



MEETING MINUTES

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164

February 18, 2025

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON
COUNCIL V PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN
COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE
COUNCILOR ANTHONY GIGER
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL
STREET SUPERVISOR TERRY WEST

PUBLIC PRESENT: JEREMY NELSON

Council President Henson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

- No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Henson motioned to approve the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes and February 5, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers gave his report and asked Council to be allowed to carry over eighty hours of vacation time. Marshal Southers said he and the other officers completed all of their training in one weekend. They partnered with the Town of Morgantown and Town of Trafalgar.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to allow Marshal Southers to carry over eighty hours of vacation time. Council President Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. Mr. Blackwell told Council that he wants to remove fluoride from our drinking water. He has to send a letter to the State Board of Health letting them know we are removing the fluoride.

Mr. Blackwell stated five years ago they started replacing the registers in the meters and now the parts to repair the meters have been discontinued. He would like authority to purchase one thousand meters at \$315.00 each to start replacing all meters over the next three years.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to remove the fluoride from the drinking water and authorize Lindsey Henson to sign on behalf of the Town. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to allow Mr. Blackwell to purchase 1000 water meters at \$315.00 each. Councilor Giger seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Terry West presented his report to Council. Mr. West informed Council that they spent a lot of hours plowing snow to make sure the roads were clear. He also said he submitted the CCMG, total project is \$114,971.00 the Town's matching portion will be \$28,743.00. All trucks have new blades and the annual maintenance has been done. Mr. West would like to go to training in March and Mrs. Henson stated she feels that training is very important and is happy Mr. West is taking the initiative to go to training.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, January 30, 2025 & February 13, 2025, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$173,831.34 \$634,232.67, \$45,223.85, \$44,490.17

- Council President Henson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger also presented Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance creating Dog Park and Community Garden, Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2024-08, Ordinance 2025-03 An Ordinance creating SRF funds and Resolution 2024-01 A Resolution authorizing Lindsey Henson to sign CCMG documents on behalf of the Town Council.

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve all ordinances as presented and Resolution 2025-1. Council President Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger ask for approval to pay the following claims once the work is complete and before the next meeting, G-P construction \$21,866, An Eck's-tra Hand \$3500.00 for concrete

work at the dog park and \$10,556.00 to Made-Rite Fence Co for fencing for the dog park. Mrs. Lyden-Giger also stated the funds for the dog park will be used from donated funds.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked Council for a \$1.00 raise for Elena Hammond. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated Elena is a valuable asset and has worked hard learning her position and helps any department that needs it. She also completed the CCMG last year and did a large part of it this year. Ms. Hammond is also the first deputy clerk-treasurer that has received her Certified Municipal Official certification through AIM.

- Council President Henson motioned to raise Elena Hammond's salary by \$1.00 effective to the current pay period. Councilor Giger seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated the need for bond council in order to be able to apply for SRF funds for the new water reservoir project. Mr. Robbins recommends Tom Pitman with Barnes and Thornburg.

- Councilor Giger motioned to authorize Lee Robbins to request a proposal from Tom Pitman for bond council and authorize Lindsey Henson to sign an engagement letter on behalf of the Town Council. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and pass unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Robbins presented Council with an ordinance amending the current ordinance not allowing backyard chickens. Mr. Giger stated he is for amending the ordinance and would like to move forward. Mr. Tearman and Mrs. Henson also said they would like to move forward. Mr. Robbins stated Council would need to decide the rules for allowing chickens then it would go before the Planning Commission for recommendation and back to Council for final approval.

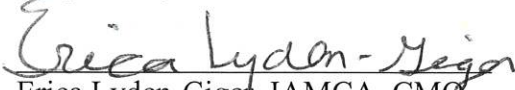
Discussion was made about the authority the Park Board has and their plan for the next year to three years. Council would like a representative from the Park Board to be attend the next Council meeting.

Marshal Southers stated Richard Giger asked him about starting a community food pantry and ask how to go about doing that. Mr. Anthony Giger suggested contacting the Nineveh Township Trustee.


Mr. Giger made a motion for the Town Council not to hire former elected officials within six months of resigning their position. There was no second.

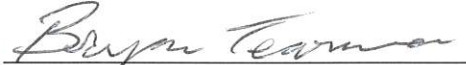
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA, CMO
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:


Council President Lindsey Henson


Council Vice President Bryan Tearman


Councilor Charlie Bourne


Councilor Anthony Giger


Councilor Kevin Harrison