

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2023
SPECIAL 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 Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present was Town Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman Schilawski was absent. Councilman Combs offered the opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Office Manager Salary

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss refers to the August 2, 2023 Council meeting in which the Payroll Clerk was promoted to Office Manager. At that time it was decided that the new pay, once decided, would be retroactive to the date of August 1, 2023. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss notes that she needs to prepare an amended 2023 Salary Ordinance with the pay change so that the Office Manager can receive the retroactive pay. The proposed pay for 2024 for the Office Manager is \$70,000. If we use this amount, the retroactive pay would be a total of \$2,659.79 and there are funds in the 2023 budget to cover this. Councilman Purdie moves to approve increasing the Office Manager's compensation to \$70,000 effective as of August 1, 2023 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

NEW BUSINESS

Longevity Pay

Councilmembers note that they would like to add longevity pay for Town employees. A discussion ensues regarding how much would be paid, when it would be paid, and other matters related to adding this benefit. Councilmembers express interest in paying the longevity pay in December beginning in 2024. Town Attorney Lee Robbins notes that we can create our 2024 Salary Ordinance without the longevity pay at this time and continue discussions regarding the details of the longevity pay at a future meeting and adopt an amendment to the 2024 Salary Ordinance with those details.

Browning Contract

Attorney Lee Robbins presents the contract from Browning Day who has agreed to do pro bono work for the design work for the revitalization of Proctor Park. He has reviewed the contract and states that it needs council approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve the contract as presented and authorizes Council President Perrin to sign the contract on behalf of the Town and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

2024 BUDGET HEARING

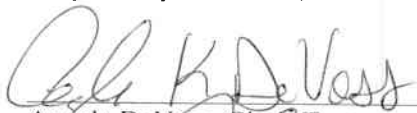
Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss refers to the initial Budget Hearing meeting which was on October 4, 2023 and then the Budget Workshop Meeting which was on October 11, 2023. The 2024 Budget with revisions has been presented for their review. Councilman Combs moves to approve the 2024 Budget on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

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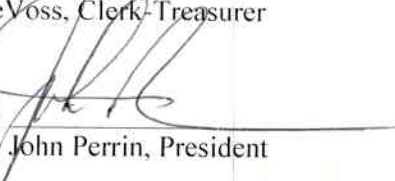
None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:


John Perrin, President