## Town of Paoli Minutes of the Regular Session October 1, 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 were Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones and Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds.

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

Town Attorney, Hunt Reynolds opened the Public Hearing for the 2025
Proposed Budget at 6:01 pm. Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones, presented the Proposed 2025
Budget as follows: Casino/Riverboat in the amount of \$383,224; General in the amount of \$1,215,096; Local Roads & Streets in the amount of \$40,000; Motor
Vehicle Highway in the amount of \$226,000; Park in the amount of \$142,250;
Aviation/Airport in the amount of \$94,060; Cumulative Capital IMP (CIG Tax) in the amount of \$13,000; Cumulative Capital Development in the amount of \$66,995; Local
Law Enforcement Continuing Education - \$0; Public Safety LIT in the amount of \$254,150; EDIT in the amount of \$173,776; American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$501,812; LOIT Special Distribution 2016 in the amount of \$43,180; CCMG Matching Funds in the amount of \$65,088; Opioid Unrestricted in the amount of \$11,500; Opioid Restricted in the amount of \$21,334 for a total proposed 2025 Budget of \$3,251,465.
Adoption of the 2025 Budget will take place at the October 15, 2024 Council Meeting.
There being no questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:04 P.M.

Under New Business, Eric Parsley with Commonwealth Engineers presented an Amendment to the Owner-Engineer Agreement No. 1 for additional costs due to additional time associated with defective work done by the contractor on the Water Tank Project. The contractor, as part of the agreement, is to bear the costs of fixing the defective work. The additional costs to Comonwealth will be an hourly rate not to exceed \$12,000. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Parsley also presented information about the pay application #1 for the work that has been done on Cook Street and Virginia Avenue in the amount of \$232,465.00. A motion was made to table until the next Council meeting by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion to table passed.

Next, Parsley presented information on the Lead & Copper Federal Rule concerning Lead Service Lines. All water lines must comply with this rule. The first part would be the Level 1 Survey Inventory that must be filed with IDEM by October 16, 2024. Town has completed the Inventory but need to make sure it gets submitted and Commonwealth can help do that if it hasn't been done yet. The other part of this rule is that notification would have to be sent to anyone who has a possibility of lead in

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their lines or unknown whether there is lead, by November 15, 2024. The goal to finish this project is a projected 10 year process. Estimated cost to replace service lines is \$15,000.00 per line. The Town qualifies as a Disadvantaged Community based on average income and is eligible for bi-partisan infrastructure money through Indiana Finance Authority for 2025 and 2026. There is an application process that would have to be done. The funding would be 50% grant and 50% loan with 0% interest, averaging \$2.30 per month, per user. Application is due April 1, 2025. An Asset Management Plan will be required with this and Commonwealth's part on this would be \$20,000.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock, brought before the Council the possibility of paving Sandyhook Road from the top of the hill where the 4H building is to the 4 way stop. It would be 165 ton, in the estimated amount of \$12,655.75 out of the MVH Restricted Fund, utilizing Calcar Quarries. A motion to approve was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Stevie Thomas presented information regarding the Downtown Merchants Christmas Open House on November 24, 2024, from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. The Chamber of Commerce will be providing a horse drawn carriage, Team OC will host Santa and a photo opportunity, and Possibilities in Paoli will have an activity tent, with hot chocolate and cookies. She asked the town if they had any plans once again to do a Christmas tree lighting and maybe try to do that during the open house. The cut -off date for advertising will be October 18, 2024.

Park Director, David Grimes, brought to attention the upcoming Paoli School service day. Grimes also gave an update on the pickleball courts, with an estimated cost of the Town paying for the new courts of \$2,832.85, minus labor.

Attorney Hunt Reynolds presented information concerning Ordinance No. 2024-14, the Ordinance amending the Town of Paoli, Indiana 2024 Salary Ordinance in reference to Interim Utility General Foreman salary increase. A motion to approve the motion was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

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

Police Chief, Randy Sanders, presented a 3-year Drug Interdiction Plan to the Council to review. Chief Sanders recommended adding a Narcotics Detective to the Paoli Police Department, furthermore, requesting the promotion of Officer Jacob Babcock to that position. A motion was made to approve the promotion of Jacob Babcock by Donna Dillard. There being no second, the motion died. A motion was

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then made to table until the next Council meeting by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, a motion to table was passed.

Sanders also advised of the Harris XL150 Radio Grant Funding, as the Department was granted \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a Harris 800 radio.

Interim Utility General Foreman, Mike Compton, presented a quote for the repair of the Town Trash Truck by Dunn's Garage. The quote would be replacing a cylinder in the amount of \$6,895.00. A motion to approve the repairs was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Compton also advised a module would need replaced on the Dump Truck, also replacing plugs and pins with the upcoming Fall Clean up. The estimated cost for repairs would be \$1,865.00, by Dunn's Garage. A motion to approve the repairs was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Next, Compton advised that two meters would need replaced by Utility Supply. This would be two copper sets to be replaced on 2-inch meters at the estimated cost of \$4,990.00. A motion to approve was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Compton also suggested Utility Supply for Meter Replacement in the amount of \$1,308.44. A motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones, presented the Council with a Task Order from Clark-Dietz, in the amount of \$1,075.00. A motion was made to approve by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Jones presented the Bill of Sale for the purchase of the Town Bucket Truck for Council President Bostock to sign.

Jones also advised the Council of a pay increase for Neil Whitehead, retroactive to September 26, 2024, from \$17.00 to \$18.00 per hour. A motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Clerk Jones presented the pay allowance docket for the month of September in the amount of \$142,917.99. A motion was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Claims were also presented for September 17, 2024, through October 1, 2024, in the amount of \$884,979.31. A motion was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mylea Pluris to adjourn and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

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Bobbie Bostock, President

Theron Owen, Member

Voted by phone - yes

Donna Dillard, Member

Arla Jean Frazier, 2nd Vice-President

ATTEST:

Beth A. Jones

Clerk-Treasurer