

**Town of Worthington**  
**February 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 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.

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the January 9, 2024, Regular Council Minutes and January 18, 2024, Special Session Minutes. Brian Stoner 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 \$3,037.99 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in January 2024.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman told the Council his department had spread gravel around town to help with any road issues until the Community Crossings Pavement Resurfacing Project could be completed.

Re: Utilities Department Report

Utilities Clerk Renie Powell spoke to the Council about Resolution 2023-12 approved last December, specifically, charging customers for wastewater sewer service unless their water was shut off by Eastern Heights Utilities. Ms. Powell mentioned that the resolution should be amended to reflect that for the \$54.25 sewer rate to be waived, the property owner must complete the Town of Worthington Stop Service Request available at the Town Hall as well as obtain written confirmation from Eastern Heights Utilities that the water had actually been shut off and bring that paperwork to her office. It is noted that Eastern Heights Utilities charges a \$45.00 fee either to shut off or turn on the water on a property.

**Re: Police Department Report**

Town Marshall Jacob Gambill discussed with the Council the need for an amended golf cart ordinance to mirror other local communities' ordinances. These changes would include: a \$40.00 charge for an initial driving permit and \$20.00 annually thereafter, vehicle insurance specifically covering their golf cart, and various other rules that are not in the current ordinance. The Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Town Attorney to have a new ordinance drawn up to note the changes approved. Between the February 13, 2024, Meeting and March 12, 2024, Meeting, the Council decided to have Mr. Gambill enforce the Golf Cart Ordinance already in place instead of making changes at this time.

**Re: Old Business**

**Re: Street Department Superintendent – Resolution 2024-04, Approval of Purchase of Vehicle**


Kim Archer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, To Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Truck and Loan Agreement with First Financial Bank of Worthington to Finance the Purchase as requested by Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman. The purchase price for the vehicle was \$31,888.00. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

**Re: New Business**

**Re: Property Maintenance**

Several Worthington citizens expressed their concerns over nearby properties they believed created a safety hazard to them, their children, and neighbors, including various types of junk building up in their yards and overgrown lawns that were not being properly maintained. Many also mentioned that dogs were running loose without leashes or proper fencing to keep them under control. Town Marshall Jacob Gambill told those present that they needed to fill out a complaint form with specifics so the Worthington Police Department could act on the complaint. Neither social media nor word of mouth are proper mediums to report problems to the Police Department. After much discussion, the Council decided to have an amended ordinance drafted reflecting the need to have a completed complaint form about property or animal issues as well as a 30-day time frame to abate the problem instead of 10-day time frame, which is the Town's policy as of this meeting.

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