State of Indiana Greene County City of Linton

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 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, Greg Sapp, Tony Richards, Ed Singleton, and Leslie Newman.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Greg Sapp to approve the minutes from the January meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leslie Newman with Tony Richards abstaining. 4 Ayes, passed.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PROPERLY SIGNED

A motion to approve the claims properly signed was made by Linda Bedwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Singleton with Tony Richards abstaining. 4 Ayes, passed.

# APPROVAL OF FUND & APPROPRIATION REPORT

A motion to approve the Fund & Appropriation Report was made by Tony Richards and seconded by Linda Bedwell. 5 Ayes, passed.

#### APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

A motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket was made by Greg Sapp and seconded by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A clarification was made by Mayor Preble that the Civitan lease approved in February was a one-year lease. Since that time, he was made aware that in 2023 there was a lease approved by the council for a 25-year lease. Therefore, the February lease should be rescinded. Tony Richards asked about the grounds and Jeff Sparks, who was in attendance and a Civitan member stated that the city was responsible for mowing.

Bill Spurling was in attendance representing the Farmer's Market. Mr. Spurling stated that the Farmer's Market has been kicked out of the park on several occasions due to other events taking place in the park. He stated there are only 15 days during the season. They have switched locations for a few years but would like to get back to the park. The city has Ordinance 95.72 stating the Farmer's Market is to take place at Humphrey's Park. This year the Farmer's Market is located on 1st St between Raymond James and the Carnegie Heritage & Arts Center.

#### Ordinance 2025-02 Pool Rates

Pool Party rates were changed from \$150.00 to \$175.00 for 100 swimmers. Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker stated this price was more in line with surrounding area pools. Children 4 and under will be free with a paying adult. Family of 4 will be charged \$150.00 for a family pass.

Mayor Preble stated there will be a volunteer workday at the pool on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Preble stated there would be an open house on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm.

# **Travel Policy**

A motion was made by Linda Bedwell to adopt the City of Linton's travel policy and seconded by Leslie Newman. 5 Ayes, passed. Effective today and will be added to the employee handbook.

#### Resolution 2025-01 Retired Bonds

Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker stated the city has money from a bond back in 2000 from a water utility account and she would like to transfer it to the city's operating account. A motion was made by Greg Sapp to transfer the funds and seconded by Ed Singleton. 5 Ayes, passed.

Resolution 2025-02 Dump Truck Acceptance
Greene County Commissioners donated a dump truck to the city. A motion
was made by Linda Bedwell to accept the dump truck and seconded by Leslie
Newman. 5 Ayes, passed.

# **Department Heads Reporting**

Fire Chief Eric Carpenter stated the Fire Department had 76 EMS calls and 27 Fire calls for a total of 103 calls. Chief Carpenter stated that ARPA money was used to tint the bay door windows and maintenance on the garage doors. The UP lights were damaging the turnout gear and air packs, and the tinting of windows should help with the issue.

Police Chief Paul Clark stated that the Police Department had a total of 777 calls to service and 369 calls created a police response. He did not have the number of 911 calls and stated he has the lowest number of staff since he has been working for the Police Department.

Street Department Supervisor Tom Bailey stated that there will be a road closure on Highway 59 to Sandborn starting approximately on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Operations Manager Brent Murray stated the dump truck that the county gave the city will be used for snow plowing. Clean-up day was successful. He stated 6 40-yard dumpsters, 3 J & M Recycling dumpsters were used and tires collected and taken to Switz City recycle. This was covered through Solid Waste.

Brent Slover was in attendance but had no comments.

## **Public Comments**

Jeff Sparks, representing Civitan, thanked Mayor Preble for the update and cleared any confusion regarding the lease.

Harold Smith, representing Crossroad Enterprises, stated that he would be moving his office to the former Greene County Daily World building that he had recently purchased. Mr. Smith also stated he would like to know if the city has a long-term plan for the Conservation Club.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Bedwell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Sapp. 3 Ayes, passed.

Mayor John Preble

Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker