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# Town Council of the Town of North Judson Special Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2025, 8:00 A.M.

The North Judson Town Council met in Regular Session at the North Judson Town Hall, 310 Lane Street, North Judson, IN on the above date and time with the following present: Council President Rowe, Councilmembers Banks and Windbigler were able to attend.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council President Rowe asked for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Banks moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all council members present concurred.

#### Business

## North Judson Police Department: Vehicle Trade & Purchase Proposal

Town Marshal Thomas stated that he had been researching a new Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department in total amount of \$54,000. He informed the Council that he had been in contact with a Police Chief in Texas as well as the Chicago Motors, Inc in order to get all of the information he could regarding the vehicle. Thomas explained that the cost of squad vehicles has substantially risen in prices over the past dozen years. He also mentioned that nearby departments are switching over to Chevy Tahoe's as well. Thomas stated that this particular Tahoe was already outfitted with all of the necessities including a brush guard to help with deer strikes and a cage in the backseat to help with unruly prisoners.

Leszek mentioned that he had spoken with Thomas about contacting the department in Texas about purchasing their used squad cars later down the road in order to save some money for the budget. Thomas stated they are staying away from Durango's since they have had multiple issues over the past few years. Council President Rowe explained that they should be mindful that since they are purchasing used vehicles then there will be little to no warranties available. Rowe stated that the deputies will want to take care of the vehicles in order to keep them healthy. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated that Leszek and Thomas had been very helpful with keeping an eye on the data that comes back from the camera systems. Leszek stated that since Thomas has been in charge then have gotten less alerts on their GPS systems. Thomas also wanted to mention that since the cost of vehicles are on a steady rise, they will want to start budgeting higher amounts for new vehicles.

Town Marshal Thomas presented the following Purchase Order for Council Approval:

P.O. 2734 to Chicago Motors, Inc for 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe, Bill of Sale Number I250124156, in the amount of \$54,000.00.

Councilmember Banks made a motion to approve the following Purchase Orders:

P.O. 2734 to Chicago Motors, Inc for 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe, Bill of Sale Number I250124156, in the amount of \$54,000.00.

Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Leszek mentioned that they had received a bill from USI from September 2024 that needed to be approved by the Council.

Town Manager Leszek presented the following Purchase Order for Council Approval:

P.O. 2735 to USI Consultants for DES #2101695 – Hubeny Sidewalk, Invoice 21877, in the amount of \$3,906.00.

Councilmember Banks made a motion to approve the following Purchase Orders:

P.O. 2735 to USI Consultants for DES #2101695 – Hubeny Sidewalk, Invoice 21877, in the amount of \$3,906.00.

Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

### **Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:**

Nothing presented.

#### Adjournment

Councilmember Banks moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

John Rowe, Council President

Attest:

Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer