



MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
November 18, 2024

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL V. PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN
COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

COUNCILORS ABSENT: COUNCIL V. PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN
COUNCILOR LINDSEY HENSON

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL

PUBLIC PRESENT: MIKE GALLAMORE
ANTHONY GIGER
MELISSA LACOURT

Council Vice President Bryan Tearman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mike Gallamore stated the Park Board has a request from residents to start a community garden. They would like to use the land behind the street department. Mr. Gallamore does not have any details how the garden would work, but wanted to give Council notice that residents are interested. Mr. Gallamore also stated he has been getting bids on fencing for the new dog park.

Jeremey Nelson ask Council at some point he would like them to vote on a Community Response Team. He would also like to be able to store any equipment that might be donated and a Town email address. Marshal Southers stated he is in favor of the project, but would like to oversee it.

Melissa LaCourt stated her house was torn down in July and asked if her last month's wastewater bill could be refunded because there is no house anymore.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve reimbursing Ms. LaCourt for her last wastewater bill. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve the November 7, 2024 Executive Memorandum, November 7, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes and October 18, 2024 Adoption and Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers said they have been busy and had a lot of traffic stops. Marshal Southers stated Halloween went really well, but he would like to see Council members show up for community events.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He and Mr. Gallamore will have a Teams Meeting to discuss and learn more about the DOD grant. He presented two invoices \$6,585.00 to Country Painting and \$14,357.00 to Just Lift It. Mr. Blackwell would like to trade in the backhoe for a Skid Steer and would like to be authorized to go up to \$20,000 to purchase the Skid Steer. He also updated Council on the insurance claim on the generator and he believes insurance will cover the lightening damage. GP Construction is supposed to start next week removing their equipment in the wastewater barn. He has been working on the Nineveh Conservancy contract and is going to get a cost estimate to meter their main lift station. Steve Brock will be attending the December meeting to present the new rate study.

Upcoming events:

Doors Open to the public at new utility building -- December 2

Open House -- December 20th from 2-5

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve \$6,585.00 to Country Painting and \$14,357.00 to Just Lift It and authorize Mr. Blackwell to spend up to \$20,000.00 to purchase a Skid Steer. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented invoice #9 from HWC for \$750.00 This is for the Rural Development/SRF project for study and report phase and invoice #1 for \$5,250.00 for the new water tank reservoir.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, October 24, 2024 & November 7, 2024, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$137,540.41, \$600,706.09, \$39,714.69, \$42,287.69.

She also presented Council with Ordinance 2024-05 **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PARK DONATION FUND AND TRANSFERRING** and 2024-06 **ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-11, THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING**

COMPENSATION FOR PRINCE'S LAKES EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she needs to create a Park donation fund and to transfer the funds that were donated for the Party in the Parks festival from the Park fund to the Park donation fund and to update and amend the salary ordinance due to Remington Tearman's salary increase.

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve HWC invoice #9 in the amount of \$750.00 Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously
- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to introduce and approve Ordinance 2024-05 on first reading. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously
- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to introduce and approve Ordinance 2024-06 on first reading. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated he has been reviewing the Nineveh Conservancy contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bourne asked how they want to proceed with hiring a new street department supervisor since the newest employee resigned. After discussion:


- Councilor Harrison motioned to offer Terry West the position of street department supervisor for \$45,000 per year and a performance review in 90 days with the potential pay raise to \$47,500.00. Councilor Charlie Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Discussion was made on how to spend the remaining funds from the ARPA. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Bourne would like to use the funds to help remodel the wastewater pole barn and turn it into the new police station. Mr. Tearman would like to see plans and blueprints before deciding and see other options.

- Councilor Harrison motioned to use the remaining funds from the ARPA to help remodel the wastewater pole barn and turn it into the new police station. Councilor Charlie Bourne seconded the motion, Councilor Harrison voted yes, Councilor Bourne voted yes, Council Vice President Tearman voted no, motion passed.

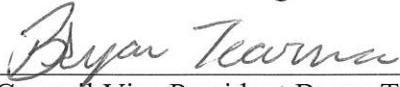
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council Vice President Tearman motioned to adjourn at 7:07 pm, Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and carried unanimously.


Respectfully submitted,

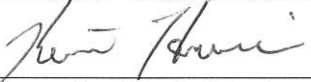

Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:


Council President Greg Nelson


Council Vice President Bryan Tearman


Councilor Charlie Bourne


Councilor Kevin Harrison


Councilor Lindsey Henson