

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 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.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC
HEARING**

**A motion was made by Tony Richards to approve the November 12th
minutes, 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.**

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROPERLY SIGNED

**A motion to approve the claims properly signed was made by Linda Bedwell,
2nd by Ed Singleton. 5 Ayes, passed.**

APPROVAL OF FUND & APPROPRIATION REPORT

**A motion to approve the fund and appropriation report was made by Leslie
Newman, 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.**

APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

**A motion was made to approve the allowance docket by Linda Bedwell, 2nd by
Tony Richards. 5 Ayes, passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

**McKenzie Hollingsworth from SIDC representing Jenny Dearwester updated
the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Project and stated that it is now complete.**

Ten housing units were completed in Linton. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Grant was for \$251,500 and SIDC provided the city with a USA World Development HPG Grant of 59,784.86. This served as the matching funds for the project. Two contractors from Greene County worked on the project which included heating and air conditioning, windows, plumbing, roofing and electrical. The homes will be inspected by a third-party inspector contracted by IHCDA sometime in January or February. Linda Bedwell expressed her appreciation to SIDC for what they do to help residents.

Commonwealth Engineers Agreement

The city has a contract with Commonwealth Engineers regarding the water infrastructure replacement plan. This is a proposal on an as needed basis up to \$10,000 to seek engineering advice from Commonwealth. Linda Bedwell made the motion to adopt the proposal and was seconded by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

The 2025 Council meetings were presented to the council. The motion was made by Tony Richards to approve the council meetings and seconded by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

The 2025 Board of Works meetings were presented to the council. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve the Board of Works meetings and seconded by Tony Richards. 5 Ayes, passed.

The 2025 City of Linton holidays were presented to the council. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve the 2025 holidays and seconded by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Resolution 2024-11 for additional appropriations was presented to the council. Mayor Preble stated this was the resolution referred to in the public hearing. The motion was made by Greg Sapp to approve the resolution and seconded by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.

Resolution 2024-12 is to reduce the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund Budget by \$5,800. Clerk Treasurer Claudia Walker stated that reduction must be completed in order for DLGF to approve the 2025 budget. The revenue received for the Cum Cap Fund was less than what was estimated for 2024. The motion was made by Ed Singleton to approve resolution 2024-12 and seconded by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.

Resolution 2024-13 is for year end budget transfers. The motion was made by Tony Richards to approve the year end transfers and seconded by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Resolution 2024-14 is for the appropriation of ARPA Funds to be obligated by the December 31, 2024. Funds not obligated would possibly need to be returned to the Federal Government. Linda Bedwell asked if the \$25,000 that was appropriated for a new liner at baby pool was taken away. Mayor Preble expressed that the money could be used for other priorities in the community due to the time frame of having to spend the money and not knowing if the pool will open in 2025 due to many problems. Mayor Preble stated using the money for the bathrooms at the Roy Clark Community building would be a definite benefit to the facility. Clerk Treasurer Claudia Walker stated that the appropriations for Resolution 2024-14 redirected the \$25,000 that had been earmarked for the baby pool liner. The motion was made by Leslie Newman to approve the appropriation of ARPA Funds and seconded by Greg Sapp. 4 Ayes, passed. Linda Bedwell opposed.

Ordinance 2024-12 is regarding the 2025 Salary Ordinance to include a Human Resources Coordinator position. The 2025 Salary Ordinance had been approved previously excluded the Human Resources Coordinator position. The motion was made to approve Ordinance 2024-12 by Greg Sapp and seconded by Leslie Newman. 3 Ayes, passed. Tony Richards and Linda Bedwell opposed.

Ordinance 2024-13 is regarding the Fairview Cemetery Rates & Regulations which includes price increases to cover the increased cost from Harris Burial Services. A discussion of whether shepherd hooks could be placed in the foundation was discussed due to the new ordinance not allowing shepherd hooks in the foundation. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve 2024-13 Ordinance with the exclusion of under decorations #5A regarding shepherd hooks not being set in the foundations of the headstones and seconded by Ed Singleton. 5 Ayes, passed.

Ordinance 2024-14 is regarding electric rate increases. This is the first reading of this ordinance. There will be a public hearing next month.

Ordinance 2024-15 is regarding the sanitation rate increases. This is the first reading of this ordinance. There will be a public hearing next month.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTING

Fire Chief Eric Carpenter stated there were 87 runs last month. Seventy runs were EMS and 17 fires. The fencing at the training facility is done. Also, Chief Carpenter mentioned that Linton is on standby for Jasonville due to Jasonville experiencing no water to do the fire at their water facility.

Police Chief Paul Clark had nothing to report.

Tom Bailey from the street department stated that A St NW will be opened by the week of the week.


Brent Murray Operations Manager said he thought things around the city went smooth this year and congratulated the mayor on his first year in office.

Linda Bedwell congratulated the Linton Miners football team on an outstanding job this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold Smith thanked the city for selling him the property on Main Street. He stated that Crossroads Enterprises, which he owns, is looking for funding. He has six business opportunities but needs help funding the engineering fees that are involved. Right now, he is only able to have one project at a time going due to the amount of money involved. Smith asked the council or redevelopment commission to consider paying half of the fee in order to speed up the process. He has people wanting to move their offices to the old GC Murphy's building so they can stay in Linton. Linda Bedwell asked Greg Sapp, (who is on the redevelopment commission board) if it was a possibility for the redevelopment commission to help. Greg Sapp stated he would put it on the agenda for their next meeting. Sapp stated he thought there may be a way to help with the redevelopment commission and grant opportunities.

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



Mayor John Preble



Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker