

McCordsville

ESTD  1988

INDIANA

Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2024

Town Hall– 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Council Members Present: Greg Brewer, Bryan Burney, Chad Gooding, Scott Jones, John Price
- Employees: Ryan Crum, Tim Gropp, Mark Witsman
- Clerk-Treasurer: Stephanie Crider
- Town Attorney: Beth Copeland

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Dr Burney to approve the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. Jones. 5-0

Public Comments for non-agenda items

- Izzy Wallace let everyone know that she is working towards her Eagle Scout and was very happy to be there.
- Jackson Dayhoff, resident in Gateway Crossing, requested a lane shift sign in front of the school. Mr. Witsman stated he would investigate this issue.

Committee & Staff Reports

- **Architectural Review Committee**: They had one item of new business with Kenzington Gardens, and they wanted to revise their elevations. They also want to replace the current metal roof with shingles and that was approved. Meeting dates were also discussed for 2025.
- **Metropolitan Police Board**: They have 3 conditional offers out for new recruits, and they also discussed Officer Bell's retirement which resulted in the promotion of Officer Watts to Assistant Chief. They also approved the purchase of six new cruisers in 2025. Holidays with Heroes was another successful event and they gave a special thank you to Officer French.
- **Parks Board**: Did not meet.
- **Plan Commission**: They had a primary plat for Jacobi Farms that was approved, a zoning change with window decorations, and the Road Impact Fee Ordinance was passed.
- **Public Works Committee/Commissioner's Report**: Did not meet.
- **Redevelopment Commission**: Did not meet.
- **Vernon Township Fire Committee**: Did not meet.

Consent Agenda

McCordsville



INDIANA

- The consent agenda included Mike Reuter Contract for Services, 2025 Holiday Schedule, Town Council 2025 Meeting Dates, Crossroad Engineers Inspection Contract, Crossroad Engineers Design Contract, Delve Contract, Credit Agreement Addendum, and the Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the consent agenda as presented. Price. 5-0

Old Business

Ordinance 111224 – Ordinance Amending Rate Ordinance for Trash Utility Second Reading

- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Jeff Silvey, Old Town Resident, questioned why the rate is different then what was originally presented. Mr. Gropp explained that the rate includes administrative cost.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Dr. Burney suggested doing an annual billing and then the administrative costs could be eliminated.
- Mr. Gropp explained that they are pushing for more residents to move to ACH and receiving their bill by email.
- Dr. Price asked if they could maybe have the user pay for the postage.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Ordinance 111224. Burney. 5-0

New Business

Ordinance 121024D – Amending the Noise Ordinance First Reading

- Mr. Jones voiced some of his concerns over the decibels regarding those not located in the central business district. He mentioned that you cannot mow your grass, warm up your car, host a picnic at your home, and several other daily activities without violating the Noise Ordinance.
- Dr. Burney explained that the Ordinance is not geared towards daily activities.
- Dr. Price elaborated further on the new Noise Ordinance and how the decibels are being measured differently.
- Mr. Jones further voiced his concerns and stated that he read several Ordinances across the state and the Town of McCordsville has set a standard much lower than others.
- Dr. Price explained the steps that they took to help draft this Ordinance and that they used an experienced sound expert to gain information.
- Mr. Jones asked why our Town has a lower level than most communities.

McCordsville

ESTD  1988

INDIANA

- Dr. Burney explained that this logic comes from the type of community that we are and that there are ambient noise levels in different communities.
- Dr. Price presented data to explain how they came up with the numbers behind the Ordinance. He further elaborated on different areas of where he took some measurements of ambient sound.
- Mr. Gooding asked how you can set a law using the lowest decibel knowing that you would hit the highest decibel.
- Dr. Price used another spreadsheet giving examples of decibel readings throughout town.
- Mr. Jones voiced further concerns on being a town with the most restrictive Noise Ordinance.
- Mr. Brewer asked Chief Casey how long of a process this is for the officers to enforce. He also noted the price to enforce this Ordinance when using the sound expert, Dr. Thunder.
- Chief Casey stated that the call load is heavy on the residential side, but citations have been mostly on the business side.
- Dr. Burney asked whether this Ordinance could be run in a “demo” mode to test the system.
- Mr. Brewer stated that they could enforce quiet hours.
- Dr. Price further explained the process of how this new Ordinance would work.
- Mr. Brewer asked to have the current Ordinance cleaned up, so they were not creating a resolution for a problem when there really isn’t a problem to begin with, based on the lack of citations.
- Chief Casey explained the lack of court visits for these cases.
- Dr. Burney stated that the current Noise Ordinance isn’t working because we have complaints at every Council Meeting.
- Mr. Gropp questioned what the intent of the Ordinance is and whether it will be used correctly.
- Dr. Price referenced the City of Fishers and their struggles with passing a Noise Ordinance.
- Dr. Burney explained two personal experiences involving noise violations and the fact that no meters were used to measure the decibels.
- Mr. Brewer explained the next steps for this process to either approve or table this Ordinance at the next meeting.

Resolution 121024A – Resolution Adopting the Zone Improvement Plan **Ordinance 121024E – Road Impact Fee Ordinance Second Reading**

- Trevor Reich, A&F Engineering, gave an overview of the Road Impact Fee with a brief presentation.
- Discussion ensued as to how the standards are set and which roads the impact fee money can be spent on.

McCordsville

ESTD  1988

INDIANA

- There was further discussion on bridge impact fees and whether the Town can benefit from this fee.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Resolution 121024A. Burney. 5-0
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Ordinance 121024E. Burney. 5-0

Ordinance 121024 Salary Ordinance 2025 First and Second Reading – Public Hearing

- Mr. Gropp explained the changes.
- Dr. Burney asked about more details on the gym access.
- Mr. Brewer noted a change in the title to 2025 Base Pay Rate Schedule.
- Mr. Brewer called for the first reading.
- Dr. Burney had a suggestion on the lower wages and wanted to propose an increase, as well as an increase in the car allowance dollars.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Dr. Burney to suspend the rules. Jones. 5-0
- Motion by Dr. Burney to amend the title to 2025 Base Pay Rate. Jones. 5-0
- Motion by Dr. Burney to approve Ordinance 121024. Jones. 5-0

Ordinance 121024A Amendments to the Employee Handbook First and Second Hearing-Public Hearing

- Mr. Gropp explained the significance behind the Ordinance.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to suspend the rules. Burney. 5-0
- Motion by Dr. Burney to approve Ordinance 121024A. Jones. 5-0

Ordinance 121024B Amending Fee Schedule for 2025 – First Reading Public Hearing

- Mr. Crum explained they wanted to get all the fees in the same schedule.
- Mr. Witsman stated that there were some changes to the engineering fees.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer stated they will bring this back for the meeting next month after the suggested changes have been made.

McCordsville

ESTD  1988

INDIANA

Ordinance 121024C Amending Fines and Penalties for 2025 – First Reading Public Hearing

- Mr. Crum explained that this is an attempt to have all fines and penalties in one document.
- Mr. Brewer questioned the Golf Cart Fine.
- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Mr. Gooding to suspend the rules. Burney. 5-0
- Motion by Dr. Burney to approve Ordinance 121024C. Jones. 5-0

Resolution 121024 Resolution Approving Encumbrances for 2025

- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Resolution 121024. Burney. 5-0

Board and Commission Appointments – Town Council President

- Mr. Brewer explained the need for the appointments by the Town Council President.
- Kevin Dayhoff will be appointed to the BZA in 2025.
- Dr. Burney stated that he has a potential candidate for a vacant position.

Board and Commission Appointments – Town Council

- Mr. Brewer stated that they would be keeping the list posted.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the 2025 Board and Commission Appointments by Town Council. Burney. 5-0

Assistant Town Manager's Report:

- Mr. Crum stated that the Town Mascot passed away this past week and he wanted to thank the staff for their dedication to Oscar.
- Project Status Report: Posted online.

Town Manager's Report:

- Mr. Gropp discussed the successful celebration for the tree lighting.
- He also explained that there has been a lot of discussion on the new trash collection company and making a smooth transition.

Town Councilor Comments

- Dr. Burney wish everyone a Happy Holiday.
- Mr. Brewer gave thanks to all who took care of Oscar. He also wished Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday's to the staff and thanked them for all their hard work over the past year. He thanked all the volunteers on the boards and commissions for helping our Town.

McCordsville

ESTD  1988

INDIANA

Voucher Approval

- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the vouchers. Burney. 5-0

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by the Council President. 8:07 p.m.

Minutes Approval

These minutes approved this 21st day of January 2025.

Greg Brewer, Council President

Attest: _____
Stephanie Crider, Clerk-Treasurer