

Town of Worthington
September 10, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Barry Hoover. Jason Robertson was absent.

The Public Meeting was called to order by Barry Hoover.

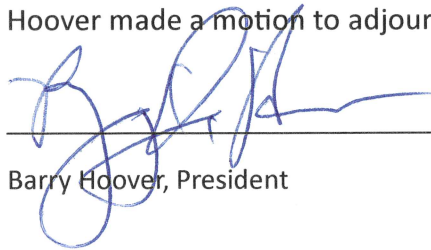
Re: Wessler Engineering – Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project
Wessler Engineering Project Engineer III Madison Truemner presented to the Council the next steps in the WWTP Project Schedule. It is as follows:

Ad for Bidders #1,	Friday, 09/06/2024,	in the Greene County Daily World.
Ad for Bidders #2,	Friday, 09/13/2024,	in the Greene County Daily World.
Pre-Bid Meeting,	Friday, 09/20/2024, 10:00 am,	at the Worthington Town Hall.
Bid Opening,	Tuesday, 10/01/2024, 6:00 pm,	at the Worthington Town Hall.
Bid Award,	Tuesday, 10/08/2024, 6:00 pm,	at the Worthington Town Hall.
SRF Pre-Closing,	Wednesday, 10/30/2024, 10:00 am,	SRF Virtual Meeting
Notice to Proceed	On or after 10/31/2024	
Loan Closing	11/13/2024	
Construction	November 2024- July 2026	WWTP Site (monthly meetings)
Sizeable Completion	Late February 2026	WWTP Site
Final Completion	By July 2026	WWTP Site

Re: Worthington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project Outfall Issue

Bynum Fanyo Utilities (BFU) President Jeff Farmer explained to the Town Council that the BFU construction crew was able to run 900 feet of the 1,800 feet worth of outfall needed to reach the river, but did not have the proper equipment to run the remaining 900 feet. The Council discussed what would be necessary to complete the outfall portion of the WWTP Project. After deciding that there would be cost overruns with the remaining 900 feet, Mr. Farmer offered to subtract the labor from his invoice totaling \$67,810.00 to make up for the added expense which will be incurred by the Town of Worthington for the remaining outfall run. The Council decided to take this request under advisement at a future meeting. Note: The BFU total invoice for the 900 worth of run completed is \$104,363.84 and if the \$67,810.00 worth of labor is subtracted would bring the total amount due to BFU to \$36,553.84.

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



Barry Hoover, President



Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Worthington
September 10, 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 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 August 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Brian Stoner made a motion to approve the accounts payable and 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 \$2,996.11 in interest was earned on investments through TrustIndiana in August 2024.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman reported that he and Roy Eddy changed out the pump located on 3rd Street, which has been a problem for a while due to clogging issues. Mr. Edelman also noted that he and Roy continue to spread rock in alley ways and along intersections around town.

Re: Utilities Report

Utilities Deputy Renie Powell explained to the Council that she was sending late notices to citizens who were overdue on their sewer bill payments to try to encourage them to get caught up. As a way to help everyone who have received their bills late over the last several billing cycles, she has been given permission to move the sewer bill payment due date from the 15th to the 20th of the month.

Re: Police Department Report

Town Council President Gerren Cullison gave a report on police activity since the last Council Meeting on behalf of Town Marshal Jacob Gambill, who was absent due to attending week-long training.

Re: New Deputy Town Marshal – Jeremy M. Brinkman

Council President Gerren Cullison introduced the new Worthington Deputy Town Marshal Jeremy M. Brinkman and administered the oath of the office, which Mr. Brinkman swore to and signed accordingly. The Council welcomed Mr. Brinkman to the Police Department.

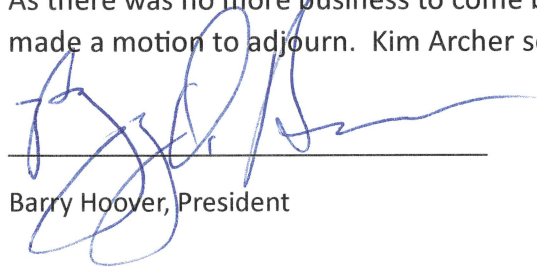
Re: Worthington Fire Territory – Additional Appropriation Request


The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council that any approval of the additional appropriation request made at the August 13, 2024, Meeting on behalf of the Worthington Fire Territory would have to be moved back to the October 8, 2024, Meeting due to the legal ad not running in time for approval at this meeting.

Re: 2025 Budget Approval

After much discussion about the 2025 Budget, Brian Stoner made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1. Barry Hoover voted against. Adoption of the 2025 Budget is slated for the October 8, 2024, Council 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 4-0.



Barry Hoover, President

Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Worthington

September 24, 2024, Special Session Minutes

The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 24, 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: Selection of New Council President/Vice-President

With the resignation of Council President Gerren Cullison effective Monday, September 16, 2024, and it being necessary for the proper continuity of government, Brian Stoner made a motion to nominate Barry Hoover as the new Council President and Jason Robertson as the new Council Vice-President effective immediately upon approval. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

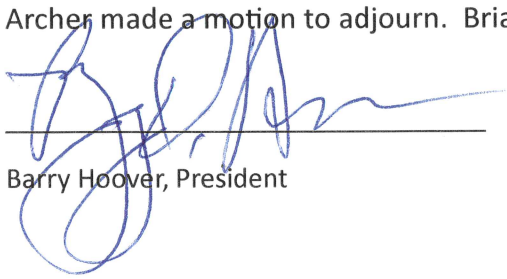
Re: Ordinance No. 2024-09, re the Sewage Works System and Issuance of Revenue Bonds

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-09, An 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. Brian Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Re: State of Indiana Wastewater Loan Program Financial Assistance Agreement

Jason Robertson made a motion to approve the State of Indiana Wastewater Revolving Loan Program Financial Assistance Agreement dated as of this 24th day of September, 2024, by and between the Indiana Finance Authority (the "Finance Authority"), a body politic and corporate, not a state agency but an independent instrumentality of the State of Indiana (the "State"), and the Town of Worthington, Indiana (the "Participant"), a political subdivision as defined in I.C. 5-1.2-2-57 and existing under I.C. 36-4. Although the final terms remain to be set, this revolving loan through the Finance Authority will total no more than \$3,000,000.00 (3 million dollars), will bear interest at the per annum rate of no more than 6%, with a bond maturity date to be no more than 35 years from this date, September 24, 2024. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Terms of this agreement are incorporated by reference.

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



Barry Hoover, President



Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer