

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
November 18 , 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on November 18, 2024 in the Union County Commissioners' Chambers of the Union County Courthouse.

Town Council Vice President Dereck Tipton called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Derrek Jenkins and Ross Keasling.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2024. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Keasling made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance 2024-15. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-15. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT HEADS

MISC. BUSINESS

Utilities Superintendent, Matt Reuss discussed with the Council new signs and parking restrictions in the area of the Wynds. Mr. Reuss had a map with sign placements marked included in the Council packets. After a brief discussion regarding placement, Ms. Shepler stated that she would bring an ordinance to the Council, at the next meeting, adding the streets where parking will be limited to one side and the speed limit to the Code of Ordinances.

Discussion occurred regarding security cameras at the street garage. After a brief discussion, Mr. Reuss is to come back to the Council at the next meeting with a confirmed price of the system with cameras included in the price.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve a water tap-in request for Elleman Electric in the amount of \$ 2,751.68. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Frontier Communications is requesting from the Town the ability to install fiber optic cabling for the new BMV located on Independence Lane. Mr. Reuss stated that he had made an attempt to call the number on the request sheet. He has concerns regarding their boring, the proximity to the force main amongst other concerns. The Council decided to table the discussion until Mr. Reuss is able to discuss this with Frontier.

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the Trustee Township Fire Agreement. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Ms. Shepler reviewed the salary requests that she and Mr. Reuss submitted to the Council. She stated that Mr. Bias wants to start performance-based pay raises rather than flat percentages or rates. He does not think it's fair for everyone to get the same increase when some deserve it more than others due to performance. Ms. Shepler that if any of the members had concerns or questions regarding their requests to come to the office to discuss it. If she did not hear anything by the first meeting in December, she will bring the Salary Ordinance for adoption to them at that time.

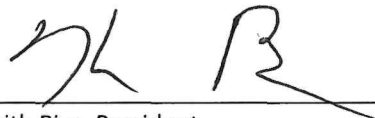
Ms. Shepler discussed the possibility of moving the Council meetings to the street garage rather than continue meeting in the County's Commissioners' Chambers. Ms. Shepler, Mr. Reuss and Mr. Jenkins have discussed the possibility of adding two wall sections to the northwest corner of the new addition that will make a dedicated room to house the Council's meetings. Since the Town will have to start videoing its meetings by July 1st, it will allow for the equipment to stay in the room and Mr. Reuss said he would like to use it for trainings of his staff as well. Ms. Shepler asked the Council to discuss it so that she can getting the meeting times and place in resolution form.

Ms. Shepler updated the Council regarding the starting of the Unsafe Building process for 408 Brownsville Avenue. Jeff Mathews with Area Plan has notified Marty O'Toole that the process is being started to remove the dilapidated trailer to the east of the O'Toole Monuments building.

Cyrus Johnson, Director of the Union County Development Corporation, appeared before the Council regarding the street closure he had turned into Ms. Shepler. Ms. Shepler informed him that it was not on the agenda due to the fact that he submitted it too late for her to include on the Council agendas but he was welcome to discuss the closure since he was in attendance. Mr. Johnson stated that the street closure would be on December 14th for Christmas in our Hometown. He did state that the library was going to do their run the same day. The Council stated that they had approved the run for the 7th of December. Mr. Johnson said that Ms. Jolliff would have to discuss the change with the Town. Ms. Shepler will bring the official street closure form to the next meeting.

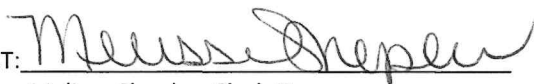
ADJOURN

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



Keith Bias, President

ATTEST:



Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer