

**State of Indiana
Greene County
City of Linton**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.**

**WELCOME – OPENING OF MEETING
Mayor Preble opened the meeting at 6 p.m.**

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

**ROLL CALL
Linda Bedwell, Greg Sapp, Tony Richards, Ed Singleton and
Leslie Newman.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was made by Tony Richards to approve the May 13th minutes, 2nd
by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.**

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROPERLY SIGNED
A motion to approve the claims properly signed was made by Linda Bedwell,
2nd by Ed Singleton. 5 Ayes, passed.**

**APPROVAL OF FUND & APPROPRIATION REPORT
A motion to approve the fund and appropriation report was made by Leslie
Newman, 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.**

**APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET
A motion was made to approve the allowance docket by Linda Bedwell, 2nd by
Tony Richards.**

NEW BUSINESS

**Mayor Preble stated that the Miner Mini Golf Course will be tabled until next
month due to not having the sub-lease in hand at time of council meeting.**

Mayor Preble stated that Sandy Woodruff has resigned from the Golf Advisory Committee and based on recommendations from Chris Taylor and others he would like to recommend replacing Mr. Woodruff with Susan Perigo. The course now has a women's league with 28 teams which started last Monday. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to add Susan Perigo to the Golf Advisory Committee and was 2nd by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Mayor Preble stated in the council members' packets was his presentation of the Advisory Planning Commission with his recommended memberships. He stated this was based on a 2006 ordinance establishing the Advisory Planning Commission. The mayor has 4 appointees 2 democrats and 2 republicans.

The council has 3 appointees from the city employee pool. Mayor Preble's recommendations are John Wilkes for a 3-year term, Jason Withycombe for a 3-year term, Marc Walton for a 4-year term, and Brent Robinson for a 4-year term. Mayor Preble also made recommendations to have the 3-department head foremen on the committee if the council would agree. Those being Ross Gentry from Gas and Water, Tommy Bailey from the Street Department, and J Kevin Wright from the Electric Department. Linda Bedwell stated that her recommendations were herself, Tony Richards, and Ed Singleton. Tony Richards expressed concerns regarding permits and zoning. Mr. Richards stated he was not against a planning commission, but he did not want to see the charter added. He feels the citizens should be involved and recommended having a referendum on the ballot. Mayor Preble stated the intent of the charter for a permit was to make the utility department aware of what their needs are when someone wants to build. Mayor Preble stated he would like to have a formal process to go through and not in any way as Monroe County. He stated this would be a way to monitor with the utility department what the needs would be for a structure. There would be a minor cost plus the permit would provide information as to what type of structure is being built, size and utility needs. Greg Sapp made a motion to establish the 7 members to the Advisory Planning Commission and establishing the charter at the first meeting and 2nd by Leslie Newman. Mayor Preble asked for a vote and only Leslie Newman and Greg Sapp voted in favor. Ed Singleton, Tony Richards and Linda Bedwell Opposed. Not Passed

Ordinance 2024-07 is an ordinance for council members to be eligible for insurance. This is due to a change in insurance companies starting July 1, 2024. The city changed insurances from Blue Cross Blue Shield to AIM Medical Trust. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve the insurance for council members and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Ordinance 2024-08 updates the Salary Ordinance for 2024 for the pool managers. The ordinance will be increasing the manager's salary to \$14.00 per hour and the assistant manager's salary to \$13.00 per hour. Also, there was an issue with departments that work 24-hour shifts regarding holiday pay. Now if an employee works the holiday, they will receive the holiday pay.

This is also stated in the new handbook. This issue only affected the dispatchers at the police department. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to adopt Ordinance 2024-08 and 2nd by Greg Sapp. 5 Ayes, passed.

Mayor Preble stated that the new employee handbook was complete and to be effective on July 1, 2024. The last updated handbook was in 2016. The motion was made by Tony Richards to accept the new handbook and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

Linda Bedwell wanted to recognize Brent Slover for his service to the city, IMPA and the state. Mr. Slover had served as a commissioner on the IMPA board since 2012. Mr. Slover said he appreciated the recognition and kind words. He stated it has been a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Linton.

Fire Chief Eric Carpenter wanted to recognize Richie Budd on his retirement. Mr. Budd served 20 years in the Linton fire department. Mr. Budd was presented an axe which is a tradition for the fire department to give to a retiring fireman.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTING

Fire Chief Eric Carpenter gave an update. There were 63 medical calls, 13 fire calls and 10 other calls. On June 6th and 7th, a trainer for the new training center was there and trained the fireman on how to operate the new facility.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony soon and grand opening where people will be able to walk through.

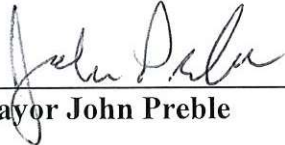
Street Department foreman Tommy Bailey stated that the camera imaging for the sanitation sewers has been around 70 % completed and they have also been working on some of the storm sewers.

Brent Slover reported that the Street Department has a new jettable chain cutter for the sewer system. This has been a big help with tree roots in the sewer lines. It has been helping to see where the problem areas are. Brent also reported there are several new electrical poles in town. Gas and Water are replacing lines and will be starting by Napa and the Grill soon. Brent also said he and Mayor Preble were talking with some engineering firms to get a plan in place regarding the water leaks.

No Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Greg Sapp and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.



Mayor John Preble



Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker