

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA
March 17, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on March 17, 2025 at the Town's Street garage building located at 827 N. Market Street.

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

ROLL CALL

Present were: Derrek Jenkins, Jerry Kahl and Ross Keasling.

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer, Matt Reuss, Loree Persinger and Katelyn Timmerman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve the minutes of the additional appropriation meeting and the regular meeting of March 3, 2025. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance 2025-1 on first reading. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-6. Mr. Kahl supported the motion.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

MISC. BUSINESS

After a discussion regarding the costs to upgrade the Town's fill station and the amount of time it would take to make up the cost of upgrading, Mr. Kahl made a motion to shut the fill station for the public on July 1, 2025. Mr. Keasling supported the motion, upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve the Wessler agreement to survey the area around Campbell Street that has been discussed over the last several council meetings not exceed the cost of \$ 25,000.00. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Ms. Shepler said it makes sense to her for the money to come out of EDIT. She will get an additional appropriation hearing for the funds together for the Council's approval.

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve the sewer adjustment for Janet Wright as presented by her daughter, Loree Persinger. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Ms. Shepler updated the Council on the extensive public record's request received from Ed Schulte. She stated that since the utility payment date has passed, her office will be busy assisting the utilities department to obtain the records he requested.

Mr. Kahl updated the Council on the meeting he had earlier in the day with the school's superintendent regarding the First Street gate. The school received a quote for the gates in the amount of \$ 3,400.00. The superintendent told Mr. Kahl that the school is only willing to pay \$ 1,700.00 towards the price of the gate no matter if the school gets the bid or the Town. After a short discussion, Mr. Tipton stated that the superintendent needs to come to a meeting to directly discuss the situation with the Council.

Discussion occurred regarding allowing employees to carry fire arms while working due to the threats that have been made against the utility workers, especially when turning off services and the threats to Clerk-Treasurer. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to permit employees to carry fire arms as long as the employees pass the ILEA gun course that our employee, Barry Bryant is certified to teach. The Council also requested that Ms. Shepler do a list serv to see what other communities do in this instance.

Mr. Tipton informed the Council that due to his work schedule changing, he will be unable to attend the meetings for the next three months.

ADJOURN

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

Keith Bias, President

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer