

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, John Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Combs offered the opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Concept Plan

Attorney Lee Robbins refers to Resolution 2024-06 which he sent to Council prior to the meeting and distributes copies. Plan Commission President Matt Gillock is here tonight to present the Plan Commission's decision from last week's meeting which is to send a letter of recommendation to the Council to approve the concept plan from Gradison Land Development. Attorney Robbins states that Gradison is seeking the Northwest corner of Sawmill Rd and Whiteland Rd to be rezoned and platted as a planned unit development (PUD). They want to design the community in a way that it will have a variety of lot sizes and housing options. Presenting the concept plan is the first step in the PUD process. By approving the concept plan, Council is not ultimately approving the subdivision. As the process moves forward the Plan Commission can have experts review the design, traffic flow, street improvements, drainage, covenants, etc. The Town will have its engineers and consultants review it to work through the technical details of the plan. The next step will be to develop a preliminary plat which will have a lot more detail. Councilman Purdie asks about amenities, specifically stating he would like to see a walking trail along all 4 sides of the development. There is a discussion about various amenities options and the process of asking for those. Public Works Supt. Duane McCauslin states that part of that is in the street design and construction standards. In addition, Johnson County Trails has a master trails plan. Between the construction standards and trails plan, which Gradison has received, there should be a trail in the preliminary plat. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve Resolution 2024-06 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

IMPO

Public Works Supt. Duane McCauslin sent information to Council yesterday regarding the IMPO. Council has approved it in the past but it was last year. Supt. McCausling wants to update the letter so that we can apply for assistance with road projects. The only thing we will be changing is today's date. It obligates us and costs us nothing but allows us to apply to see if we can get funding for projects. Councilman Combs moves to approve the IMPO application process and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Duke Grant

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss has a document for Council President John Perrin to sign regarding the Duke Grant. It is a letter that we have to submit stating that she is the person who is authorized to receive and distribute the grant funds.

Taking a break until 5:30 for the first budget meeting.
Attorney Robbins leaves.

2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Plan Commission

This budget is approved with an overall increase of \$2,601 to a total of \$98,404.

Town

This budget is approved with no changes for a total of \$783,175.

Fire

This budget is approved with an overall reduction of \$53,900 to a total of \$434,905.

Police

This budget is approved with an overall reduction of \$41,780 to a total of \$1,097,485.

Parks

This budget is approved with no changes for a total of \$47,500.

Properties

This budget is approved with no changes for a total of \$160,148.

MVH

All salaries were removed from the MVH budget in 2024 and split between the Wastewater, Storm Water, Plan Commission, and Properties budgets. This continues for the 2025 budget and allows 100% of the MVH funds to be used for road repairs.

This budget is approved with no changes for a total of \$312,625.

Wastewater

The budget is approved with no changes for a total of \$1,351,280.

Storm Water

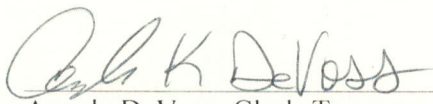
The budget is approved with no changes for a total of \$349,658.

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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President