

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2023
7:00 PM

The September 12, 2023, 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	Derek Babcock, Chief Deputy Marshal
Bruce Burtner, Council	
Shawn McClintock, Council	4 citizens
Larry Truitt, Council	
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	

Presentations/Guests:

None

Public Comments/Concerns:

None

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 21, meeting were the only item on the agenda. Shawn made a motion to approve the minutes with correction of an inaccurate date. The Clerk/Treasurer marked the minutes with the correction. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing:

Council President, Sara Fairfield, by motion from Shawn, second by Dave, 5-0 passed, opened the Public Hearing regarding Resolution 2023-14, a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property and Authorizing Designated Signatory. There were no comments from the public. Sara made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Shawn made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara made a motion to open a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2023-9, An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges of the Electric Utility. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Town citizen, Peter DeMass, asked what steps were taken to determine the rate increase and cost controls. Consultant, Dax Norton, noted that a rate study had been conducted by Krohn & Associates. The electric

rates allow for the utility to operate and sustain expenses. The rate study will be posted on the Town Website, townofthorntown.com. Sara made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-9. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Truitt opposing.

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

Advisory Plan Commission:

Police: (Report previously submitted to Council)

Fire:

Utilities:

Park Board:

Storm Water Board:

Sanitary Sewer:

Consultant Report:

Nothing at this time.

Clerk/Treasurer:

Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, advised she will be attending a Keystone workshop (no registration fee) the evening of September 27, and the day of September 28, beginning at 8:00 am in Fishers. Koren requested \$131.41 (split 4 ways with G-S-E-W). Sara entertained a motion. The Council did not make a motion to allow the expense.

Unfinished Business:

Bruce noted he did not see our impact fee study proposals on the agenda. They are tabled for the meeting of September 18.

New Business:

None

2024 Budget Workshop:

Preliminary figures for the 2024 budget were discussed. The Clerk/Treasurer advised the Council they had the option of paying some of the Police Salary from the LIT Public Safety. The CT suggested \$47,000 to be paid from LIT Public Safety. This would free up \$47,000 in the General Fund. We have more freedom with the General Fund than we do for LIT Public Safety. LIT Public Safety can only be used for Police and Fire Departments, and safety matters. Councilman Burtner advised he was not in favor of paying salaries from LIT Public Safety. He does not believe this money was intended for salaries.

Clerk/Treasurer Gray, advised, yes, LIT Public Safety was designed to relieve some of the burden of safety expenses from the General Fund. Medical insurance and retirement can also be paid from LIT Public Safety. The Clerk/Treasurer advised the Council she would make a copy of the Indiana Code that was set by the legislature.

Other Business:

Adjournment:

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With no other business to be presented, Bruce Burtner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Dave Williams made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____