

Town of Paoli
Minutes of the Regular Session
December 3, 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 Arla Jean Frazier, Mylea Pluris, Theron Owen, Donna Dillard and Bobbie Bostock. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones and Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds.

Motion to approve the November 19, 2024, Regular Session Minutes was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 4 yes vote and 1 abstained by Donna Dillard, the motion passed.

Town Attorney, Hunt Reynolds, opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm for Notice to Taxpayers of Proposed Additional Appropriations. Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones presented the additional appropriations as follows: General Fund #1101001222.01 Corp 22, Gas, Oil & Tires in the amount of \$20,000; General Fund #1101001335.000 Corp 32, Printing & Advertising in the amount of \$22,000; General Fund #1101001345.000 Corp 33, Insurance in the amount of \$250,000; Park Fund #2204001111.720 Salaries in the amount of \$10,000; Park Fund #2204001400.000 Park Repairs in the amount of \$2,500; CEDIT Fund #4436001590.000 Other Services in the amount of \$115,000; Casino Fund #4437001590.000 Casino in the amount of \$400,000. For a total amount of \$819,500.00 in additional appropriations. There being no questions from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:06 pm.

Under old business, Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds presented Resolution 2024-11 which rescinds Resolution 2024-10 Levy Excess Fund. A motion to rescind was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 4 yes vote with Donna Dillard abstaining, motion passed. Attorney Reynolds then presented Resolution 2024-12 which transfers Levy Excess Fund into Levy Excess Transfer Fund. A motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Next under old business, Clerk Treasurer Jones, presented the closeout of the Community Crossing Grant 2022-2, with the amount of \$9,306.13 needing to be sent back to INDOT. Motion to approve the amount of \$9,306.13 being returned to INDOT was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. IN a 5-0, motion passed.

Finally, under Old Business, Clerk Treasurer Jones presented Pay Application #2 to Reed & Sons in the amount of \$30,018.34 for work completed on the Water Meter Replacement Project. A motion to approve was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Under new business, Clerk Treasurer Jones, presented Ordinance 2024-16 for Additional Appropriations, for approval. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Arlea Jean Frazier to approve and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Under other business, Erin Stennett, presented information to the council concerning the problem with the stray cat population in the town. Paoli Pet Pals, a 501C, has been formed and she and Donna Sturgeon are volunteering to help with this problem. They are asking the town for a donation to help with the expenses incurred. After much discussion, a motion was made to table the request until after the first of the year by Theron Owen. Donna Dillard seconded the motion. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Attorney Hunt Reynolds presented Ordinance 2024-17 which amends sections 50 and 51 of the Town of Paoli, Indiana, code of ordinance. IC 8-1.5-3-8(g) states that a municipality shall approve rates and charges sufficient to compensate the municipality for taxes that would be due to the municipality on the utility property were it privately owned. These rates and charges in lieu of taxes may be transferred to the municipal general fund, if the legislative body so elects. 53.01(C) OF THE Paoli, Indiana Code already requires the water department to make a payment in lieu of property taxes (PILOTS); therefore, the town elects to pay the town, from electric rates and charges, and from sewer rates and charges, payment in lieu of property taxes as provided in IC 8-

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1.5-3-8. Section 50.17 and 51.46 will be added to the Paoli Indiana Code of Ordinances. Motion was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Next, Attorney Reynolds presented information concerning the issue of having horses in town. There is a conflict between Paoli Code of Ordinances Section 90.04 and the UDO. To remedy the conflict, the Town Council may consider removing stables as a special exception or may consider permitting horses on the condition that a sufficient size pasture exists. After some discussion, no action was taken at this time.

Finally, Attorney Reynolds, presented the proposed Town Attorney Contract between the Town of Paoli and Tucker & Tucker, P.C. There are no changes from last year's contract. Council took the matter under advisement.

He also shared that Rosemary Trinkle has been hired to do the appraisals for the 150 Culvert Project.

Enforcement Officer, Benji Farris, presented his Code Enforcement Report for the Council.

Police Chief Randy Sanders presented his monthly report to the Council. Discussion was held concerning Firearms Training and Range Improvement. Chief Sanders presented some proposals concerning this. Chief Sanders also shared with the council that Officer Joey Hoffman will be graduating from the Academy on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Utility General Foreman, Mike Compton, shared with the council that the state is going to be doing utility work project on the street in front of the county jail in the near future and they are requiring a response to their letter whether we have utilities in that area and who their main contact will be for this project. A letter will need to be sent to them with the Town's response.

Next, Utility General Foreman Compton, presented information to the council concerning water and sewer tap fees. For an 8- inch water line with a ¾ tap for 8 hours of work costs \$2941. Our current fee is \$500. For a sewer tap, the cost is around \$1500 and our current sewer tap fee is \$250. He stated the fees have not been increased since 2007. Some discussion was held. Town Attorney Reynolds stated that to increase the fees there would have to be a public hearing and he would check to see what else we would have to do.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones, presented utility billing adjustments as follows: electric <31,857.85, electric tax <2843.61>, electric penalty <135.41>, EAP <360.34>, Water <181.35>, water tax <12.69>, water penalty <24.74>, sewer <258.07>, sewer penalty <44.43>, trash <13.00>, for a total of \$35,742.49 in adjustments. Motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Clerk Jones also presented the approval of Claims for November 6, 2024, through November 19, 2024, in the amount of \$1,661,516.00. A motion to approve was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 4-0 vote, the motion passed.

Discussion was held concerning last meetings motion to hire Clyde Hunt to full time with no benefits other than paid holidays. Clarification was made concerning what specific benefits he would have. It was decided he would receive all benefits except insurance and retirement. Councilwoman, Arla Jean Frazier made an amended motion to hire Clyde Hunt full time with all benefits except insurance and retirement. Theron Owen seconded the motion. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next Councilman Bostock presented information concerning the part-time employee at the airport. He wants to go full time with all benefits except insurance and retirement at the current pay rate. Some discussion was held. Donna Dillard made the motion to move Vance Alden from part-time to full time beginning Jan. 1, 2025 with all benefits except insurance and retirement. Theron Owen seconded the motion, In a 3-0 vote, with Councilman Bostock abstaining, motion passed.

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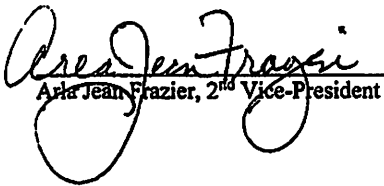
There being no further business, a motion was made by Theron Owen to adjourn and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, the motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.


Bobbie Bostock, President



Theron Owen, Member


Mylea Pluris, 1st Vice-President


Donna Dillard, Member


Arla Jean Frazier, 2nd Vice-President

ATTEST:


Beth A. Jones
Clerk-Treasurer