

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
October 21, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had the regular meeting on October 21, 2024 at the Town's Street garage due to the Union County Commissioners' Chambers being locked due to early voting.

Town Council President Keith Bias called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Ross Keasling, Dereck Tipton and Jerry Kahl.

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Greg Beumer, Kleinpeter Consulting; Todd Soprych, LWC; Deborah Webber, Mac Keasling, Bonnie Keasling, Jim Franklin, Cindy Spoljaric, Cindy Morgan, Matt Reuss, Ed Schulte and Jim Barnhizer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the additional appropriation hearing, the 2025 first hearing of the 2025 Budget and the regular meeting of October 21, 2024. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Kahl made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on Amending Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Amending Ordinance 2023-10. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12 on second reading. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-14 the 2025 Budget. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Mr. Keasling abstained from voting on the budget as he is a member of the volunteer fire department.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17, the Fire Department Feasibility Grant Hearing. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

MISC. BUSINESS

Mr. Ed Schulte appeared before the Council requesting an adjustment because he said he did not use 42,000 gallons for August's usage. He presented to the Council a chart he produced chronicling his use for the past several years. He is contesting that the readings are not correct and for the Council not to use AI to determine whether he used the water or not. Mr. Reuss reviewed the data log readings that were in the Council packets with Mr. Schulte and the Council. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the decision would be made at the next Council meeting. In the meantime, Mr. Reuss will get with Neptune and Utility Supply to discuss the possibility of a malfunction and if there are times this could happen. Also, by the next meeting, the new numbers will be out to see if the usage is continuing.


After a brief discussion, Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve J & S Mechanical's quote of \$ 6,476.00 to replace the Town Hall's HVAC system as the heat is not working. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

A last-minute street closure was approved by the Council to close Market Street at the Public Library periodically so that the steel trucks could unload for the library project. Although it is not an ideal situation, the Council approved the closure.


Mr. Bias asked Mr. Reuss and Ms. Shepler what internet company supplies internet to the street garage? Mr. Reuss informed him that Great Plains Communications supplies the internet. Mr. Bias asked Mr. Reuss to start looking for cameras to mount on the street garage for safety reasons. Mr. Bias said would also look as well.

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~~ Vice
Dereck Tipton, President

ATTEST: 
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer