

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
May 20, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana met in regular session on May 6, 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 and Ross Keasling

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

President Bias polled all members that were in favor of suspending the rules and voting on Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading. All members were in favor of suspending the rules and voting on the ordinance. Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Amending Ordinance 2023-10. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

President Bias polled all members that were in favor of suspending the rules and voting on Amending Ordinance 2024-7 on first reading. All members were in favor of suspending the rules and voting on the ordinance. Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-7. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-8. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-9. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

MISC. BUSINESS

Ms. Shepler announced to the Council that she has hired Sherry Frazer for the position of Second Deputy. She is still awaiting to hear from Ms. Frazer on when she can start.


Dawn Ripberger appeared before the Council to amend a previous street closure request for "Live in Liberty." The Foundation property, where the "Live in Liberty" events occur, could possibly be moved to Union Street in front of the courthouse due to a construction project that will be occurring on that property. The "Live in Liberty" event will occur at the Foundation property if the contractor's schedule changes due to the weather. The Council approved the moving of the event in the case the Foundation property is under construction.

Jim Franklin, Union County EMA Director, appeared before the Council to discuss the AED's and the batteries for them. A discussion occurred about the current AED's being discontinued and the batteries to power them. After a short discussion, it was decided that the Council would consider an additional appropriation to supply the Police department with batteries this year. Future budgets, will reflect purchasing new AED's so that they do not expire all at once. The Council also wants AED's purchased for the pump house, street garage and the sewer plant.


The adjustment that was tabled from the previous meeting was discussed. All members were in agreement that the adjustment would not be granted as the leak was found in December and was not fixed until April.

ADJOURN

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



Keith Bias, President

ATTEST: 

Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer