

State of Indiana  
Greene County  
City of Linton

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 09, 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, Tony Richards, Ed Singleton and  
Leslie Newman was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Greg Sapp to approve the August 12th minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROPERLY SIGNED**

A motion to approve the claims properly signed was made by Linda Bedwell,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Singleton. 4 Ayes, passed.

**APPROVAL OF FUND & APPROPRIATION REPORT**

A motion to approve the fund and appropriation report was made by Tony  
Richards, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Bedwell. 4 Ayes, passed.

**APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET**

A motion was made to approve the allowance docket by Ed Singleton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Greg Sapp. 4 Ayes, passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Merit Staffing Board Presentation**

Fireman and union president James Phillips was present at the meeting and  
spoke about bringing in a merit board system for the Fire Department.  
Statewide legislation depending on your population is required. However,

**Linton does not meet the requirements, but there is an opt-in program. Tony Murray which is the president for the Professional Firefighters Union in Indiana attended the meeting to present information regarding the adoption of a merit system.**

#### **Results of Kennedy Lot Offer – Option B**

**There were two appraisals from city employees for the Kennedy Lot. The first appraisal was \$7,458.00 and the second appraisal for \$6,600.00. The average of the two appraisals for the sale is \$7,029.00. Resolution 2024-08 was adopted for the sale of the Kennedy lot. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to adopt resolution 2024-08 for the sale of the Kennedy lot to Crossroads Enterprise for \$7,029.00 plus closing cost and seconded by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed.**

#### **Department Heads Reporting**

**Police Chief Paul Clark stated that his department is going through training at this time. Chief Clark stated he has two new police officers which will make a total of 9 police officers.**

**Fire Chief Eric Carpenter stated that two of the firefighters completed training at the new fire facility and are now compliant with the state to hold training classes at the new facility. On September 4<sup>th</sup> the fire department launched their smoke alarm program. October is also fire safety month. The fire department has signed a purchase agreement for a gear washer which has been installed at the fire department. They have also signed a purchase agreement for an exhaust system which they are waiting for the date for it to be installed. These purchases were able to be paid for by the AFG grant that Fire Chief Carpenter spoke about at the last council meeting. Chief Carpenter and Firefighter Colton Murray have submitted a \$50,000 communication grant through Smithville. If accepted, it would be a 100% grant with no matching needed. This would be used for portable radios and should hear something by mid-November.**

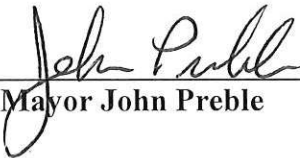
**Operations Manager Brent Murray stated that community crossing will begin work in approximately 7 – 10 days and asked for everyone to watch out for the crews. Oak Street and Chris Schenke Drive in Green Acres will be paved, and Oak Street will also be widened, 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE from Vincennes St to the highway and D St from Main to 4<sup>th</sup> street will be paved.**

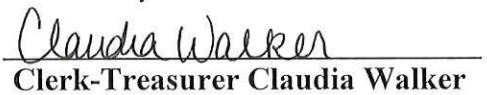
**Linda Bedwell wanted to thank Ross Gentry and Paul Nagy for help with finding a water leak at her church.**

**Cheryl Hamilton stated that WTWO wants to bring community leaders together to see how they can better serve Linton and Greene County. They are hosting a Town Hall meeting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Room at the Greene County Courthouse.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Bedwell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Sapp. 4 Ayes, passed.**

  
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Mayor John Preble

  
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Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker