Town of Worthington February 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Kim Archer, Brian Stoner, Dustin Banning, who arrived later in the meeting, and Chad Provo.

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

Re: Meeting Minutes

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the January 14, 2025, Regular Minutes. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims

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

Re: Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) – WWTP Progress Report

SIDC Representative Michelle Carrico gave the Town Council a progress report on the

Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvement Project. Ms. Carrico reported
that Graves Construction Services, Inc. estimated April 1, 2025, as the start date for the WWTP.
The Council thanked Ms. Carrico for her time and information.

Re: Graves Construction Services, Inc. – Payment Application #1 – WWTP

Kim Archer made a motion to approve payment application #1 for the WWTP to Graves Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$76,589.00. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. It is noted that this payment was for material purchases in preparation for Graves to start the project.

Re: SRF Loan Program Signatory Authorization Resolution

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program Signatory Authorization Resolution to have Town Council President Jason Robertson act as the authorized representative/signatory for the Town of Worthington for the WWTP Project. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a total of \$977.93 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in January 2025.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that the Street/Sewer Department has been grading alleys and placing signs in town. Mr. Edelman has also ordered a double steel door to replace a damaged one and a rolling gate for the yard waste drop off yard.

Re: Utilities Report

Utilities Deputy Renie Powell reported to the Council that she will be placing sewer liens on those citizens' accounts who have ignored repeated attempts by the town to get caught up on their sewer bills.

Re: Police Department Report

Town Marshal Jacob Gambill gave a report on police activity since the last Council Meeting. Mr. Gambill also told the Council that the USTA will be holding a conceal carry class in the Town Council Room on Saturday, March 29, 2025, which town citizens are encouraged to attend.

Re: Sewage Hook-Up Fees

The Council discussed the need for a fair sewage hook-up fee for citizens who have a new sewer run installed. The present cost is \$500.00 and a few different amounts between \$100.00 and \$200.00 were mentioned to replace it. The Council decided to contact the town attorney for guidance and to draw up an ordinance once a firm amount is established.

Re: Worthington Fire Territory Funds Transfer

The Council tabled any approval of a possible 5% transfer for the Worthington Fire Territory from their General Fund to the Equipment Fund to a future meeting, noting that an ordinance is recommended for final approval and signature.

Re: Citizen Concern

There were 2 concerns brought up by town residents:

- a) One citizen raised concerns over a neighbor leaving substantial amounts of trash in his yard which he thought would affect the resale value of his own home. Town Marshal Jacob Gambill told the Council he spoke with the neighbor and served notice that he must improve the property within 30 days to avoid fines.
- b) The other resident requested action over a neighbor's property whose house burned down a short time ago and has left a potentially dangerous situation with the trash and debris left behind. After some discussion, the Council decided that the town attorney would need to be contacted for guidance before any action could be taken.

The Council thanked those present for bringing their issues to them and remarked that they would seek to bring fair and equitable solutions to both problems.

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 5-0.

Jason Robertson, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Worthington February 27, 2025, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Kim Archer, Brian Stoner, Dustin Banning, and Chad Provo.

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

Re: Worthington Town Employees' Work Schedule

Town Council President Jason Robertson told those present that Town Marshal Jacob Gambill send him an updated work schedule for the Police Department, which will become effective March 3, 2025. This new schedule will cover both day and evening shifts through the work week, including school openings and closings. Part-time and Auxiliary officers will cover the weekend patrols.

Re: Police Department – Sale of Excess Vehicle

After some discussion about the need to keep an undercover police vehicle, and at the request of Town Marshal Jacob Gambill, Dustin Banning made a motion to sell said vehicle. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Gambill will take care of the specifics of the sale.

Re: Town Cleanup and Dumpster Rental

The Council discussed the need to have Town Attorney Darla Brown add garbage to the town ordinance which lists the offenses that citations can be written, in order to encourage town citizens to clean up junk and garbage out of their yards. The Town will set up a weekend this spring to have dumpsters brought to town so that townspeople could use them for that purpose.

Re: Dayton Street House Cleanup

The Council talked about the need to clean up the debris left after the house located on Dayton Street burned out in January 2025. It was mentioned that the State Fire Marshal's report must be filed before any action can be taken in regard to the property.

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

Jason Robertson, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer