Town of Worthington October 1, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Barry Hoover, Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, and Kim Archer.

The Public Meeting was called to order by Barry Hoover.

Re: Bid Opening for Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project

Council President Barry Hoover opened the lone bid received from Graves Construction Services, Inc. of Switz City, Indiana, for the Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements Project. The lump sum base bid price to complete the work in accordance with the Contract Documents was \$3,678,901.00. The amount Graves Construction Services, Inc. proposed to deduct for the changes listed in Mandatory Alternate Bid No. 1 was \$32,109.00. The Council decided to take the bid under advisement until their October 8, 2024, Regular Session Meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m., at which time a decision will be made.

As there was no more special business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Kim Argher made a motion to adjourn. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Barry Hoover, President

Town of Worthington October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

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

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve the September 10, 2024, Special Session Minutes. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the September 24, 2024, Special Session Minutes. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the October 1, 2024, Special Session Minutes. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve the 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 \$2,833.20 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in September 2024.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that he and Roy Eddy continue to work on pumps to keep them running properly.

Re: Utilities Report

Utilities Deputy Renie Powell told the Council that she sent out 99 late notices to citizens who were overdue on their sewer bill payments and quite a few people have come in and paid their

bills to date. Ms. Powell said WTH, Inc. would come and train Tim Edelman and Roy Eddy on the GIS System which now has a layer showing manhole cover locations around town.

Re: Police Department Report

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

Re: Resolution No. 2024-08 - Sale of Vehicle to New Ross, Indiana

Kim Archer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-08, To Sell Vehicle to the Town of New Ross, Indiana. This resolution gives Town Marshal Jacob Gambill the ability to sell the Town of Worthington's 2015 Ford Explorer Interceptor, which it no longer needs, to the Town of New Ross for a sum of \$15,000.00. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: Sale of Vehicle Equipment

Kim Archer made a motion to allow Town Marshal Jacob Gambill to sell excess police equipment that is no longer beneficial to the department. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: Worthington Fire Territory – Additional Appropriation Approval

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 as requested by the Worthington Fire Territory to shore up the Miscellaneous Fire and EMS Equipment Appropriation Line, 2501-001-391, within the Special Fire Protection Territory General Fund due to unforeseen expenses incurred during the first half of the year. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: WWTP Financing Change and Special Meeting to Adopt New Sewer Rates

The Council discussed financing the Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project, which consisted mostly of term lengths of bond financing, whether a traditional 20-year term, which would raise the monthly sewer rate from the proposed Phase III rate of \$71.85 to \$83.28 or a non-traditional 25-year term, which would raise the monthly sewer rate from the proposed Phase III rate of \$71.85 to \$76.94. After weighing the various factors of the 2 term lengths, Brain Stoner made a motion to approve the 25-year term rate. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. It is noted that these rates already factor in the use of the grant funds approved within the OCRA Grant.

Re: Ordinance No. 2024-09 - Amended Bond Ordinance (WWTP)

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09, An Amended And Restated Ordinance Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Worthington, Indiana Authorizing The Acquisition, Construction And Installation Of Certain Improvements For The Sewage Works System Of The Town Of Worthington, Indiana, The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds To Provide The Cost Thereof, The Collection, Segregation And Distribution Of The Revenues Of Such System,

The Safeguarding Of The Interests Of The Owners Of Such Revenue Bonds And Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including The Issuance Of Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds, And Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: 2025 Holiday Schedule

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve the 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule as presented. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: 2025 Budget Adoption, Ordinance 2024-11

Kim Archer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11, the 2025 proposed Budget as presented. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-1. Barry Hoover abstained. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: WWTP Outfall Project Bids

The Council received 2 bids for the remaining 900 feet of work needed to complete the outfall project from the WWTP site to the White River. Bynum Fanyo completed the first 900 feet of the 1800-foot project but was unable to finish the remainder. The 2 bids received were as follows:

Egnew Underground - \$197,250.00

Goodman Construction Co., Inc. - \$144,000.00 and if additional means of dewatering is needed, Goodman requests a \$15,000.00 contingency allowance. The Council decided to take the bids under advisement so they and Town Attorney Darla Brown could review the bids before a final decision is made.

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

Barry Hoover, President

Town of Worthington October 15, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. Members in attendance were Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, and Kim Archer.

The Public Meeting was called to order by Jason Robertson.

Re: WWTP Outfall Project Bid Award

Kim Archer made a motion to award the WWTP Outfall Project Bid to Goodman Construction Co., Inc. for the amount of \$144,000.00 and if additional means of dewatering is needed, a \$15,000.00 contingency allowance. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this bid award are incorporated by reference.

As there was no more special business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Brian Stoner made a motion to adjourn. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Barry Hoover, President

Town of Worthington October 29, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 29, 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: Ordinance No. 2024-12 re Revision of Sanitary Sewer Utility Rates/Charges – First Reading Council President Barry Hoover introduced Ordinance No. 2024-12, An Ordinance of the Town of Worthington, Indiana, Amending Ordinance No. 2023-13, Revising the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Worthington Sanitary Sewer Utility. Upon hearing the ordinance, Jason Robertson moved that Ordinance No. 2024-12 be submitted for first reading. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Re: Ordinance No. 2024-12 re Revision of Sanitary Sewer Utility Rates/Charges – Adoption Kim Archer moved that Ordinance No. 2024-12, An Ordinance of the Town of Worthington, Indiana, Amending Ordinance No. 2023-13, Revising the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Worthington Sanitary Sewer Utility be adopted on the same day at which it is introduced, this day, Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous consent to adopt this ordinance in one meeting.

Re: Ordinance No. 2024-12 re Revision of Sanitary Sewer Utility Rates/Charges – Passing

Jason Robertson moved that Ordinance No. 2024-12, An Ordinance of the Town of Worthington,
Indiana, Amending Ordinance No. 2023-13, Revising the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the

Worthington Sanitary Sewer Utility be adopted. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion
passed unanimously. This ordinance is incorporated by reference.

Re: WWTP Project Notice of Award – Graves Construction Services, Inc.

Council President Barry Hoover announced the Notice of Award that Graves Construction Services, Inc. of Switz City, Indiana, is awarded the Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements Project for the lump sum base bid price of \$3,678,901.00.

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

Barry Hoover, President