clerk are currently reviewing all the addresses that Rumpke is using as a basis for their numbers. It would be nearly impossible to police every account as to whether they get picked up or not. If the charge is removed and someone else buys property down the road, will the Town remember to reinstate the charge. The Council decided to leave the charge on the bill and if Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff would like to discuss it further than they should appear before the Council.

Revised tap-ins were presented for the Gillman Family office building that is being constructed. The plumber requested a change in the size of the water line for one of the units as well as the fact that prices are going up on the materials and the deposits have not been paid to secure pricing. After discussion, Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve the revised tap-ins. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.


Ms. Shepler reminded the Council that the 2025 budget will be starting as soon as June's books are closed. She reminded those in attendance that if equipment or services need to be considered, she will need pricing as soon as it is convenient. She will be meeting with Mr. Bias in the next couple of weeks to discuss how they want to approach the 2025 budget.

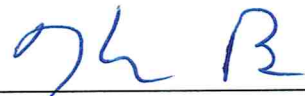
Cyrus Johnson appeared before the Council to discuss the revised street closure that will occur on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, due to the anticipation of more motorcycles participating in the car/motorcycle show. He has already discussed the street closure with The Scoop as they will be open for business. The Council approved the revision. Discussion occurred regarding the events and vendors participating in the festival.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Shepler presented the logo contest submissions for the Council to review and select a winner. The Council selected the logo they thought represented the Town as well as its' ability to be mass produced for signs, letterhead and vehicle decals. The Council wanted some minor modifications made to the logo they selected such as a bolder border in blue or red and the established date below the banner. Mr. Shepler said she review the Articles of Incorporation to determine the correct date for the logo. The winner will be announced on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

**ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST:   
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Keith Bias, President