Town of Worthington May 6, 2025, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Town Hall at 5:30 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: Police Department Work Schedule

Town Marshal Jacob Gambill explained to the Council the need to adjust the Worthington Police Department work schedule in order to cover gaps in weekly patrols. Mr. Gambill mentioned the 3 three methods used thus far in recent history. Those being:

- a) Mr. Gambill on duty from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Deputy Marshal Jeremy Brinkman on duty from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday with part-time and reserve officers filling in the gaps of coverage. This is the present method.
- b) Work a prison-type shift with Mr. Brinkman, and certain part-time officers, working 12-hour shifts each including some overnight shifts as needed on a more staggered basis, with reserve officers filling in the gaps of coverage.
- c) Bring on another full-time Deputy Marshal, in which all 3 full-time officers, would work 4 days on and 4 days off, 10 hours a day. This would do away with the need for part-time officers as reserve officers would fill in the smaller number of hours needed to maintain coverage.

After some discussion on which method would be best, two stood out as the best possibilities. Either keeping the current method while lowering the hourly rate from \$40.00 per hour to \$25.00 per hour, which would result in 37.5% more work hours available for the same amount of funds disbursed. The other method being adding a full-time Deputy Marshal to relieve stress on the current system and to give the full-time officers consistent days off.

Re: Ordinance No. 2025-01 – Amendment to Salary Ordinance

Based on the prior discussion about the part-time deputy marshal hourly rate change, Kim Archer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-01, letter (i) which reads: {Part-time deputy marshals shall be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, to be paid from the LIT Public Safety Fund.}

This amount replaces the current part-time deputy marshal hourly rate from \$40.00 to \$25.00 effective May 6, 2025. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference.

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 3-0.

Jason Robertson, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Worthington May 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Kim Archer, Brian Stoner, and Chad Provo. Dustin Banning arrived later in the meeting.

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 April 8, 2025, Regular Minutes, April 24, 2025, and May 6, 2025, Special Session Minutes. Chad Provo 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. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a total of \$579.87 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in April 2025.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that the sump lid has been replaced on lift station #5. Mr. Edelman told the Council that the asphalt the Street Department uses costs around \$130.00 per ton and will be needed soon to patch local roads around town. It was also mentioned that the Greene Highway Department will give the Town of Worthington a used dump truck at no charge. The Council thanked Mr. Edelman for his report.

Re: Utilities Report

Utilities Deputy Renie Powell reported to the Council that her office is making progress collecting sewer payments and late fees from those citizens who are behind on their sewer bills.

Re: Police Department Report

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

Re: New Part-time Deputy Marshal

Kim Archer made a motion to approve Town Marshal Gambill's request to hire Chandler Willard as a part-time officer. Marshal Gambill told the Council that Mr. Willard has the credentials required to hold this position. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Citizen Comments

The Council heard from several citizens voicing their concerns over properties that were home to unwelcome pests, such as rats and snakes. Other complaints included property destruction to the town parks.

A few positive things occurring around town include the future replacement of sidewalks along a portion of Dayton Street and a local entrepreneur who will place one or two modular homes in the old mobile home park on Crist Street.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Dustin Banning made a motion to adjourn. Chad Provo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jason Robertson, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

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Vice-President

Town of Worthington May 22, 2025, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at the Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Kim Archer, and Brian Stoner. Dustin Banning and Chad Provo did not attend the meeting.

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

Re: WWTP Graves Construction Payment Application #3 - Grant Draw #2

Kim Archer made a motion to approve WWTP Graves Construction Payment Application #3 – Grant Draw #2 in the amount of \$72,260.00 through the Indiana Grants Management System on behalf of the Town of Worthington for the Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – (WWTP) WW-22-115. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Re: WWTP Project Future Approvals

Kim Archer made a motion to allow Council President Jason Robertson to approve and sign any future claims, SRF or OCRA Grant disbursement requests, or other paperwork deemed appropriate by the Town Council regarding the WWTP Project alone. This allowance will extend through to the end of WWTP Project completion. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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 3-0.

Jason Robertson, President

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Kimberly Archer-Vice President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer