

Common Council Meeting

Resolution 2024-2 Fire Department Contract Trash Collection Contracts

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 2024-11-12 6:00pm
- Location: Town Hall
- Attendees: Rene'e Collier, Marcus King, Pam Brown, Linda Allen, Lee Trippett, Amy LaOrange, Doug Reed, David Kurth, Chad Dillon, Jim Bolen, Rebecca Trent and Pam Hiner.

Meeting Notes

1. Town Council Meeting Decisions and Contracts

- **Resolution 2024-2 Authorization**
The Town Council of Chalmers, Indiana, discussed and passed Resolution 2024-2, authorizing the President of the Town Council to execute NDOT agreements and related documents. This resolution allows the President to sign on behalf of the council when all members are unavailable. Motion to approve was given by CM King and seconded by CM Allen. Motion carried by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.
- **Fire Department Contract**
The council reviewed and approved the fire department contract with the Chalmers Community Fire Department. The contract outlines responsibilities for utilities, maintenance, and payment for fire protection services. The term is from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, with an annual payment of \$20,000. Motion to approve was given by CM King with the second coming from CVP LaOrange. Motion carried by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays. Volunteer Fire Fighter Chad Dillon informed the council that the Fire Dept. will vote to approve or reject the contract at their meeting in late November.
- **Trash Contract**
The council discussed trash collection contracts from Apex and On Point. Apex offers a 4% annual rate increase, while On Point provides a slightly lower rate. Both Bids included 2 commercial dumpsters and Bi-yearly cleanup days. Town Street & Utility Superintendent Reed with contact both Contractors and make sure both intend to offer all the same services.

will be contacting Twin Lakes Dodge Jeep and Chrysler in Monticello to get it in for repairs.

- **CD Renewal and Financial Strategy**
Discussion on the renewal of CDs and the financial strategy regarding interest rates. Consideration of cashing out CDs to cover expenses due to low interest rates. It was decided that CT Collier would look into cashing the CD's out and then revisit investing this monies after the first of the year.
- **Splash Pad Pavilion and Park Expenses**
Discussion on the final bill for the splash pad pavilion and additional expenses for leveling dirt at the park. The pavilion did not pass inspection due to GFCl issues and missing gutters. Final payment will not be issued to the contractor until the building passes final inspection.
- **Home Rebate Program Utility Data**
Introduction of a new federal home rebate program requiring utility data sharing. Concerns were raised about data privacy and the need for council involvement. TA Trent will contact HUD to clear up questions on privacy issues.
- **Fund Cleanup and Financial Management**
Discussion on cleaning up various small funds and managing financial accounts, including the American Rescue Plan and other grants. TC Collier will be working with Boyce Systems and Baker Tilly to get unused appropriation, vendor and funds cleaned up before the new year starts.

4. Community and Administrative Updates

- **Payment of Claims**
A motion was made by CVP LaOrange and seconded CM Allen to pay Banks 1, 12 and 16 claims dated November 12, 2024, totaling \$87,185.22. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes**
The minutes from October 22, 2024, were reviewed and a motion was made by CVP LaOrange to accept them. CM Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- **Property and Community Updates**
Updates were provided on Eagle Auto's rental of the Liquor Stores property to the North of their building for parking vehicles that are waiting to be serviced. The removal of a love seat from their property, and activities at 211 Walnut Street. Area plan is aware of the garage addition at this address.
- **Police and Fire Department Updates**
Discussion on police training, weaponry updates, and additional hours for the police department. Budget considerations were mentioned. CT Collier will review this to see if adding the additional hours is feasible.

Council Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2024

Clerk Treasurer *Terrie A. Collier*

Council President *Panel S Brown* Yay or Nay Abstain

Council Vice President *Amy LaDuke* Yay or Nay Abstain

Council Member *Marion Kim* Yay or Nay Abstain

Council Member *Linn Allen* Yay or Nay Abstain

Council Member *Lee Trapp* Yay or Nay Abstain

Signed this 26 day of Nov, 2024