

# Wheatfield Town Council

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December Minutes/Memo

The council meeting opened on Thursday, @ 6:30 pm on December 19, 2024. The audience was invited to join the Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read. Present was Dean Stalbaum, Andi Jones and Deborah Norberg. Absent Brian Kwiatkowski.

Zoom had Jeff Rowe on video chat to help answer questions dealing with WWTP upgrade and Sewer ordinance 2024-06 and the additional appropriation request for 2024.

Dean Stalbaum opened the Public hearing to answer any questions. No questions were asked concerning the Additional Appropriation request.

Dean and Jeff Rowe answered questions from the audience over the reason for the upgrade on the Sewer Plant. Discussion over Town Purchasing Bonds on the open market. Sewer rate increases due to projects and bonds. Dean Stalbaum gave a brief explanation of the history of the current Sewer Plant and that the equipment is almost 30 years old currently. WWTP is estimated to be a 4 million dollar project. Sign in sheet is included with the original minutes/memo. Estimated 13 residents at the public hearing. Concerns over elderly residents not being able to pay the increase. SRF grant was tried for by the town but to no result. Was discussed IDEM and there demanding this project move forward and that fines could be placed on the Town if this project does not move forward.

Complaints over the Storm Water Drains project not being done yet. No work for at least 4 yrs. Jeff Rowe commented on how this bond would be a 20-25 yr bond.

Federal agencies do not have grants available for this type of project. Questions over the Sewer Fund purchasing the Town Hall with Sewer funds. Money not there that was said to be used for improvements.

Andi Jones made a motion to close the Passed 2-0

Hearing adjourned at 7:22 pm.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL public hearing FOR THURSDAY, December 19, 2024. By the Town Council of Wheatfield, IN.**

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**Brian Kwiatkowski**

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**Andi Jones**

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**Dean Stalbaum**

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**Attest: Deborah Norberg**

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The council meeting opened on Thursday, December 19th, 2024 @7:23 pm following the Closing of the Public Hearing. Roll Call was the same as the Public Hearing. Council Meeting memo/minutes for November 19, 2024..Andi Jones made a motion to accept and Dean Stalbaum seconded the motion. Pass 2-0

The Police Dept gave a report over the number of calls. Park department stated the lights are up on the christmas tree thanking the Chamber and Fire Dept. Bathrooms are officially closed and heat is on. No report for Cemetery report no update. Dean Stalbaum read the MCO report over the Sewer Plant. No permits were reported for the Buldinging Dept.

The reading of the Sewer Ordinance was tabled till Brian K was present on the board. Members submitted for the Planning Commission was approved by Andi Jones and a motion and Dean Stalbaum seconding. Passed 2-0 Two residents were approved by the County Commissioners for the BZA Board.

Second Reading of the Salary ordinance was done and Andi Jones motioned to accept the ordinance and Dean Stalbaum seconded the ordinance. Pass 2-0

New Business discussed was Andi Jones being on the KIRPC Board of Directors as a representative. Dean made a motion and Andi Jones seconded and Passed 2-0  
It was decided to table the reading of the ordinance 2024-10 Additional Appropriations to next month's meeting. Dean Stalbaum motioned and Andi Jones seconded Pass 2-0

Requests for a dead end road sign and Children at play sign requested. These will be ordered with spring signs in 2025. Claims for November and December 2024 were motioned to be accepted by Andi Jones and seconded by Dean Stalbaum. Passed 2-0 Payroll for November 30 & December 15 was motioned to be accepted by Andi Jones and seconded by Dean Stalbaum. Passed 2-0

Resident questions and concerns : Question over the business on sale off 49 wanting to be purchased for a residence. 'Question wa turned over to the Building Dept.  
Meeting was motioned to adjourned at 7:51 pm by Andi Jones and seconded by Dean Stalbaum Passed 2-0

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/Memo FOR THURSDAY, December 19, 2024. By the Town Council of Wheatfield, IN.**

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**Brian Kwiatkowski**

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**Andi Jones**

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**Dean Stalbaum**

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