

State of Indiana
Greene County
City of Linton

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2025 - 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, Tony Richards, Leslie Newman and Ed Singleton were present. Greg Sapp was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Singleton to approve the minutes from the February meeting and 2nd by Linda Bedwell, 4 Ayes, passed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROPERLY SIGNED

A motion to approve the claims properly signed was made by Linda Bedwell, 2nd by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed.

APPROVAL OF FUND & APPROPRIATION REPORT

December, January and February Reports

A motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve the Fund & Appropriation Report and 2nd by Ed Singleton. 4 Ayes, passed.

APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

A motion was made by Tony Richards to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 4 Ayes, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Buck Creek Muzzleloader Annual Lease for 2025

A motion was made by Leslie Newman to approve the lease and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 4 Ayes, passed.

Linda Bedwell asked if all the leases had proper insurance and anything else that might be required. Mayor Preble stated that the Buck Creek Muzzleloaders and Civitan have a 25-year standing lease which is renewed on an annual basis.

Miner Mini Golf Lease for 2025

A motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve the Miner Mini Golf Lease and 2nd by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed. The Daugherty's who lease the golf course were in attendance. Linda Bedwell thanked the Daugherty's for leasing the golf course and the improvements they have made. She stated the council and city appreciated it.

Civitan Lease

A motion was made by Ed Singleton to approve the Civitan Lease and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 4 Ayes, passed.

Youth Football League Lease and Soccer Lease

Tabled until the April meeting. Mayor Preble had a meeting with both organizations and there needs to be clarifications before signing.

Conflict of Interest Forms

Forms were signed by Caleb Pope (2), Tomi Anderson (Brock Anderson Construction) Valerie Houchin (Troy Houchin Linton Equipment), Linda Bedwell and Tony Richards. A motion was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed. The forms will be submitted to Gateway.

Installation of new stop signs around Linton

Tom Bailey stated the new signs would be for 5th & C St NE (west bound lane), 6th & B St NE (east bound lane), Echles Ave & Curtis Blvd (intersection), Marshall Ave & Curtis Blvd (intersection), D St & Vincennes. Mr. Bailey also suggested a stop sign on 4th and Vincennes due to traffic. A motion was made by Linda Bedwell to approve all the stop signs and 2nd by Ed Singleton. 4 Ayes, passed.

Approval of Sales of Surplus Properties

Sale of surplus dog park property

An offer was made by Scott Lower for \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Linda Bedwell to accept the offer and 2nd by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed.

Vacant Lots at NW F Street

An offer was made by Mary May Properties, LLC (Kenneth Wagler) for \$20,000.00. A motion was made by Linda Bedwell to accept the offer and 2nd by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed.

Old Water Tower Properties

An offer was made by Mary Ensing for \$3,000.00 and an offer was made by Brandy Hyde for \$4,000.00. Both parties have property next to the property for sale. The offers were tabled until the next council meeting. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Tony Richards. 4 Ayes, passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTING

Fire Chief Eric Carpenter reported 73 emergency medical runs, 12 fire runs and two others for a total of 87 runs for the month. He stated things were going well at the fire department. There has been a lot of activities at the training facility. Firefighting classes 1 & 2 have been taking place and should be finished soon. Also, a District 7 meeting will be held in May at the Fire Station. Mayor Preble inquired about any wrecked vehicles. Chief Carpenter said they recently had been using them at the training facility for training props.

Police Chief Paul Clark reported 747 calls of which 118 were 911 calls. Also, 577 calls for service of which 242 were criminal investigations. Chief Clark stated that they are taking golf cart registrations at this time. It is \$50.00 to register a golf cart for the first time and \$25.00 after that along with an inspection and proof and insurance are needed. Requirements are a driver's license, headlights, taillights, rearview mirror, and a slow-moving vehicle sign or an amber colored light flashing at the rear of the golf cart must be visible.

Street Department Supervisor Tom Bailey stated that he would be on vacation from March 11th through 21st.

Operations Manager Brent Murray stated to contact himself, Brandon Lecocq or the utility office if any one needed assistance while Tom was on vacation. Brent stated if the weather stays good, they will be filling potholes as well as other things that are needing done.

Brent Slover stated the city had received the 1st round study with Commonwealth Engineering for the water system.

Public Comments

Janice Bridges stated she lives close to Humphrey's Park and picks up trash at the park every morning. She stated that there are boys at the park that are desecrating the park. They have been through the grass in several different places. She found an unopened box of alcohol and an unopened bottle at the bandstand in the park which she stated she had sent pictures to Paul Clark. The police department went to the park and picked up the alcohol. She and others that live in the area of the park hear them doing donuts at night at the Roy Clark Community Building parking lot. She is very concerned and felt the council needed to know what is going on at the park. Mayor Preble thanked her for her comments and clarified that public comments are one-way communication and not for discussion and appreciated her bring it to their attention.

Jeff Sparks was in attendance representing the Civitan in case anyone had questions.

Ashley Dyer was in attendance regarding saving the pool. She stated the community was excited about it and several people showed up to volunteer.

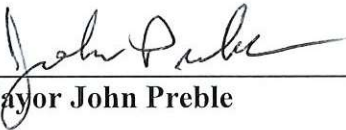
On the suggestion of Mayor Preble, the volunteers were split into three committees. The committees are fund raising committee, strategic planning committee, and a grant committee. The funding raising committee has already met once. She wanted the council to be aware of how excited the community is to step up and help save the pool. She stated they are looking at reestablishing the 501C3 or creating a new 501C3 to help fund raise. She said the goal would be to get that effort going this year. She said they would like to see a memo of understanding from the council about what those funds would be utilized for, and that the funds would be restricted only for the swimming pools use. Mayor Preble stated that over 80 people attended the public meeting and 29 people signed up to volunteer. At the next meeting 23 people were in attendance and they had a very positive meeting. Also, WTWO

interviewed the mayor a few days later. Linda Bedwell stated they had a couple of good leads regarding money for the pool.

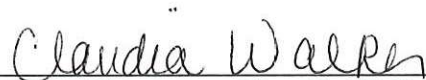
Jerry Faulk inquired about the sidewalk leading to the hospital. Mayor Preble stated he had an upcoming meeting with the engineering firm on Thursday who is supposed to present a proposal.

Linda Bedwell state Tire Amnesty Day is April 26th for the city and the county from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is no limit to the tires but need to be off the rims and is free of charge. Mayor Preble stated that Linton-Stockton School is having a clean up day on April 25th and that it might be a good idea to have the city cleanup day on April 26th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Leslie Newman. 4 Ayes, passed.



Mayor John Preble



Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker