

Wheatfield Town Council

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December Minutes/Memo

The council meeting opened on Thursday, @ 6:30 pm on November 21, 2024. The audience was invited to join the Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read by Brian Kwiatkowski. Present was Brian Kwiatkowski, Dean Stalbaum, Andi Jones and Deborah Norberg.

Approved Council Minutes/Memo for **Council meeting of October 19, 2024**
Dean Stalbaum made a motion and Andi Jones seconded the motion. Passed 3-0

Town Council 'Welcomed Jeff Rowe via Zoom to the meeting. Mr. Rowe : Virtual
PRESENTATION OF WASTEWATER RATE STUDY & Open market bonds
Discussed rate hike and Sewer Ordinance 2024-06
Jeff Rowe- BakerTilley
Questions were asked and answered over this topic.

Police Dept submitted there calls volume for October
No Cemetery report was given
Park- Holding Tree Lightening on December 7, 2024

Dean Stalbaum read the Sewer Works, MCO report with no issues to report and the Town received a letter from IDEM on our Sewer WWTP. Engineer and MCO will be responding to the letter.
The Street Department stated the Plows are on trucks and salt spreaders are on trucks
The Building Dept reported issued a few roof permits

Old Business

Lawyer Jacob Ahler was confirmed as the Towns Attorney for December 2024-December 2025. Dean Stalbaum made a motion and Andi Jones seconded.
Passed 3-0

New Business

Don Myers presented a replat of lot 47 in Westgate. 6 unit duplexes to two equal lots with 2 duplexes on them. Requesting a Planning Commission meeting. The second phase of Westgate is in the planning stages with additional 23 houses being built and infrastructure being started on phase 2.

New mailboxes and posts have been ordered and are in. Waiting for installation to be done by the maintenance department.

Bose McKinney & Evans LLP Attorney at law- Revenue bond 2025 was approved by Andi Jones and seconded by Dean Stalbaum. **Pass 3-0**

First Salary Ordinance 2024-07 was introduced. The Council asked if the Salary ordinance numbers could be changed before the next reading? The Clerk-Treasurer said the numbers had to be done before the next reading.

Police computers/covid fund - Quote From Buchertech was approved with delivery around 2 weeks. Buchertech is our IT company.

First Reading of Sewer Ordinance 2024-07 was introduced to the meeting.

Resolution of 2024-08 transfer of money was motioned to be accepted by Andi Jones and seconded by Dean Stalbaum. **Passed 3-0**

Resolution of 2024-09 Transfer of Money Trash fees. Dean Stalbaum made a motion to accept and Andi Jones seconded. **Passed 3-0**

Public Hearing on December 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

The list of people selected by the Town Council is ready to go to the Commissioners at Jasper County so they can be approved.

The Christmas Tree at the Town Park will be getting decorated on November 30th, 2024 @ 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to help the Wheatfield Chamber & Wheatfield Volunteer Firemen get this task done. Town will make sure gates are unlocked and lights are out for the lightning of tree. The tree lightening day sponsored by the Wheatfield Chamber will be having Chili and Ham and beans available, Asking Residents to bring treats to share.

The Town Council is requesting an update on the amount of money left in Covid Fund.

Approval of Claims

October 18, to November 2024.

Draft copy has been provided

Motion to accept the Claims was made by Dean Stalbaum and seconded by Andi Jones
Passed 3-0

Approval of Payroll

October 31 2024 & November 15, 2024

Motion to accept the Payroll as written: Motion and 'Second was made and Passed 3-0

*Tree Lightening of Christmas Tree in Town is on Saturday , Dec. 7th, 2024 @ 4-7 pm Sponsored by the Wheatfield Chamber

Update on the Jasper County Trails Club was given at the meeting. The Club asked to be included in the next Town Comprehensive Plan. The Town Chamber mentioned they are looking at ideas for a new Town Sign and thoughts of advertising our Wheatfield Resident with State Titles on the sign.

Meeting was mentioned and seconded to adjourn at 7:47 pm

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/Memo FOR THURSDAY,December 19, 2024. By the Town Council of Wheatfield, IN.

Brian Kwiatkowski

Andi Jones

Dean Stalbaum

Attest: Deborah Norberg

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