Town of Paoli Minutes of the Regular Session Tuesday, January 2, 2024

The Paoli Town Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the above date with the following answering roll call: Donna Dillard, Arla Jean Frazier, Theron Owen, Mylea Pluris, and Bobbie Bostock. Attorney Lyn Tucker-Fullen and Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones were also in attendance.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2024 and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones, opened the floor for nominations for Town Council President. Councilman, Theron Owen, made a motion to nominate Bobbie G. Bostock for Paoli Town Council President. Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilwoman Pluris, Councilwoman Frazier, and Councilman Owen voting aye. Councilwoman Dillard voting nay and Councilman Bostock abstaining.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones, turned the meeting over to Council President, Bobbie Bostock.

2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Council President, Bobbie Bostock opened the floor for nominations for 1St Vice President. Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier made the Motion to nominate Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a unanimous roll call vote, motion passed.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock opened the floor for nominations for 2nd Vice President. Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris made the Motion to nominate Arla Jean Frazier. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman, Donna Dillard. In a unanimous roll call vote, motion passed.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock asked council how they would like to conduct their meetings. Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris made a Motion to follow Roberts Rule of Order. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. Councilwoman, Donna Dillard asked for clarification on this process. Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen explained Roberts Rules of Order. In a unanimous roll call vote, motion passed.

Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen presented Ordinance No. 2024-2, Ordinance Amending Town of Paoli Code of Ordinances, 30.19 Roll Call Vote. All votes of the Town Council shall be non-roll call unison vote designating either a yes or no, or an aye or nay vote, unless a roll call vote is requested by a member of the Town Council, which request shall be granted if supported and approved by a majority of the members present and voting. IN the event a roll call vote is granted, the Clerk-Treasurer shall call the roll on the question and record each council member's vote separately in the minutes of the meeting. Councilman, Theron Owen made a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-2. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Under Old Business, Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris made a Motion to Rescind the Motion made by previous council to Hire Midwestern Engineers. Councilman, Theron Owen seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken with Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris, and Councilwoman Frazier voting aye. Councilwoman Donna Dillard voted nay.

In further Old Business, Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris made a Motion to Rescind the Motion made on August 1, 2023 by previous council to not offer Insurance to elected officials. Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken with Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris, and Councilwoman Frazier voting aye. Councilwoman Donna Dillard voted nay.

Under New Business, the following annual appointments were made:

2024 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilman, Theron Owen made the motion retain Randy Sanders as Chief of Police, while Councilwoman Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris, made a motion to retain Ben Bobbitt as Wastewater Treatment Plant Certified Operator. Councilwoman, Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier, made a motion to retain Josh Dixon as Water Distribution Certified Operator. Councilwoman, Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

For a one (1) year term on the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris, made a Motion to appoint Councilman Theron Owen to serve. Councilwoman, Arla Jean Fraizer seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Gary Barnett was appointed to the Orange County Alcoholic Beverage Board for a one (1) year term by Councilman, Theron Owen. Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Taylor Baker and Kelvin McCord were appointed to the Indiana Municipal Power Agency Board for a one (1) year term, where they will alternate meetings, with a motion made by Councilman, Theron Owen. Councilwoman, Arla Jean Fraizer seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier made a motion to appoint Councilman Theron Owen and Councilman Bobbie Bostock to the Orange County Solid Waste Board for a one (1) year term. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier, was appointed to the Orange County Economic Development Board for a one (1) year term, ending 12/31/24 with a motion from Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. Councilman Theron Owen seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Brian Farris was appointed to the Orange County Emergency Management Advisory Board for a one (1) year term with a motion made by Councilman Theron Owen. Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

As Council President and Clerk Treasurer, Bobbie Bostock and Beth Jones were appointed as the Finance Board for a one (1) year term.

Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier made a motion to appoint Councilman Theron Owen to the Orange County Flood Task Force for a one (1) year period. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Martha Nice was appointed to the Orange County Convention & Visitor's Bureau for a two (2) year term that ends on 12/31/25 with a motion made by Councilman Theron Owen. Councilwoman Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Kara Schmidt was appointed to the Orange County Tourism Commission for a two (2) year term that ends on 12/31/25 with a motion made by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. Councilwoman Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Chris Lindley is currently serving a four (4) year term ending on 6/30/26, on the Paoli Public Library Board. No motion was necessary.

Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen asked about the appointment for District 8 Emergency Preparedness Coalition and was advised it no longer exists.

For the Redevelopment Commission, the following three (3) appointments were made by Town Council President, Bobbie Bostock: for a one (1) year term ending 1/1/25: Bobbie Bostock, Mylea Pluris and Theron Owen. Non-voting Advisor (Paoli School Board Member) ending 6/30/2024 is Terry Nicholson.

The appointments made by Town Council for the Redevelopment Commission for a one (1) year term ending 1/1/25 were as follows: Arla Jean Frazier and Donna Dillard with a motion made by Councilman Theron Owen and seconded by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to appoint Bobbie Bostock to the Plan Commission four a four (4) year term ending 12/31/27. Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier seconded the motion. In a voice vote, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman Donna Dillard voted nay. Councilman Bobbie Bostock abstained.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris to appoint Theron Owen and Arla Jean Frazier to the Plan Commission for a four (4) year term ending 12/31/27. Councilman Theron Owen seconded the motion. In a voice vote, Councilman Bobbie Bostock, Councilman Theron Owen, Councilwoman Mylea Pluris, Councilwoman Arla Frazier vote aye. Councilwoman Donna Dillard voted nay. Motion passed.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock, made the following citizens appointments to the Plan Commission: Janet Perry (Democrat) for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/27; Stephanie Chastain (Republican) for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/27; Mark Jones (Republican) for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/28; and Martha Nice (Democrat) for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/28.

Misty Murphy (Republican) and Steve King (Democrat) are currently serving a two (2) year term that ends on 1/1/26 for the Orange County Appointment for PPC Buffer Zone.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock made the following appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board: Terry Cornwell for a one (1) year term ending 1/1/25; Gary Barnett replacing Arla Jean Frazier for a three (3) year term that will end 1/1/25; and Mark Jones for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/27 replacing Ron McClintock.

Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to appoint Martha Nice to the Board of Zoning to replacing Wynona Fosselman. Seconded by Donna Dillard. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Motion made by Donna Dillard to appoint Larry Key to this position for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/27. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier made the motion to retain Robert Lambert for a four (4) year term ending that will end 12/31/24; Irvin Halbert for a four (4) year term that will end 12/31/2025; and Brent Pinnick for a four (4) year term that will end 12/31/2026; and to appoint Bobbie Bostock as the four member for a four (4) year term ending 12/23/27. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a voice vote, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris, Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman Donna Dillard vote nay. Councilman Bostock abstained.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock made the following appointments to the Paoli Building Corporation Board of Directors with the term ending 12/31/24: Robert Gilliatt, Stephanie Chastain, Donna Dillard, Beth Jones, David Meadows.

Councilwoman Mylea asked Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen if the Paoli Senior Citizens Board and the Paoli Christmas Committee were necessary to be on the list of appointments and she stated they do not. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to remove both from the list of appointments. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilman Theron Owen made a motion to add the Town Superintendent, Town General Foreman, and Town Manager position back to the list of appointments. Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier seconded the motion. In a voice vote, Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman Donna Dillard vote nay. Motion passed..

Town Attorney, Lynn Tucker Fullen, stated that after review, Martha Nice cannot be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. You can only have one member of the Planning Commission on the Board of Zoning Appeals and you already have Mark Jones on both. Motion was made by Donna Dillard to appoint Larry Key to this position for a four (4) year term ending 1/1/27. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Under Old Business, Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris made a Motion to Rescind the Motion that was made on 9-28-23 to hire Midwestern Engineers. Motion was seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. Councilwoman, Donna Dillard asked if that is who we had in the past. For clarification, Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen, stated that the contract with Midwestern Engineers had not been signed and had been tabled until the new council came in. In a voice vote, Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier vote aye. Councilwoman Dillard voted nay. Motion passed.

Also under Old Business, Councilwoman, Mylea Pluris, made a motion to Rescind the Motion made on 8-1-2023 by previous council to discontinue providing insurance for the elected officials. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier. Discussion was held concerning this by Councilwoman Donna Dillard. In a voice vote, Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman, Dillard voted nay. Motion passed.

Also under New Business, President, Stevie Allen shared an update for the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party to be held on April 7th and 8th, 2024 at Paoli Peaks and answered questions concerning the party. She also shared dates that the chamber is looking at to host 2 Grub Alley Food Trucks, June 5th, 2024 and July 6th, 2024. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to allow those dates for the Grub Alley Food Trucks. Councilwoman Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Stevie Allen also presented the date for the 2024 Paoli Fall Festival which will be held August 30, 2024 through September 1, 2024. Motion was made by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris to set the dates for the 2024 Paoli Fall Festival for August 20, 2024 through September 1, 2024. Motion was seconded by Donna Dillard. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Chelsey Thomas, with Possibilities in Paoli – Achieving Main Street, shared information with a Community Cleanup date for Saturday, March 30th, 2024. They will also be holding an event on Friday, April 5th on the square that will go along with the Solar Eclipse Event.

Under New Business:

Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen, read Ordinance 30-22 in reference to Standing Committees. Councilman Theron Owen made a motion to appoint Mylea Pluris, Arla Jean Frazier and Beth Jones to the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Councilman Theron Owen made a motion to appoint Arla Jean Frazier, Mylea Pluris and Beth Jones to the Personnel Committee. Seconded by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to appoint Bobbie Bostock, Theron Owen, Taylor Baker and Mark Jones to the Utilities Committee. Seconded by Councilwoman Frazier. In a voice vote, Councilman

Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman Dillard voted nay. Motion passed.

Councilman, Theron Owen, explained what the Council Liaison Committees are. Councilman Owen made a motion to appoint Arla Jean Frazier as the Police Dept. Liaison. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Councilman Owen made a motion to appoint Bobbie Bostock as the Utility Dept. Liaison. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. In a voice vote, Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman Dillard vote nay. Motion passed. Councilman Theron Owen made a motion to appoint Mylea Pluris Town Office and Buildings and Ground Dept. Liaison. Seconded by Councilwoman Frazier. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to appoint Theron Owen as the Parks and Fire Dept. Liaison. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Donna Dillard. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier made a motion to dissolve the RFPQ Committee consisting of Randall Sanders, Brandon Mesarosh, Cody Hill, Steve Hankins, Danny Hickman, Brian Campbell, Ron McClintock and Eli Cook. This was a temporary committee for the building of the new Police Dept. Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen confirmed that that committee is no longer an established committee, but I wanted to offer that information and move that that committee be dissolved and that no other action will be taken by this committee. Motion was seconded by councilwoman Mylea Pluris. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented the Fire Protection Agreement between the Town of Paoli and the Paoli Volunteer Fire Dept. for approval by council. It mirrors the prior contract with the exception of paragraph 23. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to approve the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a voice vote, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilman Bobbie Bostock abstained. Councilwoman Dillard voted nay. Motion passed. Councilwoman Donna Dillard asked that monthly reports from the Fire Dept., Police Dept, and Utility Depts. be sent to her and proceeded to make comments about the Fire Dept. and a lengthy discussion was held.

Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented Resolution 2024-01, Amending the Town's Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. It mirrors prior EDIT resolutions and distribution. Motion to accept the resolution was made by councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. Councilwoman Donna Dillard made a motion to table this until the January 22, 2024 meeting. There being no second to the motion, motion dies. Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier made the motion to accept Resolution 2024-01 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a voice vote, Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Frazier voted aye. Councilwoman Dillard voted nay. Motion passed.

Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen stated that Ordinance 2024-01 was introduced by the previous council at the 12/19/23 meeting and a Public Hearing has been set for January 22, 2024 at 6:05 p.m.. The Special Session Meeting is set for 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2024

Conflict of Interest Disclosure was prepared and presented to council for approval for Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier who is an independent broker with Southern Roots Real Estate Group/FC Tucker Company, by Town Attorney. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made the motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Disclosure. Motion was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a voice vote, Councilman Bostock, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris and Councilwoman Dillard voted aye. Councilwoman Frazier abstained. Motion passed.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure was also prepared and presented to council for approval for Councilman Bobbie Bostock who works for S Contracting by Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen. Motion was made by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier to accept the Conflict of

Interest Disclosure. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. In a voice vote, Councilman Owen, Councilwoman Pluris, Councilwoman Frazier and Councilwoman Dillard voted aye. Councilman Bostock abstained.

Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented to the council Tucker and Tucker, P.C.'s proposed town attorney contract for 2024. The hourly rate is set at \$200.00 an hour, billed at quarter-hour increments. Councilman Theron Owen made the motion to accept the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. Councilwoman Donna Dillard asked for clarification on what is covered and Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen explained it to her. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Code Enforcement Officer Benji Farris updated Council on 3 new building permits for 615 W. Wilson Street for tiny homes. One Pet license at 900 SE Main Street. Camper was removed from 121 NW 4th Street. Recent incident at 970 S. Unionville Rd. warrants starting the Unsafe Premises at this address where four trailer are and would request council's approval for this. Town Attorney Fullen asked for clarification on how they were unsafe. Farris stated one is leaning off the blocks it is on. Floors are falling through and all are in the same shape. Farris will provide photo's to Town Attorney. It was noted that the property owner is James Qualkenbush. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to proceed with the Unsafe Premises at this address. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Council asked who is putting in the tiny homes and if they meet the requirements. Farris stated Chad Cook is putting them in and they do meet the requirements. Town Attorney asked is he had been set up for mapping and he stated no. Town Attorney will check on this.

Park Director David Grimes provided council with a tentative schedule of tournaments at the park. Little League will be starting soon. Received the food concession permit January 2, 2024. He discussed the two light poles that need to be replaced due to the Bank Stabilization Project. The town will have to do the wiring and set the poles. The cost for the conduit is \$600.00 and \$1200.00 for the wiring for a total cost of \$1884.00. He recommends taking this out of the concessions fund. Motion was made by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Donna Dillard. Grimes stating that he will be going on vacation to the islands but will be available by phone.

Chief of Police Randy Sanders welcomed the new council. He provided council with the 2023 End of Year Report. Briefly reviewed it with council. He invited Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier as new liaison to come down to the department to take a tour. Councilwoman had a few questions for Chief Sanders concerning annual training, K9 program, and the Drone Operator and the Flock Safety Camera.

Utility General Foreman Scott Rutherford asked council for permission to replace Scott Busick who is retiring from the town, with part-time employee Johnny Fancher until they can find a full time employee. Rutherford provided 3 quotes for the purchase of a bucket truck and lease agreement for council and attorney to review. Scott Rutherford passed out a business plan for a new business, Anopro, LLC, that is requesting a transformer for electricity at his business on Willowcreek Rd. Matthew Knight was in attendance and provided information and answered questions concerning his new business. Cost of 3 new transformers is \$26,985.00. He is leasing the building at this time. An on-sight visit was schedule for his current business in Hardinsburg, IN. for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. A lengthy question and answer session ensued between Matthew Knight and the council.

Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones, presented the Electric Rate Adjustment from IMPA for approval and signature by council. The Legal Notice for this will need to be published one time in Progress Examiner. Motion to approve this was made by Mylea Pluris and

seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Clerk Treausurer Jones, stated that the previous individual who was cleaning the Town Office was no longer doing this and asked for approval to hire Donna Gehl to clean the town office twice a month at the rate of \$75.00 per cleaning. Motion was made to hire Donna Gehl To clean the town office by Councilwoman Mylea Pluris and seconded by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones also provided information that LeeAnn Hudson who currently is working in the Clerk Treasurers Office will be retiring and her last day will be on January 26, 2024. Clerk Treasurer Jones asked for approval to begin the process of hiring someone to replace her. Motion was made by Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones reported that there were no claims or adjustments and that they will be provided at the next council meeting on January 22, 2024.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock shared his thoughts on getting a new Website set up for the town. Have one Website for all departments. Need to get someone to design it. Our IT Company can possibly get it set up for us. Include Ordinances on the Website. Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen, asked Joe Lane with our IT Company, Kinetik Networks, LLC, if they could see what they could provide for us and if there would be any additional costs. Then we can possibly solicit quotes from vendors. If we move forward on this, all current website would be disabled until we get one website up and going. Councilman Theron Owen made the motion to move forward with quotes. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

Council President Bobbie Bostock set an Executive Session for January 19th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. for personnel business.

Chelsey Thomas with Possibilities in Paoli, wanted to clarify information. Wanted to get approval for the Grub Alley events on June 15, 2024 and July 6th, 2024 at Jay C Park. Councilwoman Mylea Pluris made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Donna Dillard. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed. She also made clarification on the April 5th, 2024 event on the square, First Friday event that will extend the Solar Eclipse Event all weekend. There will be food trucks and events scheduled on the square to kick off the weekend.

President Bobbi Bostock asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Arla Jean Frazier made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Theron Owen. In a unanimous voice vote, motion passed.

No other business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Bobbie Bostock President

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Myles Pluris, 1st Vice-President

Theron Owen, Member

Donna Dillard, Member

Arla Jean Frazier, 2nd Vice-President

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ATTEST:

Beth A. Jones, Clerk Treasurer