MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
November 12, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Leman, William Daily, Bryan Miller, and Alex Mikel were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, Town Engineer, and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims along with the payroll allowance docket; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that she had received the final draft from the OCRA grant for the aquatics facility in the amount of $106,080.85. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to determine the date for the last meeting of 2024, and the Council scheduled the meeting for December 23, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 8-2024, which amended the Town's flood plain ordinance. Mr. Wagner explained that he and Mr. Fraine had communicated with IDEM regarding the new ordinance, which IDEM had drafted itself. Mr. Mikel made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 8-2024 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner then presented Ordinance 17-2024, regarding the amendment of the Town Code to create the fifth Council position. Mr. Wagner explained that this ordinance needed to be approved at this meeting by statute since the public question had been affirmed. The Council discussed the timetable for selecting the new Council Member. The Council agreed to set the cut off date for resumes and applications as November 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The Council also scheduled an executive session for December 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the applications. The Council discussed having interviews later that week in the evenings, and potentially an additional executive session on December 9, 2024 if necessary. Mr. Mikel made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 17-2024 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. The Council also discussed how to re-arrange or remodel the Council chambers. Mr. Wagner asked the Council to consider whether the new UTV ordinance should allow UTV's to operate on Plymouth Street.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was brought before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought before the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul Irons appeared before the Council and asked for help with a local soccer fundraiser. The Council directed him to other entities that were more appropriate for the request.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report to the Council and presented the contract extension agreement for trash service with Republic Services. Mr. Fraine explained that it was a three-year extension and that the cost of trash days had been absorbed into the rate. The Council discussed how that rate applied to various users. At the end of discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the extension agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright told the Council that his department was working on the Christmas decorations and submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo had no new information to report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile had no new information to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Mr. Langdon had no new information to report on behalf of the Street Department.

Mr. Lockwood submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and noted that he had provided information regarding volunteer reimbursement rates.

Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones explained that JPR was working to revise the wastewater treatment plant project into a smaller design. He told the Council that they were waiting on a report from Baker Tilly, but that the early estimates were that the project would cost approximately $6.8 million dollars and would solve the most critical issues.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel told the Council that he would not be present at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mikel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Janet M. Anglemyer,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

Michael Leman, President