

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2024
7:00 PM

The January 8, 2024, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council President, Sara Fairfield, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN. The Council and citizens joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

Sara Fairfield, Council	Dax Norton, Consultant
Dave Williams, Council	Frank Clark, Marshal
Bruce Burtner, Council	Robbie Viergutz- Deputy Marshal
Shawn McClintock, Council	Peter DeMass
Larry Truitt, Council	Frontier rep
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	Urban Cable rep
	2 citizens

Dave Williams made a motion and nominated Sara Fairfield as Council President for 2024. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sara made a motion and nominated Dave Williams as Council Vice President for 2024. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations/Guests:

Frontier Communications and Urban Cable were present to discuss their Work in Right of Way permit request. They will be doing an overlay on copper with fiber to update the cable. This will be mostly arial installation with approximately 25% underground. They will be working with the developer on future build that will be underground. Frontier will have an inspector on site. Sara made a motion to allow the processing of the permit. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Drew Guenther, Thorntown Building Inspector, and Dax Norton, had a presentation of several properties that could be consider unsafe or unsightly. The discussion following – How do we determine what is unsightly?

Public Comments/Concerns:

None

Consent Agenda:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Unfinished Business:

Consideration of the proposal for professional services from Krohn and Associates for a Water and Sewer Impact fee. This is being tabled for January 22.

Consideration of appointments to the RDC was next on the agenda. There were no appointments.

New Business:

No new business to present

Other Business:

Strategic Thoughts:

Dax shared that the application for READI 1.0 has been submitted. This project would be the renovation of the Odd Fellows building on West Main St. The Town will pay \$100,000.00 with a match of equal amount from the READI grant, in addition to a match from the property owner.

READI 2.0 addresses projects for quality of place. There is \$50,000,000.00 per region. There is not a match for READI 2.0.

Sara would like to hold a planning session and determine/prioritize goals for 2024. Tentatively this meeting will be set for January 20, 2024, 9:00 am.

The Council had discussion on the alley next to the Pizza King. Water is still ponding where the alleys meet. Sara asked Koren to contact BFS Engineering and have them take a look and provide a possible solution.

Clerk/Treasurer:

Koren reported she is deep into the end of month/December, end of quarter, and end of year reports and processes.

Koren will be attending the AIM Newly Elected Clerk/Treasurer conference and the AIM Bootcamp January 16-18.

There have been complaints because the snowflakes were not hanging this year. There was a complaint regarding the poor condition of the Fairfield building on Main St.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Dave Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Shawn McClintock made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:
(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

Advisory Plan Commission:

Building Inspector

Fire:

Park Board:

Police: (Report previously submitted to Council)

Storm Water Board:

Sanitary Sewer:

Utilities:

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____