

Town of Worthington

December 9, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Barry Hoover, Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Dustin Banning.

The Public Meeting was called to order by Barry Hoover.

Re: Wage/Salary Discussion

The Council discussed with the various departments what pay increases might look like for the 2025 budget year. The Council took the request for higher wages under advisement and hoped to decide soon.

As there was no more special business to come before the Worthington Town Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jason Robertson, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew W. Baker', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Worthington

December 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Barry Hoover, Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Dustin Banning.

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

Re: Resignation of Council President

Council President Barry Hoover resigned effective immediately and left the meeting. That being the case and out of necessity for the proper continuity of government, Vice-President Jason Robertson stepped in as interim President through year's end until a new President could be elected for 2025.

Re: Meeting Minutes

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims

Brian Stoner made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a total of \$1,402.44 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in November 2024.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that the backhoe and dump truck are fixed and working again.

Re: Utilities Report

Utilities Deputy Renie Powell reported to the Council that her office continues to collect more delinquent sewer bills and penalties with the new streamlined approach to collections.

Re: Police Department Report

- A) Town Marshal Jacob Gambill gave a report on police activity since the last Council Meeting.

- B) Mr. Gambill requested that the Council table his request for a community stackable application for a future meeting. This application would allow for on-time updates from the Worthington Police Department at no cost to the citizens of Worthington who would use the application.
- C) Mr. Gambill mentioned that the yard waste facility will possibly reopen on or about January 13, 2025, and will be run by a private company. There will be strict rules in place.

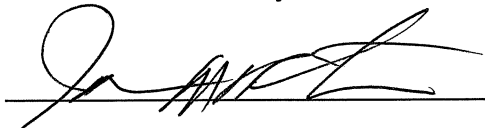
Re: National Register of Historic Places

Kurt West Garner is an independent historian/consultant and owner of Heritage Preservation in the Heartland, with a focus on historic preservation and consulting services, in particular the development of National Register of Historic Places nominations for individual properties and historic districts. He is approaching his 300th nomination and would like to gift his services to Worthington and its Commercial Historic District. Mr. Garner cited the underrepresentation of the town's geographical area as a strong reason for gifting his services to us. The Council told the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Mr. Garner and have him move forward with his services and thank him for this opportunity.

Re: Citizen Complaint

Worthington citizen Alan Moody made a complaint regarding a town employee. The Council thanked Mr. Moody for bringing this to their attention.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Kim Archer made a motion to adjourn. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.



Jason Robertson, President



Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

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December 30, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Monday, December 30, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Dustin Banning.

The Public Meeting was called to order by Jason Robertson.

Re: Ordinance 2024-13 re 2025 Salary Ordinance

After the Council went over wage increases and/or incentives to give to the Town Employees in 2025, Brian Stoner made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-13, Town of Worthington, Indiana Salary Ordinance for Calendar Year 2025. The ordinance includes a 7% raise for the 5 full-time employees and Clerk-Treasurer, a \$75.00 per month increase for each Town Council Member, and a \$6,000.00 one-time stipend for the Clerk-Treasurer in lieu of the offer of health insurance. Dustin Banning seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. This ordinance is incorporated by reference.

Re: Reorganization of Town Council – President and Vice-President

Brian Stoner made a motion to have Jason Robertson serve as Town Council President and Kim Archer serve as Town Council Vice-President for calendar year 2025. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

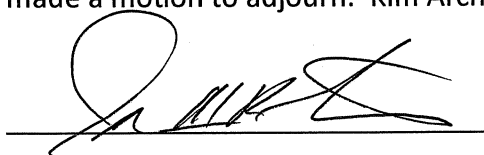
Re: Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) Representative – Terressa Sparks

Kim Archer made a motion to appoint Terressa Sparks to serve as the Town Council Representative for the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) for the calendar year 2025. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

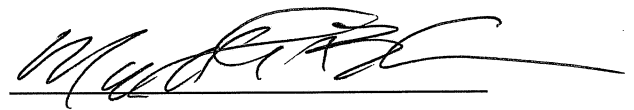
Re: Worthington Fire Territory Representative – Jason Robertson – 4-year term

Brian Stoner made a motion to appoint Jason Robertson to serve as the Town Council Representative for the Worthington Fire Territory for a 4-year term to begin July 1, 2025, and run through June 30, 2029. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Dustin Banning made a motion to adjourn. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.



Jason Robertson, President



Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer