

BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 28, 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 September 28, 2023 in the Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N. Green Street.
- 02. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the invocation led by Chaplain Steve Stone.
- 03. ROLL CALL** – Members of the Council present were Travis Tschaenn, Matt Simpson, Ben Lacey and Chris Worley Mark Tieken was not present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer, Ann Hathaway; Debbie Cook, Town Manager and Scott Krapf with Frost Brown Todd, PC.
- 04. CITIZENS COMMENTS RELATING TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 AGENDA** –

Ross Sergi – 5773 Pebblebrook Road, Whitestown, IN 46075
Rob Kendall – 624 South Grant Street
David Weyant – 20 Raccoon Court
- 05. CONSENT ITEMS**
 - 05.01.** The September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes were considered.
 - 05.02.** The September 14, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were considered. Ben Lacey made a motion to approve the September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes and the Special Meeting minutes, as presented. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.
 - 05.03.** The Civil Town and Fire Territory Claim Dockets for September 15, 2023 through September 28, 2023, in the amount of \$2,229,010.05 were considered. Chris Worley made a motion to approve the docket, as presented. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.
- 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 and highlighted the National Night Out event.
 - 07.02.** Fire Territory Report – Chief Larry Alcorn presented his report to the Council. There were no questions from the Council.

07.03. UDO Committee Report – Jodi Dickey, Director of Development Services, presented her report to the Council. She reported that a work session with the Town’s consultant occurred in June. The second work session was held last Monday with the consultant and it was determined that the draft is ready to go into the public input phase. An open house is planned for November 6, 2023. Jenna Wertman presented a draft of the presentation for the public input session and highlighted some of the changes to the UDO. Ben Lacey commented on the process and presented some questions regarding contribution of committee members throughout the process.

08. TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS –

08.01. Water Department Report – Frank Monts, Water Superintendent, presented his report to the Council. There were no questions from the Council. He highlighted a Boy Scout Project for painting fire hydrants. Owen Oates is working toward his Eagle Scout designation. He presented his plan for this project and is working closely with the Water Utility.

08.02. Wastewater Department Report – Kathy Dillon, Water Utilities Director, presented her report to the Council. She highlighted the Stormwater section. The Wastewater Challenge Team is competing in Chicago this weekend.

09. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED ITEMS –

09.01. Ordinance #2023-13 – An Ordinance Approving the 2024 Town of Brownsburg and Fire Territory Budgets – Proposed 2nd Reading, Advertised Public Hearing – Debbie Cook, Town Manager, covered some highlights from the 1st reading. Ben Lacey commented regarding the raises and when the tax rate will be confirmed. He would like to see a merit system next year. Chris Worley commented that he has no problem with the 8% increases or the 2024 budget. Public hearing was opened by Council President, Travis Tschaenn.

Cindy Hohman – 15 Tyler Court – Commented on the work done to decrease allocations out of the enterprise funds. She stated that she agrees with 8% salary increases. She stated that it is a good budget.

Rob Kendall – 624 S Grant Street – Commented on the proposed tax increase. He discussed the increase in the property taxes in the past few years.

Ross Sergi – 5773 Pebblebrook Court, Whitestown, IN 46075 – Commented on the wages and the need to stay competitive.

David Weyant – 20 Raccoon Court – Commented on the LIT split and the Levy that was increased in March. He spoke in support of the wage increase to keep the qualified people.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Matt Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-13 on proposed 2nd reading for a budget of \$78,697,067. Chris Worley seconded the motion. Chris Worley made motion to approve the proposed amendment

to Ordinance #2023-13. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 4-0. Passed, as amended, 4-0.

09.02. Ordinance #2023-14 - An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate Into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation for Certain Real Property located generally at 7055 E. County Road 300 N. Brownsburg, Indiana. **(Carr Property Development Project Burns Parcel) – Proposed 3rd Reading and Final Adoption** – Jodi Dickey, Director of Development Services, reiterated this ordinance. Ben Lacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-14 on 3rd reading and final adoption, as presented. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

09.03. Ordinance #2023-15 - An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate Into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation for Certain Real Property located generally at 2885 N. State Road 267, Brownsburg, Indiana. **(Carr Property Development Project - Gray Parcel) – Proposed 3rd Reading and Final Adoption** – Jodi Dickey, Director of Development Services, reiterated this ordinance for the Council. Ben Lacey made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-15 on 3rd reading and final adoption, as presented. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

09.04. Ordinance #2023-16 - An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate Into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation for Certain Real Property located generally at 7175 E. County Road 300 N. , Brownsburg, Indiana. **(Carr Property Development Project – Weaver Parcel) – Proposed 3rd Reading and Final Adoption** – Jodi Dickey, Director of Development Services, reiterated this ordinance to the Council. Chris Worley made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-16 on 3rd reading and final adoption. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

09.05. Ordinance #2023-17 - An Ordinance Annexing Real Estate Into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana Pursuant to a Petition for Voluntary Annexation for Certain Real Railroad Property Located Generally Between E. County 700 N. & E. County Road 750 N. Hendricks County, Indiana **(CSX Transportation, Inc. Property) – Proposed 3rd Reading and Final Adoption** – Jodi Dickey, Director of Development Services, reiterated this ordinance to the Council. Matt Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-17 on 3rd reading and final adoption. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

10. NEW FOR CONSIDERATION –

10.01. Resolution #2023-24 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana to Petition the Department of Local Government Finance for an Excess Levy Appeal for the General Fund. Debbie Cook, Town Manager, presented this resolution to the Council. Clerk Treasurer, Ann Hathaway, explained the appeal process and growth factor. Clay Jackson provided additional information regarding the Excess Levy Appeal. Chris Worley made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-24. Matt Simpson seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

10.02. Resolution #2023-25 - A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana to Petition the Department of Local Government Finance for an Excess Levy Appeal for the Fire Protection Territory Fund. Debbie Cook, Town Manager, presented this resolution to the Council. Matt Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-25. Ben Lacey seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

10.03. Introductory Item – Westbranch PD Text Amendment. Jodi Dickey, Director of Development Services, presented the proposed development. This proposal is for a text amendment to the approved Westbranch PD. The applicant now wishes to allow for-sale homes throughout the development. Since this was not contemplated initially, certain development standards were not included in the original PD ordinance. Feedback was given to the Developer of Onyx+East. Jon Dobosiewicz with Nelson and Frankenberger was present to answer questions from the Council and give a presentation for the proposed amendments the Developer is asking for. David Leazenby of Onyx+East, 460 Virginia Avenue, Indianapolis, 46203, presented the proposal and answered questions.

11. PARK AUTHORITY ITEMS –

11.01. Park Authority Summary Report – Amber Lane, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented her report to the Council. There were no questions from the Council.

12. TOWN MANAGER ITEMS – None.

13. CLERK-TREASURER ITEMS – None.

14. TOWN COUNCIL ITEMS – None.

15. TOWN ATTORNEY ITEMS – None.

16. CITIZENS COMMENTS –

Lael Hill – PO Box 1252, Brownsburg
Cindy Hohman – 15 Tyler Court
Rob Kendall – 624 South Grant Street
David Weyant – 20 Raccoon Court
Tianna Upton – 1586 Redsunset Drive

17. ADJOURNMENT – Ben Lacey made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 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/272843> for as long as this media is supported.

Brownsburg Town Council

By: _____
Travis Tschaenn, President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ann Hathaway, Clerk-Treasurer

**Signature page for the September 28, 2023 meeting minutes.