

Minutes of the St. Paul Town Council Meeting

Held August 6, 2024, 2024, in Civic Center

The meeting was called to order by Joshua Sangl @ 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council members Joshua Sangl, Tim Ray and Kim Livingston were present. Clerk/Treasurer Alyssa Hall, Town Marshall Josh Kuntz, Water Superintendent Les Day, gym/civic center rentals Richard Rampley and Volunteer fire dept. Dan Pennington were present to report.

Josh Sangl welcomed the public and opened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held July 2, 2024, were presented for approval. Josh Sangl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Ray and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jodi Coomer with the Indiana Southeastern Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) was present to discuss a planning grant up to \$50k for the town. The comprehensive plan requires a 10% local match from the town to go towards procurement of hiring a firm to do a plan for the town. The council agreed it was in the best interest of the town to go ahead with the process.

Josh Sangl made a motion to approve the process of getting the planning grant-comprehension plan started. Tim Ray and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

- Josh Sangl spoke on the Regional Development discussion. Working to set up a meeting with the town of Waldron, Accelerate Rural Indiana, Decatur County Economic Development Corporation, SIRPC, Curry & Associates, and Les Day. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential partnerships with all parties to invest in utilities to enable future growth in the towns and local area.

- Discussion on a matching grant from the Greensburg EDS funding opportunity for the ball diamonds. The council decided with the open grant the town currently has and the new one we are starting this one has to be on hold. (town can only have two grants going at one time)

Town Marshal

Josh Kuntz gave his report.

The month of July 11 calls for service, 14 warnings, 4 citations and 2 title checks 10 golf cart permits.

- St. Paul Police Department purchased a Polaris Ranger with their own funds from the Choppers for Coppers benefit ride, Josh asked that since the PD purchased with their own funds that the town down the road cannot sell or take over their ranger. The council decided to title it to the town and put in the meeting minutes the ownership of the Polaris Ranger belongs to the police department and cannot be sold by the Town of Saint Paul. (See attached memorandum)
- Josh asked permission to paint the exterior of the police department using funds other than the towns. The council gave the okay.
- Ordinance violations, payment and contesting discussion. (Council agreed upon asking the public for their comments to remove the 2- and 4-hour parking signs in “downtown St. Paul”. Ordinance committee to write an ordinance regarding the violation of town ordinances and how to proceed with repercussions.

Fire Department

Dan Pennington reporting on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department

- The month of July 13 runs and 70 hours of training.
- The Volunteer Fire Department received a grant for a LUCAS (CPR) device, they asked that they could use the remaining ARPA funds amounting to \$2,372.67. The council agreed if VFD can get the remaining funds for the LUCAS device they could use the available ARPA funds towards the purchase.

Water/Sewer Department

Les Day reporting on behalf of the water company.

- Delivered quotes on fencing for the water plant.
- Changed the check valves at water plant
- Discussion on wastewater report being out of compliance with the CBOD reporting. Les increased the chlorine at the treatment plan to help with the algae for the water due to excessive heat. Short term fix. Will discuss a long-term fix for the future.

- A special meeting will be held August 13, 2024 @4:30 p.m. contingent upon Lori Young with Curry and Young Engineering availability to discuss how to be in compliance with IDEM.
- Discussion on the overflow from the lagoon.
- Suburban Mobile Estates meeting set up for August 19th,2024 @ 10am to discuss an ongoing issue with the water bill.
- Water loss audit (required annually) is a comparative evaluation of the amount of water utility pumps and sells to identify loss within the water system. **Josh Sangl made a motion to approve the process of getting the audit started with Curry and Associates in the amount of \$2,250.00 with 100% of that coming out of the water fund. Tim Ray and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.**
- Rate study- Feb 24,2020 the town was in agreement with Robert & Associates (municipal water consultants) to complete a rate study, (signed copy was presented, signed off by previous board members) rate study was never completed due to unprovided data from previous C/T. Under advisement from Curry & Associates that we do a rate study consisting of looking into our utilities to see what we are charging vs what our cost is to see if we are operating properly. **Josh Sangl made a motion to approve the rate study in the amount of \$4,500 for water, \$4,500 sewer, \$2,500 for storm and written policy procedure \$750 totaling the amount of \$12,250.00. Tim Ray and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.**

Gym/Civic Center Rentals

Richard Rampley

- 4 rentals for the month of July
- Continual vandalism to the gym
- Possible water leak

CLERK TREASURER

- Presented accounts Payable vouchers/claims to be approved and signed by the board.
- C/T discussed the account adjustments upon her behalf needing approval and signed by the council.
- Presented allowance docket for approval and signatures.
- Asked to set up a special meeting regarding budget (August 20,2024 @5PM)
- Presented FUND numbers for years 2019-2023
- Asked to approve keystone billing software work orders, council advised we put it in the budget for 2025

OLD BUSINESS.

- 2nd Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF WATER/SEWER BILLS AND BILLING, COLLECTION AND WATER SERVICE TURNOFF PROCEDURES FOR NON-PAYMENT THEREOF.

The council had no additional comments on the reading, open to public comment, 1 public comment, closed to public comments, reopened to council comments in response to public.

Timothy Ray made a motion to approve and pass the adoption of ORDINANCE 2024-2 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF WATER/SEWER BILLS AND BILLING, COLLECTION AND WATER SERVICE TURNOFF PROCEDURES FOR NON-PAYMENT THEREOF. Kimberly Livingston and Joshua Sangl seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried out by unanimous voting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

Next Board Meeting set for September 3rd, 2024-

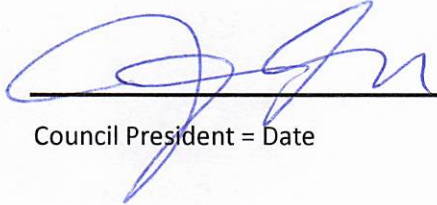
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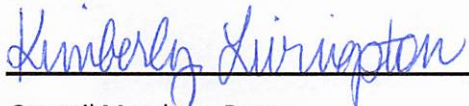
The meeting was adjourned @ 8:54 P.M.


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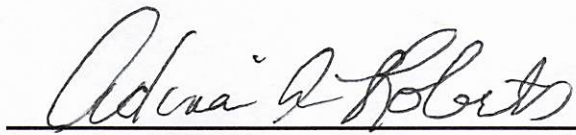
Town Council Meeting Minutes Approval

Date: 9-3-24

 9/3/24
Council President - Date

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Council Member - Date

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9-3-24
Clerk-Treasurer - Date
