

BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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- 01. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER** – Town Council President Travis Tschaenn called the meeting of the Brownsburg Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 27, 2023 in the Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N. Green Street.
- 02. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Denis Roy, Chaplain for the Brownsburg Fire Territory, gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 03. ROLL CALL** – Members of the Council present were Travis Tschaenn, Matt Simpson, Ben Lacey, Chris Worley and Mark Tieken. Also present Debbie Cook, Town Manager and Tricia Leminger of Frost Brown Todd, PC. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Scott Doehrman was present in place of Clerk-Treasurer Ann Hathaway.
- 04. CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATING TO JULY 27, 2023 AGENDA –**

Dorothy McIntire – 7652 Kathy Drive
David Warswick – 148 Brooks Bend
Dave Weyant – 20 Raccoon Court
Cindy Hohman – 15 Tyler Court
Eric Stemshorn – 1134 Windhaven Circle
Rob Kendall – 624 South Grant Street
Glen Adams – 1324 River Ridge Drive

Council President Travis Tschaenn did comment regarding the Park Board. He stated the efficiency and communication issues are key to this action. Ben Lacey also commented regarding the Park Board matter.

05. CONSENT ITEMS

05.01. The July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes were considered. Matt Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

05.02 The Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim and Payroll Dockets for Ju37 14, 2023 through July 27, 2023, in the amount of \$4,076,565.36, were considered. Chris Worley made a motion to approve the docket, as presented. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

06. BID OPENING AND/OR AWARD – None.

07. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS –

07.01. Police Department Report – Chief Joe Grimes presented his report to the Council. Chris Worley asked how many employees are involved in the Narcotics Unit.

07.02. Fire Territory Report – Chief Larry Alcorn presented his report to the Council. There were no questions.

08. TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS –

08.01. Fleet Maintenance Report – Chris Keers, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent, presented his report to the Council. There were no questions from the Council.

08.02. Street Department Report – Aaron Love, Street Superintendent, presented he report to the Council. Travis Tschaenn asked for an update regarding light pole replacement. Aaron stated that assessments are being done. They are working on fixing the poles that are standing but not working. The poles that need replaced are being assessed but that process is slower due to the cost of replacement. Availability of parts has been an issue, as well.

09. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED ITEMS –

09.01. Ordinance #2023-11 - An Ordinance of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, Authorizing the Restructuring of the Brownsburg Park Board – **Proposed 2nd Reading, Proposed 3rd Reading and Final Adoption.** Council President, Travis Tschaenn, reiterated this ordinance. Matt Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-11. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 4-1. A roll call vote was taken; Matt Simpson, Ben Lacey, Mark Tieken and Travis Tschaenn voted in favor and Chris Worley was opposed.

10. NEW FOR CONSIDERATION –

10.01. Motion to Consider Annual COLA Rates for Water and Sewer Fees. Debbie Cook, Town Manager, presented this item to the Council. Ordinance #2021-46 and #2021-47 established an annual COLA for automatic increases of 1% on Sewer Utility rates and 1.5% on Water Utility rates to occur in January of each year, subject to annual review by the Town Council in July each prior year. Debbie Cook, Town Manager, presented her power point to the Council. She discussed rising costs, regulations and cost of growth and expansion. Mark Tieken asked about average utility bills and impact of the increase. Travis Tschaenn added that with the dissolution of the LIT split with BFT that gives more flexibility and will vote no to an increase for 2024. Ben Lacey stated that Brownsburg is still below average as far as utility costs to the customer. He also mentioned SRF Loan requirements. Matt Simpson made a motion to deny item 10.01. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

11. TOWN MANAGER ITEMS –

11.01. Request from Misty Eyes Animal Center – Fee Waiver. The Center is requesting a waiver of the permit and rental fees for their Bow Wow Bash event. They are a nonprofit and have

submitted the appropriate application for the waiver. Mark Tieken made a motion to approve the waiver of fee for the Bow Wow Bash. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

12. CLERK-TREASURER ITEMS – None.

13. TOWN COUNCIL ITEMS –

Ben Lacey made comments about inquiries regarding infrastructure. He also noted all of the capital projects that have been completed.

14. TOWN ATTORNEY ITEMS – None.

15. CITIZENS COMMENTS –

Cindy Hohman – 15 Tyler Court
Dave Warswick – 148 Brooks Bend
David Weyant – 20 Raccoon Court
Rob Kendall – 624 South Grant Street

16. ADJOURNMENT – Matt Simpson made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Brownsburg Town Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing <https://brownsburgin.new.swagit.com/videos/268007> for as long as this media is supported.

Brownsburg Town Council

By: _____
Travis Tschaenn, President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ann Hathaway, Clerk-Treasurer