

Town of Paoli
Minutes of the Regular Session
July 2, 2024

The Paoli Town Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date. President, Bobbie Bostock led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Donna Dillard, Arla Jean Frazier, Mylea Pluris, Theron Owen and Bobbie Bostock. Also in attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones and Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen.

Motion to approve the June 17, 2024, minutes was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Under Old Business, Eric from Commonwealth submitted a change order for \$929.72 for Reid & Sons to do repairs on a water line. Motion to approve Change Order 1 was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Under New Business, Arla Jean Frazier advised Linda Rutherford would be willing to water the town flowers on a part time basis at \$10.00 per hour, with a start date of July 5, 2024, working weekends, evenings and Holidays. The motion was made to hire Mrs. Rutherford part-time to water the flowers on the square on weekends, holidays and evenings as needed under the direction of Chris Knight by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Town Council President Bobbie Bostock reported that the Town lost the Crossroads CCM Grant due to the fact the project was not completed by the deadline of June 1, 2024.

Park Director, David Grimes reported that the irrigation at the park is not Town of Paoli water, it is from well water. Grimes also advised that starting September, Paoli Pals would be having a Fall league, every Saturday, at the Community Park. Grimes reported they were trying to get a 3rd pickle ball court up and going. Materials for the new court would total \$733.00, not including the cost to paint the court. He also shared some insight on the Veteran's Park, stone would be delivered on July 15th, 2024, and concrete footers will be poured to set the new American Flag, at no cost to the Town of Paoli. Park dedication will be sometime in September of 2024.

Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen presented information concerning Backflow Prevention Devices. Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds, working with General Foreman Scott Reynolds and the sewer department, prepared language regarding backflow devices for the sewer lines. The language is as follows:

For any new building construction occurring after the date of the passage of this section, and for all repairs and replacements of sanitary sewer lines in existing buildings, all sanitary sewer drain lines located within a building below the natural grade line of said building shall have installed therein a backflow prevention device, the nature of the device and the location of the device to be approved by the Sewage Department upon application for such determination made by the person constructing such sanitary sewer drain line. The property owner or applicant is financially responsible for the cost of the device, including installation.

If the Council wishes to adopt this language, an ordinance can be prepared. On a motion made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier, the Council approved Attorney Reynolds preparing an ordinance. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-11 was also presented. The Council approved amending a section of Ordinance 2023-10 ("2024 salary ordinance") regarding utility general labor to provide a pay scale structure. The amended section reads as follows:

Utility General Labor – starting pay of \$15.00
After a 6-month introductory period - \$16.00
2nd year completed - \$17.00

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3rd year completed - \$18.00

In all other respects, the Town of Paoli 2024 Salary Ordinance shall remain unchanged. On a motion made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Donna Dillard, the Council adopted Ordinance 2024-11.

In final Town Attorney Business, Lyn Tucker Fullen asked council to give authorization to Clerk Treasurer Jones to sign documents in regard to the Kroger Opioid Settlement that the town qualifies for. Motion was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

The Code Enforcement Officer, Benji Farris, was not present.

Utility General Foreman, Scott Rutherford, shared with the council a quote from Collins Construction, for \$4,138.00, to repair the residence on West Daniel Lane resulting from sewer damage. A motion was made to hire Collins Construction by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Rutherford also advised there are 3, 5-foot fire hydrants within the town that need replaced. One of those needs replace now and a quote from Utility Supply in the amount of \$3,877.40 was presented. A motion was made to approve this by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Reynolds also presented a quote on 2 lights for the Town square, from ESL Spectrum, for \$3,131.25 each or a total of \$6,262.50 for the pair. A motion to approve this purchase from the insurance money was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones presented a parade permit from Safe Haven to the Council for approval. A motion to approve the permit was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Jones also presented information concerning the Opioid Settlement. A motion was made to give the restricted amount of \$25,865.21 to Safe Haven and keep the unrestricted in the amount of \$7,230 for now by Donna Dillard and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Jones advised she received 2 pay applications from Temple & Temple for work on South Gospel Street. Motion made to table until information from the Engineering Firm is received made by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Adjustments for the month of June 2024 were also presented as follows: electric penalty <317.38>, EAP <2268.02>, water <851.56>, water tax <59.60>, water penalty <57.36>, sewer <2716.40>, sewer penalty <150.77> for a total of <6421.09>. A motion to approve the adjustments was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Claims were also presented by Jones for June 19, 2024 – July 2, 2024, in the amount of \$429,202.29. A motion to approve was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Police Chief Randy Sanders presented stats from the police department. Sanders also advised the police department to be awarded a \$1,500 grant from Community Foundation.

Fire Chief Mark Jones advised the Council that the Governor of Indiana chose Paoli as a Fire Training Center, making Paoli 1 out of 5 training centers in the state. The County donated 5 acres of land to the town for this project, located behind JSI off Hospital Road. This will be a countywide (as well as surrounding counties) training center that will take approximately 1 year to implement.

Council President Bostock brought up the pay raise issue for Utility General Labor employees. The Council advised this will be retroactive to the 1-year anniversary of the hire date.

The Accounts Payable Clerk, Valerie Lee, brought up the issue of invoices for ServePro and Collins Construction repairs in reference to sewer damage, what funds will this be

paid from or would it be turned into insurance. A motion to table was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

A Paoli town citizen, Kirk Bratton, was present advising the Town Council about the issue of trash being dumped alongside the road leading to the Town Dump that is located near his residence. Mr. Bratton is requesting the Town keep the gate locked at the Town Dump, as it is unmanned and unlocked during the day hours, to prevent people from dumping unwanted trash. A motion was made to keep this gate locked by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

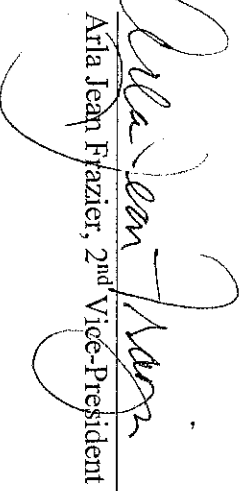
Another Paoli town citizen, Bev Collins was present at the meeting, wishing to address the condition of the benches along the Town Square, as they are in bad shape and unfit for using.

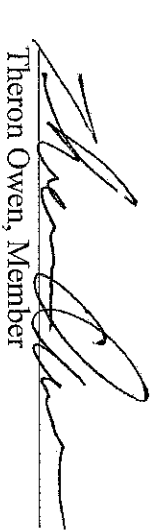
Furthermore, Paoli town citizen Erin Stennett reported that regarding the trash around Paoli, a group she organized has picked up approximately 15 bags of trash in the past 4 weeks. Stennett also addressed the issue of feral cats in the area. She advised she has contacted both the Orange County Humane Society and Springs Valley Pet Services, with no help at this time.

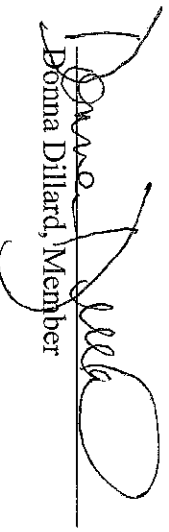
There being no further business, a motion was made by Mylea Pluris to adjourn and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.


Bobbie Bostock, President

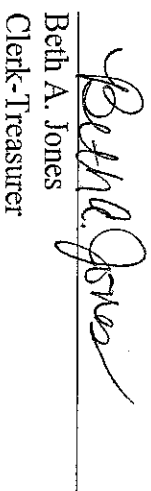

Mylea Pluris, 1st Vice-President


Arla Jean Frazier, 2nd Vice-President


Theron Owen, Member


Donna Dillard, Member

ATTEST:


Beth A. Jones
Clerk-Treasurer