

Town of Worthington
May 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Barry Hoover. Jason Robertson was absent.

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 April 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2024, Special Session, and Executive Session Minutes. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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: Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a total of \$2,914.74 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in April 2024.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that the Community Crossings road work was progressing well and that they placed risers where needed. He also mentioned that the old house by the wastewater facilities was close to being torn down.

Re: Police Department Report

Worthington Town Marshall Jacob Gambill gave a report on police activity since the last Council Meeting. Mr. Gambill mentioned that his department will conduct a Community Academy from August through November 2024 to help educate town citizens on what his department does within the community to help keep it safe.

Re: Old Business

Re: E & B Paving, LLC – Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) Paving Project Q & A

An E & B Paving, LLC Representative answered questions and concerns received from citizens at the meeting. He explained that following the specifications of the project, E & B leveled the streets which caused some steep drop-offs at certain residences where the road was not level before the work was done. He also mentioned that E & B used excess material to pave a few

sections of street not listed on the original plan at no extra charge. The Council thanked him for his time and E & B Paving, LLC's quality work.

Re: New Business

Re: Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) – WWTP Project

SIDC Representative Michelle Carrico requested that the Town Council approve and sign an Administrative Contract for Grant Administrative Services between the Town of Worthington and SIDC with respect to the Worthington Wastewater Treatment Project (WWTP). Barry Hoover made a motion to approve the contract. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: White River Valley School (WRV) – School Sidewalk and Handicapped Parking Issue

WRV School Police Officer James O'Malley told the Council that the school crosswalk and handicapped parking spaces needed to be repainted with the proper color and type of paint and asked for help in this project since he was not allowed to do so by state statute. Council President Gerren Cullison directed the Street Department to paint/stripe the areas dictated by the state as the Town was allowed to complete this project on the school's behalf.

Re: Kioti Tractor Purchase

Barry Hoover made a motion for the Town to purchase a new Kioti tractor needed by the Street Department and to give Council President Gerren Cullison discretion to either trade the 2001 Kioti tractor the Town owns in the amount of \$5,500.00 toward the purchase of a new Kioti tractor from Holtsclaw Sales & Service located in Switz City, Indiana, or sell it outright for a higher price if possible. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Ordinance Code 50.08 Amendment – Garbage Ordinance Enforcement

Barry Hoover made a motion to approve an amendment to Ordinance Code 50.08 "Enforcement" which would change the wording in (A) from "ten days" to "thirty days" in order to give citizens more time to clean up their property before they receive a citation. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Ordinance Code 90.05 Amendment – Marshal's Duty to Notify Shelter Concerning Animals

Barry Hoover made a motion to approve an amendment to Ordinance Code 90.05, "Marshal's Duty to Notify Animal Shelter Concerning Animals at Large" which would remove the wording in (A) that states "It shall be the duty of the Town Marshal or Deputy Marshal of this town to notify the county animal shelter to take charge of any dog, cat, or other domestic animal found running at large within the corporate limits of the town." Town Marshal Jacob Gambill noted that this was necessary since all animal shelters near Worthington are full and not taking any new animals. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Ordinance Code 90.12 Amendment – Additional Regulations for Dogs

Kim Archer made a motion to approve an amendment to Ordinance Code 90.12, "Additional Regulations for Dogs" which would change the wording in (E) from "will issue a citation" to "may issue a citation." Town Marshal Jacob Gambill noted that this was necessary to give the Police Department more latitude in collaborating with dog owners. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

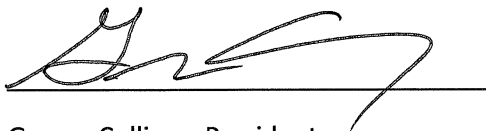
Re: Ordinance Code 92.03 & 92.04 Amendment – Notice and Renewal and Abatement

Kim Archer made a motion to approve an amendment to Ordinance Code 92.03, "Notice and Removal" and Ordinance Code 92.04, "Abatement" which would change the wording in each ordinance code from "ten days" to "thirty days" in order to give citizens more time to abate a problem weed or plant issue on their property before the town abates the issue and then charges the property owner for the abatement costs. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

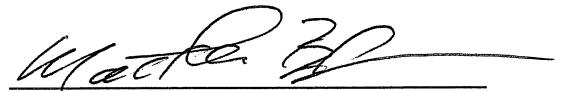
Re: Code Enforcement Officer

There was discussion of approving a voluntary civilian code enforcement officer position, but any approval of such a position was tabled until the June 11, 2024, Council Meeting due to liability issues that need to be addressed first.

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



Gerren Cullison, President



Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer