

**Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana 46347 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting their regular monthly meeting.

Council President Tyler Brock called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Councilors Tyler Brock, Robert Forster, Blake Jefferson, Harold Salyer and CJ Wittmer. Also present, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Attorney Bob Schwerd, Town Marshal Smith, Orville Jefferson, Park Director/Bldg. Insp, Tammy Dubbels, Code Enforcement and Fire Chief Gettler.

**Public Hearings:**

**Resolution 2023-6-A Resolution Re-Establishing a Cumulative Fire Fund Under Indiana Code 36-8-14**

**Resolution 2023-7-A Resolution Re-Establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund Under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5**

Council President Brock opened the public hearing to the public for comment at 6:02 pm. There were no comments or questions for either resolution. The public hearing was closed at 6:03 pm. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve Resolution 2023-6 and Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve Resolution 2023-7 and Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes were submitted to the council for approval. Councilor Jefferson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Utility Minutes:** The minutes of the April 10, 2023 utility meeting minutes were submitted to the council for approval. Councilor Jefferson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Claims:** The Accounts Payable Docket for April 10 to May 8, 2023 was presented to the Council for approval. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the Accounts

Payable Docket as submitted and Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Departmental/Contractual Reports:**

**\*Clerk-Treasurer-**Laurie Tribble reported an OCRA representative will be conducting a site visit with Tyler Brock and myself on May 15. She also reported budget season will be starting soon. She asked department heads to start thinking about what they may need or like to see in next years' budget.

**\*Attorney-**No Report.

**\*Engineering-** No Report.

**\*Park-** Director Jefferson reported the splash pad will open May 27 and June 10, 2023 is Safety Day at Drazer Park.

**\*Police Department-** No Report.

**\*Code Enforcement-** No Report.

**\*Plan Commission-** No Report.

**\*Building Inspector-** No Report.

**\*Storm Water Board-** Board Member Kevin Salyer reported LFA will be finishing the engineering for a drywell to be installed on Church St. The project should be completed later this summer.

**\*Economic Development Commission-** No report.

**\*Fire Department-**Chief Gettler reported everything is good. He thanked the EDC for a grant to help replace the roof at the fire department. Four members of his department went to Wisconsin for specialized training in vehicle extraction.

**New Business**

**Ordinance 2023-2 An Ordinance Adopting a Fair Housing Policy** Councilor Salyer motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2023-2 on the first reading and Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion with the following roll call vote:

Tyler Brock..... Yes  
Robert Forster..... Yes  
Blake Jefferson..... Yes  
Harold Salyer..... Yes  
CJ Wittmer..... Yes

Councilor Salyer motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-2 as written and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

\*Fire Chief Jeremy Gettler reported the hydrant on Kimball hasn't been raised as of yet. Councilor Salyer stated he would look into it.

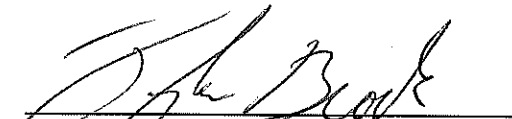
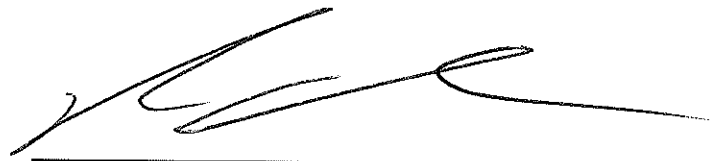



**Adjournment:**

Councilor Jefferson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., and Councilor Forster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie A. Tribble  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tyler Brock, President  
Blake Jefferson, Vice-President  
Robert Forster  
CJ Wittmer  
Harold Salyer