

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes October 28, 2024 4:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Call to order by President, Adam Lambright

Roll Call

Present: Council Member, Adam Lambright, Ray Folk, Marlynn Mast, Steve Schrock, Justin Geigley, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

Others in attendance: Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stewart Bender-Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr-Marshal, Cyndi Sadewasser-Deputy Clerk, Harold Gingerich, Nick Kovarik, DLZ Casy Erwin, Butch Lehman

Minutes from previous meeting of October 14, 2024, for Common Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- September Monthly Financial
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- Topeka Economic Development Capital Improvement Plan - Ordinance No. 2024-10-28
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- New Hires - Amending Salary Ordinance - Ordinance No. 2024-10-28(A)
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- INPRS Resolution - New Position - Laborer - Resolution No. 2024-43 - Case No. 316220
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- DLZ - Invoice 000603187 - \$6554.50 - Police Station Evaluation
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- IRA Scope \$39,500, Bakertilly - Solar Panel Project, Photon - RFP - Requesting to move forward to advertise RFP - Steve Schrock requesting information on the additional insurance costs - Town Manager and Clerk Treasurer contacting Elaine at EPIC Insurance
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: Not All Ayes
Apposed: Steve Schrock

Town Marshal

- Ammunition Order – 9mm and .223 – Quote \$3,800
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- PD – working on getting their own Mail PO Box – Per Council President Adam Lambright

Town Attorney

- Housing Development – Club 720 – Meeting with Pur Construction - Discussions and Moving Forward with Housing Development – RDC President was present for Special Meeting and was scheduled for after Town Council Meeting – Given update but Special Meeting was not needed.
- Informing Council that along with the Ordinance 2024-10-28(A) Amending Salary Ordinance – Clerk Treasure does not receive last payroll per State Law of 2024 and that the Council should reimburse Clerk Treasure for the last payroll of 2024 – Requesting to do a Stipend in the 2025 Salary Ordinance for Clerk Treasurer in the Bi-weekly Gross amount of \$2023.10 – Council Ray Folk asked Clerk Treasurer if the 2025 Salary pay increase of 7% included the Clerk Treasurer and Council President Adam Lambright confirmed that the pay increase was including Clerk Treasurer

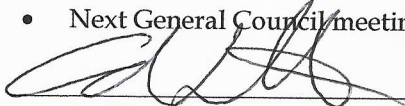
Other

- Harold Gingerich – Discussion on Housing Development
- Marlynn Mast – Asking about information for the housing development
- Harold Gingerich – Requesting to Council to Adopt this day October 28, 2024 as National Day of Honor of First Responders
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Adam Lambright – Requesting going forward the Town of Topeka purchase and supply Town Cell Phones for New Full Time Town Employees
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Town Cell Phone Account AT&T needs to have three authorized personnel on account – Clerk Treasurer, Town Manager, Council Vice President Steve Schrock
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote Not All Ayes
Voted Nay: Justin Geigley
- Marlynn Mast – Recuse herself as Council Member and Representing Topeka Together Inc. – Discussion about upcoming events happening in the next few months – Clerk Treasurer asked along with Council President that Town Employees are not to be working at Topeka Together Inc. Events during Town employee hours
- Clerk Treasurer – Asking Topeka Together Inc about where there at on the Business Sign IN-5 Agreement – Topeka Together Inc. asking questions about agreement with Town Attorney

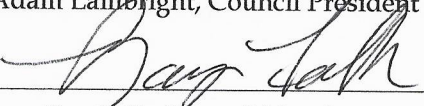
Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:14pm
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

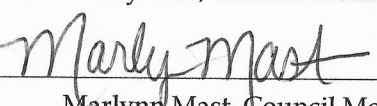
- Next General Council meeting November 11, 2024, at 4p.m.



Adam Lambright, Council President




Ray Folk, Council Member




Marlynn Mast, Council Member



Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Justin Geigley, Council Member

ATTEST 

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer