

**State of Indiana
Greene County
City of Linton**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.**

**WELCOME – OPENING OF MEETING
Mayor Preble opened the meeting at 6 p.m.**

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Linda Bedwell, Greg Sapp, Leslie Newman, Tony Richards & Ed Singleton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the December meetings was made by Tony Richards, 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROPERLY SIGNED

A motion to approve the claims properly signed made by Tony Richards, 2nd by Leslie Newman. 4 Ayes, passed.

APPROVAL OF FUND & APPROPRIATION REPORT

A motion to approve the fund and appropriate report was made by Linda Bedwell, 2nd by Tony Richards. 5 Ayes, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Humane Society Presentation to Fire Department

The Humane Society thanked Fire Chief Colton Murray and Ron Lehman from the Police Department for their departments participating in a 2024 calendar with proceeds going towards building a new facility. The calendars can be purchased from any Board Member or online for \$20.00 each.

SIDC Land Bank and Housing Bid Award

Greg Jones from SIDC needed approval to close out the Eagles Building. Approval is needed for an updated disclosure report for federal funding and to pass a certificate of accessibility on the project. The project is complete.

The motion was made by Tony Richards and 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Mr. Jones stated that the City of Linton was awarded Owner Occupied Rehabilitation funds. Approval of 5 properties is needed to move forward with the rehabilitation program. The motion was made by Tony Richards and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Mr. Jones informed the council that a council member will sit on the SIDC Board. This position will need an appointment and will meet quarterly.

Mr. Jones also informed the council that the City of Linton will appoint a person to the White River Valley Military Coordination Alliance. The board meets quarterly and is a one-year assignment. Mayor Preble made a recommendation for John Cotter to be reappointed to the board. Mr. Cotter was in the audience and accepted the position. The board meets quarterly and is a one-year assignment. The motion was made by Tony Richards and 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Mr. Jones spoke about Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank that covers 6 counties. He described the process of how Land Banking works. Rick Graves is on the board representing Greene County. Ron Lehman is on the local prioritization team.

Election of Council President

A motion was made by Tony Richards to nominate Linda Bedwell as the 2024 Council President, 2nd by Ed Singleton. 4 Ayes, passed. Linda abstaining. It was noted by Linda Bedwell that the exiting president will now be the vice president.

Council Meeting Dates and Times

Council meetings will remain on the 2nd Monday of the month unless there is a holiday and then will be held on Tuesday. The time remains at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Tony Richards and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.

Crowe Enterprises for a Tax Abatement Request
Attorney Richard Shagley representing Matt Crowe asked the council for a tax abatement only for improvements on property that Mr. Crowe intends to develop into a car wash. The car wash would have 2 employees. A motion was made by Greg Sapp, there was no 2nd. No action needed.

Route 54 – Lease
Annual renewal lease for Route 54. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Appointment to the Solid Waste Board
It was brought to Mayor Preble's attention by Commissioner Ed Michael that the Mayor of Linton is usually one of the appointments to the board. The motion was made by Greg Sapp and 2nd by Tony Richards. 5 Ayes, passed.

Appointment of Alcohol & Beverage Board
A motion was made by Linda Bedwell for the approval to appoint Dick Kaiser to the Alcohol & Beverage Board, 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Appointment of Greene County Economic Development Board
A motion was made to approve the appointment of Jathan Wright to the Greene County Economic Development Commission made by Leslie Newman, 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Appointment of S.I.D.C Board
A motion was made by Tony Richards to appoint Mayor Preble to the S.I.D.C. Board, 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Appointment to City Redevelopment Commission Board (Tiff)
A nomination was made by Mayor Preble to appoint Greg Sapp to replace Leslie Newman and Jenny Bradbury to replace Jeff Sparks. Also, Jarod Albright was recommended to the non-voting position held by a school board member. A motion was made by Leslie Newsman and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.

Ordinance 2024-01 Utility Assistance

Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker spoke about creating their own pass-through account that would be used for utility assistance. This was recommended by the State Board of Accounts. The motion was made by Ed Singleton and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes passed.

Ordinance 2024-02 Golf Tournament

A motion for Ordinance 2024-02 to create a pass-through account for golf tournament funds was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Ed Singleton. 5 Ayes passed.

Resolution 2024-01 Encumbrances of Funds for Fire

A motion for Resolution 2024-01 is to encumber funds from 2023 to 2024 for longevity and clothing. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Resolution 2024-02 ARPA Funds

Resolution 2024-02 is for creating and approving appropriation lines for ARPA Funds to:

Up to \$20,000 for concrete flooring for the Spoke and Hub Training Center.

Up to \$110,000 for the purchase of a Leaf Blower for the Street Department.

Up to \$40,000 for the purchase of a tractor and accessories for the golf course.

A motion was made by Greg Sapp and 2nd by Linda Bedwell 5 Ayes, passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTING

Public Comments


Brent Slover Superintendent of Utilities stated that IMPA (Indiana Municipal Power Agency) will be offering a class at their headquarters for elected officials. This will be on February 15th, 2024 (sign up by February 8th, 2024). Mr. Slover spoke on an EPA Rule revision of lead and copper water service lines. A flyer will be included in the next billing cycle asking owners to help determine the material and return to the city for the submission to the EPA due by October 14th, 2024. This is to determine the water line material from the water line to the meter and from the meter to the home.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Ed Singleton. 5 Ayes, passed.



Mayor John Preble



Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker