

## Lynn Town Council

September 4, 2024

Minutes

Arthur called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

This was followed by the pledge to the flag and the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara asked that the citizens please stand and state their name when addressing the board.

Arthur called for Employee information. Brad stated the street signs being very successful and we made \$635. He stated we still had Northwood, and a few stop signs were left. He then stated 312 Pearl cleaned up and the violator has not been found. The property owner paid the clean up cost in full. The violator would still need to pay the violation of \$25 a day once found. Brad said the chicken ordinance should be treated like the dog ordinance. Violators would have to pay \$25 up to \$500 depending on violation. He thinks 6-8 chickens would be good and he has had 10-12 families interested in owning chickens. He agreed there should be no roosters but thought the town should move forward with the chickens. Then Brad discussed the alleys being paved. Case construction gave a quote, and the other companies he reached out to didn't want to do it because of the size. The alley would be next to A&B Auto. He said he would like to work with Mike and see if we can't get the other alleys added to the community crossing grant. Since we didn't spend as much this year on the paving process we would like to move forward and use the money out of the MVH restricted funds. That currently has \$66k in it. Case's quote came in at \$3.12 sq ft and the rough estimate would be \$19,000-\$20,000. This would include milling, cleaning, drag coat, and 1 1/2-inch asphalt. Mike also stated they would ask them to fix the area at Garfield where we had the water main break last week.

Barbara made the motion to pave the alley. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Mike stated that Jonathan had stopped in the clerk's office before the meeting with a few items. The first thing was the fire truck that was going to be finished this month will now be moved to the first of the year. They are having trouble getting parts and said we would have it by February 14<sup>th</sup> at the latest but believe it will be right after the first of the year. He also stated that next Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Lions club would be a meeting to discuss fire territories. Jonathan has requested Mike and at least one board member be in attendance. The board said they would all try to be there as well as Suzan.

Barbara made the motion to accept the minutes. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur called for council information. There was none.

Arthur called for attorney information. Suzan stated the Union City Court needed a resolution for an ordinance we would like them to hear. Suzan stated she had talked to Mike and Brad and requested a list of ordinances. This would include traffic, nuisance, door to door. Etc. Steve was supposed to be at this public hearing but isn't here. She then said, the chicken, that the landfill would take to

coop clean up. The vet outside of town has an incinerator and would be willing to discuss it lengthier if the need is there. She then spoke to Mike about the bee ordinance, and he would like them to have to register with the city building before being able to have them. This would allow the town to check the property for approval and show the certification for the bees. Suzan stated she would be at the meeting next Thursday for the legal aspect for the fire territory.

Arthur then called for the clerk's information. Mike stated that last month he forgot to bring up the lead audit with the water loss audit. We completed that and they stated we had more participation than most towns. That we didn't have lead pipes with any that turned them in, so we are good. He stated that in the near future it would be required for the town to inspect so many houses. We were sent a random list of houses to check, and we could do this as things happen at those houses if the water superintendent sees their pipes. More information to come. Mike then stated that Trick-o-treat would be on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. This would be the Saturday before Halloween. Mike then discussed the budget. Personal Service is budgeted \$377,527 last year \$364,177. Supplies totaled \$42,00 last year \$41,000. Services and charges \$195,500 last year \$170,690. Total General fund budget \$615,027 last year \$575,867. He stated that the services and charges jumped quite a bit because we now have the website and online payment that was a yearly cost as well as this included electric and gas and as of right now all prices were going up. This would be read again at the October meeting and adopted.

Arthur then called for Old Business- The board will talk to Suzan and figure out how they want the ordinance to read for the chickens and the bees.

Arthur called for new business- Suzan stated that Steve Brock apologized for missing the meeting that he had the calendar date wrong. The board discussed to table the rate study public hearing until the October meeting.

Brabara made the motion to table the public hearing until October. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur then called for citizen comments. Mark Moody stated he would not stand up, until they could hear the board he would not be standing up. Suzan asked if he could hear her, and he said only sometimes. He said you have that stupid little thing and pointed at the camera and said until we can hear you, I will not stand up. Mark then stated that all alleys need to be done. His alley beside him and behind him are just as bad. Mike stated that Brad had discussed at the beginning meeting that we were going to try and get some grants for the other alleys. They Town does not have the money to do all alleys, and we had selected the alleys next to the businesses. Mark then stated the chickens are easy fix don't allow them in town period. He said how are you going to police them when they can't even police the loose dogs and the houses with junk. Mike asked if he had discussed this issue with Brad and Travis. He said it doesn't do any good. Arthur said the eggs are good for health reasons. Travis said the houses being discussed are commercial not residential and different regulations apply. They had Suzan look into these properties 2 years ago and there is nothing we can do. Mark said we need to put the fear of God in them and tell them we don't want them in town, and they need to clean up. He then stated there needed to be something done to cut cost instead of raising sewage rates. He also stated that we needed a new financial advisor. Steve dropped the ball on the water tower and now with sewage rate. Mike asked if he had suggestions on how to cut costs. He stated the Sewage truck driving to Winchester for lunch every day should be

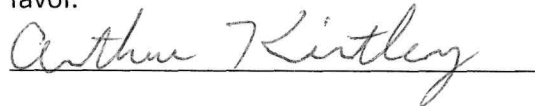
stopped as it could save \$1,200 a year there. He said they set up there from 8-9:30 in the garage and it seems to him that hours need to be cut. Mike stated before you accuse the employees, I will ask them all to be here at the next meeting and you can discuss this face to face with them. Travis stated there are times he doesn't take lunch, and the guys are planning and working on signage. He stated they work together to help each other. Arthur asked Mark when you were driving truck and needed to fill your logs were you just goofing off and loafing? Mark said no. Arthur said just because they are at the building doesn't mean they aren't working. They have reports and things that need to be filled out. Travis said most people don't understand what it takes to keep things going.

Brad Rhoades said he thinks Mr. Moody is not attacking anyone just asking the question. He said I don't know him, but I think he is just wanting to know that everything has been done before raising rates. Steve Perry said Art is speaking louder.

Drake Meska said he is opposite of Mr. Moody. That the chickens could be disposed of. He currently has them and doesn't have a rooster. He said he is starting to get eggs, and he isn't selling them. He said that it is proven farm fresh is better eggs. He said he didn't think there needed to be an ordinance that if it isn't an issue and no one complains let it be. Arthur said he thinks chickens are a good thing, but some people don't have common sense and that's why we need the ordinance. Drake stated they had chickens in Indianapolis, and we are a small town. Suzan said there are guidelines with the board of health that need to be followed. Robert stated we currently have an ordinance not allowing them. Travis stated we could fine you, but we aren't because it is being discussed. Drake said never mind we need an ordinance to allow them. Robert stated that there are others that feel the way Mark Moody feels so we must do everything legally, so they are satisfied. Robert asked Drake how many chickens you think the household should have? Drake said an old tell was two chickens per person in the household. Robert asked did his kids eat them. Drake stated his daughter ate them every day. Drake stated there is guidelines per sq ft. Mark Moody asked how much the coop cost? Drake stated that prebuilt \$200-\$300. Mark asked how much is feed? Drake said usually 50lb in \$20. Arthur stated that Mark was trying to get at, isn't it cheaper to buy eggs. Drake stated it pays for itself after time and is healthier. Mark asked how much Chicks was. Drake stated \$2-\$4 They start laying eggs at 12-16 weeks. They lay eggs for 3-5 years. Suzan said it depends on breed. That it is probably more expensive than buying eggs, but it teaches children responsibility, planning, and management. They will need to have a fully in caged coop with roof to eliminate the chance of any escape.

Robert made a motion to pay claims. Barbara second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Barabra Made the Motion to pay the claims. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.



Arthur Kirtley, President



Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer