**Greenfield Common Council**

**Meeting Minutes - October 8th, 2025**

The Greenfield, Indiana Common Council met in regular session on October 8th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 127 located at 10 South State Street with Mayor Guy Titus presiding.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Jester, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Riley.

Members of the group which were visiting from Japan via the Sister Cities program attended the meeting. They were extended a very warm welcome by the Mayor and members of the Council. They have been in Greenfield since Monday evening and had a very full schedule with what they were being shown while here in Greenfield. Conversations flowed easily with the assistance of their translator.
They stayed for the duration of the meeting and will be leaving to travel to Chicago in the morning.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Guy Titus called the meeting to order of the Common Council for the purpose of conducting the business before the Greenfield Common Council. Roll call was given by Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore.

**PRESENT:** Council members John Jester

Amy Kirkpatrick

Jeff Lowder

Thomas Moore

Joyce Plisinski

Dan Riley

Anthony Scott

 City Attorney Gregg Morelock

 Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore

Mayor Guy Titus

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24th, 2025, duly seconded by Council Riley. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Councilman Kirkpatrick provided an update from the most recent Traffic Safety meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**First Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2025/35 – Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**

**Second Public Hearing – Resolution No. 2025/14 – Confirming Resolution LabCorp Abatement**

Councilman Scott moved to recess the regular business meeting and open the public hearings, duly seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion carried *viva voce.*

Mayor Titus opened the public hearings regarding the adoption of:

**Ordinance No. 2025/35** - Approval of the 2025 Fiscal Budget **and**

**Resolution No. 2025/14** - Confirming Resolution Determining the Qualifications for An Economic Revitalization Area for LabCorp Early Development Laboratories, INC.

Citizens’ comments were welcomed at this time.

Larry Silver came forward to request the members of the Council not vote in favor of the abatement for LabCorp. It was confirmed that their initial abatement was approved by the County Council and moved to the city when the land was purchased.

Councilman Scott moved to close the Public Hearing, duly seconded by Councilman Jester.

Motion carried *viva voce.*

Mayor Titus confirmed the Regular Business Meeting would now continue.

**Ordinance No. 2025/30 An Ordinance Creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Within the City of Greenfield, IN also known and referred to as a DORA; on second** reading was introduced by the City Attorney.

Discussion followed about the request for the DORA map to have been amended to remove all residential properties. Heather Condra, who was present representing Greenfield MainStreet, explained that if all residents were removed from the map, there would be no area remaining to create the DORA. Further discussion continued.

Councilman Lowder moved to **reject** Ordinance No. 2025/30, duly seconded by Councilman Jester.

The vote was unanimous to **reject** Ordinance No. 2025/30. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**No further action was taken for this ordinance.**

**Ordinance No. 2025/35 An Ordinance** approving the **GREENFIELD COMMON COUNCIL** that for the expenses of **GREENFIELD CIVIL CITY,** Indiana for the year ending December 31, 2026,the sum of **$39,376,735.00** as shown on Budget Form 4 are hereby appropriated and ordered apart from the funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriate shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expense of **GREENFIELD CIVIL CITY,** a total property tax levy **of $18,343,270.00** and a total tax rate of **0.9320**, are adopted as shown on Budget Form 4 and included herein. Budget Forms 4A and 4-B for all funds and departments are incorporated by the signing of this form and must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance by the appropriate deadlines**;** Councilman Lowder moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025/35**, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski.

Motion Carried *viva voce.*

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 AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayes: None.

**Ordinance 2025-35** was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer confirmed there was a separate version of Ordinance No. 2025/35 which is required by the DLGF, known as **FORM 4** which confirms the information contained in Ordinance No. 2025/35 which the DLGF Require to be uploaded to the Indiana Gateway. No additional vote is needed to approve as it contains the same information just in a different format.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2025/14 A Resolution Confirming Resolution No. 2025/13 Determining the Qualifications for An Economic Revitalization Area Has Been Met for LabCorp Early Development Laboratories, Inc.;** Councilman Jester moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025/14**, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore.

AYES: Councilman Scott, Riley, Plisinski, Lowder, Kirkpatrick, Jester. Nayes: Councilman Moore.

Motion carried 6/1.

**Resolution No. 2025/15 A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Appeal for Excessive Levy for the Civil City;** Councilman Scott moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025/15**, duly seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore.

AYES: Councilman Scott, Riley, Plisinski, Lowder, Moore, Kirkpatrick, Jester. Nayes: None.

Motion carried 7/0.

**Resolution No. 2025/16 A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Appeal for Excessive Levy for the Greenfield Fire Territory;** Councilman Kirkpatrick moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025/16**, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore. AYES: Councilman Scott, Riley, Plisinski, Lowder, Moore, Kirkpatrick, Jester. Nayes: None.

Motion carried 7/0.

**Resolution No. 2025/17 A Resolution Regarding the Sale of Personal Property by the Greenfield Police Department to Greenfield Central Community School Corporation – two vehicles;** Councilman Jester moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025/17**, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore.

AYES: Councilman Scott, Riley, Plisinski, Lowder, Moore, Kirkpatrick, Jester. Nayes: None.

Motion carried 7/0.

**Resolution No. 2025/18** A Resolution Accepting a Donation to the Animal Management Department from Katherine Harwell in Memory of Tom Weieneke; Councilman Scott moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025/18**, duly seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore. AYES: Councilman Scott, Riley, Plisinski, Lowder, Moore, Kirkpatrick, Jester. Nayes: None. Motion carried 7/0.

**Resolution No. 2025/19** A Resolution Accepting a Donation to the Animal Management Department from Katherine Harwell in Memory of Nannette Hartwell; Councilman Moore moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025/19**, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore. AYES: Councilman Scott, Riley, Plisinski, Lowder, Moore, Kirkpatrick, Jester. Nayes: None. Motion carried 7/0.

**Ordinance No. 2025/32** An Ordinance Creating the VITA of GREENFIELD, LLC NON-REVEERTING SHORTFALL PAYMENT FUND; as introduced by the city Attorney to be considered by the Common Council as prepared. Councilman Riley moved to approve **Ordinance No. 20255/32** as introduced, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2025/33** An Ordinance Creating the VITA IL of GREENFIELD II, LLC NON-REVEERTING SHORTFALL PAYMENT FUND; as introduced by the city Attorney to be considered by the Common Council as prepared. Councilman Jester moved to approve **Ordinance No. 20255/33** as introduced, duly seconded by Councilman Lowder. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**Buzz Krohn,** of Krohn & Associates, provided explanations to those present on the need to implement the proposed changes in the Stormwater and Electric utilities. There will be a public hearing held on November 12th’s meeting.

**Ordinance No. 2025/34** An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for The City of Greenfield, Indiana Associated with the Greenfield Stormwater Utility; as introduced by the city Attorney to be considered by the Common Council as prepared. Councilman Lowder moved to approve **Ordinance No. 20255/34** as introduced, duly seconded by Councilman Riley.

 Motion carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2025/36** An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for The City of Greenfield, Indiana Associated with the Greenfield Electric Utility; as introduced by the city Attorney to be considered by the Common Council as prepared. Councilman Scott moved to approve **Ordinance No. 20255/36** as introduced, duly seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick.

Motion carried *viva voce.*

**Attorney Morelock confirmed that a public hearing will take place for both ordinances at the November 12th council meeting.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Jester** moved to move the meeting scheduled for November 27th be moved to the week before and held instead on November 19th to allow the Council members to travel during the week of Thanksgiving if needed. Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that she would notify the IT Department and the Daily Reporter agenda department to alert them of the date change.

**PETITION OR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

**John Holt** was present in the room and recollected his time on the City Council when the Sister City program was implemented and was very pleased to see that it was still such a success after 35 years.

He also commented that he felt the Riley Festival event had been and anyone driving through Greenfield on Sunday night would never have known what had taken place over the previous four days. He commended the City Employees who had worked so hard to return the city to its normal state.

**Councilman Scott** expressed his THANKS to all the employees who worked during the Riley Festival weekend. He commended them for being great representatives of the City and it was heartwarming to see those involved working with smiles on their faces while they worked.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Mayor Titus announced the next meeting of the Common Council would be held Wednesday, October 22nd.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Lowder moved to adjourn the meeting, duly seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick.

Motion carried *viva voce.* The meeting was adjourned at 19:56 p.m.

**Greenfield City Council Members**

Mayor Guy Titus, Presiding Office – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Lori Elmore, Clerk-Treasurer – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

John Jester, Councilman at Large – President – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Dan Riley, Councilman at Large - Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Amy Kirkpatrick, Councilman District #2 -Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Jeff Lowder, Councilman District #3 – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Thomas Moore, Councilman District #5 – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Joyce Plisinski, Councilman Moore District #4 – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027

Anthony Scott, Councilman District #1 – Elected 4 Year Term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027