Town of Worthington August 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Barry Hoover.

The Meeting was called to order by Gerren Cullison, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kim Archer led in prayer.

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024, Regular Minutes and July 22, 2024, Executive Session Minutes. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Re: Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a total of \$3,001.82 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in July 2024.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that the Street Department is spreading rock in alley ways and along intersections around town. Mr. Edelman also noted that they are spending a lot of time keeping the sewer pumps cleaned out so they will continue to work efficiently.

Re: Police Department Report

Worthington Town Marshall Jacob Gambill gave a report on police activity since the last Council Meeting.

Re: Ordinance 2024-08 – Re Salary Ordinance Amendment

Kim Archer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08, An Ordinance to Amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance 2024-01, which adds the part-time deputy marshal compensation rate of \$40.00 per hour. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference.

Re: Deputy Town Marshal Interview Schedule

The Council decided to schedule interviews for the Deputy Town Marshal Position after August 20, 2024, so that a majority of members could be present.

Re: Worthington Fire Territory - Additional Appropriation Request

Jason Robertson made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 as requested by the Worthington Fire Territory to shore up the Miscellaneous Fire and EMS Equipment Appropriation Line, 2501-001-391, within the Special Fire Protection Territory General Fund due to unforeseen expenses incurred during the first half of the year. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Re: Citizens Input

Several Worthington citizens voiced concerns over the closing of the wood burning facility near the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and asked what may be done in the near future to help alleviate the build-up of limbs and clean wood waste around town. Council President Gerren Cullison explained that IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) was still investigating this issue along with the burning of the old house on the WWTP property, which precludes the Council from discussing these subjects in detail. Mr. Cullison also pointed out that while there were a few options available to the town for managing the problem once IDEM's investigation is complete, burning by the Town of Worthington would not be one of them.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Barry Hoover made a motion to adjourn. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Gerren Cullison, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer