

**NEW WHITE LAND TOWN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 4, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman Schilawski and Attorney Lee Robbins were absent. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Purdie moves to approve the minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the October 4, 2023 Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**2024 BUDGET HEARING**

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss prepared binders to present to Council with 2024 budget documents. She is asking Council to pass the budget on first reading. A Budget Workshop is planned for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5pm. Councilmembers can talk to each Department Head at that time and they can make revisions. Councilman Waltz moves to adopt the proposed 2024 budget on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 4 affirmative.** This will be placed on the October 25, 2023 special meeting agenda for final approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ARPA Wish lists**

Fire Chief Dave Curin shares with Council that he received a quote on part of the upfitting for the new Durango. Wright Tech can do the laptop for \$2,200. \$15,000 was budgeted from ARPA funds for the upfitting and this will come out of that. The rest of the upfitting will take place next year.

Fire Chief Dave Curin also shares with Council that he has received a quote from Donley for the rechargeable battery packs for \$5,299.00. Council had approved \$5,500.00 for this purchase and Donley's quote is under that amount. The Fire Department should receive the new battery packs in a couple weeks.

**Time Extension for Howard Companies**

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin shares with Council that he received a letter from Howard Companies requesting a time extension on the road construction project. Councilmember Combs moves to approve a 3-week extension of the project with the understanding that there will not be any additional extensions granted and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**Tracy Road Project**

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin shares that there are no changes currently to the concept plan. The engineer will submit the plan by Friday hoping to get funding through the IMPO. They are proposing a 3-lane project from Proctor Park to US31 on Tracy Road. Bidding will occur in 2027 and construction will begin in 2028.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tracy Plaza Trunk-Or-Treat

Owner of Whit's Inn, Mark Clark, shares that last year's Trunk-Or-Treat in Tracy Plaza was a success. He plans to have this year's Truck-Or-Treat event on Saturday, October 28 from 1-4pm. He states that all 12 merchants will be participating and welcomes participating and assistance from the Town. Council President John Perrin asks Police Chief Rynerson if he can have 2 off-duty officers available for the event and states that Mark Clark will need to pay for their time to work the event.

Flood Plain Manager

Council President Perring indicates that we will table this discussion until the next regular meeting.

Bridge Tax

Council President John Perrin reminds Councilmembers that earlier this year the County decided they will no longer take care of the bridges. Each municipality is now responsible for their own bridges. Council President Perrin shares that Franklin, Greenwood, and Whiteland are filing suit because our residents paid money towards the Bridge Tax and the County kept that money. He would like to talk to our Town Attorney, Lee Robbins, and put this on the agenda for our next regular meeting which will be on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Peterson Consulting

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss shares the engagement letter from Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. The contract would allow Peterson Consulting to prepare the Town's annual update of its capital asset information for financial reporting for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss notes that the Town has hired Peterson Consulting since 2019 to do the Town's annual capital asset reporting. Councilman Waltz moves to approve the engagement as presented and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

CD Renewal

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss shares that the Town's two CDs are up for renewal soon. The \$1,000,000 CD matures on October 9, 2023 and the \$750,000 CD matures on October 28, 2023. After discussion, Council agreed to renew the CDs as follows and put any interest in the Money Market Account, pending further discussion.

October 9, 2019 \$500,000.00 12 month Rate 5.000%	October 9, 2019 \$500,000.00 24 month Rate 4.500%	October 18, 2021 \$750,000.00 18 month Rate 5.130%
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Councilman Combs moves to renew the Town's CDs as outlined above and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. Councilman Purdie abstained. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2023-09

An Ordinance Transferring Funds

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents and explains the transfer ordinance on final reading.

Councilman Purdie moves to approve Ordinance 2023-09 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2023-10

Ordinance Amending Zoning

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock presents the ordinance upon recommendation of the Plan Commission which met on September 26, 2023. Grace Bible Church requested a rezoning of its property from M-Manufacturing to GB2-General Business and the Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. The ordinance was introduced and passed with unanimous consent and unanimous vote of all four (4) members present.

Ordinance 2023-11

Stormwater Management Ordinance

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock presents and explains the ordinance and asks Council to review and bring questions to the next regular meeting. This will be placed on the November 1, 2023 agenda.

Resolution 2023-03

Resolution Regarding Billing Credits

Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock presents and explains the resolution. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Resolution 2023-03 and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
John Perrin, President