

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, Terry Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger, and Attorney Alex Hoover present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Best made a motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025, regular scheduled council meeting, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: The Bell Tower and Quonset building was discussed. Clerk-Treasurer Berger stated that she is still awaiting direction from the insurance adjuster on both issues. Member Best instructed Berger to submit the invoice for shoring up the bell tower to the insurance company.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg Hildebrand, CEO of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, presented the annual report to the Council. Hildebrand also provided information on happenings in Marshall County.

Matthew Sumpter and Keith Fraene next appeared before the Council. They are both members of One Marshall County which is a volunteer board. The gentlemen conveyed their mission to the Council on encouraging all the Cities and Towns to work together to shape Marshall County's future priorities.

The generator at the Matchett Event Center was discussed. Several quotations were presented. Patron Dena Wattenbarger asked where the funds would be coming from because the rentals from the center cannot support the costs. President McFarland stated how important he feels that a generator is installed because the building is used as cooling and warming centers and could have been utilized as the command center during the recent tornado. President McFarland made the motion to try to include the expense in the 2026 budget, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nay.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims from 7545 - 7663 in the amount of \$658,582.27. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger informed the Council that employee Ray Hamblin passed his Wastewater Certification Class I and with that his pay will increase to \$24.84 retro back June 30, 2025. She also advised the council that Mr. Hamblin started his apprentice program with the Alliance of Rural Water.

Berger presented a request for a \$1,000.00 donation from the Pentecostals of Bourbon. Mark Cottrill presented to the Council during the May Council meeting and asked for a donation for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration being held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Member Clemens motioned to approve the donation, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chief Martin submitted his Police Department's monthly report and the report for the Reserve officers. Martin asked for permission to order a 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor from Oliver Ford, in the amount of \$47,615.00. Then Member Clemens motioned to approve the purchase, Member Best offered the second and the ordinance was approved 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Chief Martin informed the Council of the incidents that have been occurring with the current duty weapons that our department carries. Martin asked for permission to seek new duty weapons while trading in the old ones. Member Best motioned to allow the purchase of the duty and off duty weapons if they are traded in for an equal value, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry gave an update on the progress of the repairs to the buildings and parks after the tornado damage.

Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Chief, presented his report. Stepp reported that the department responded to 17 calls since last month's meeting.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, presented her report. Schaetzle provided an overview of the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings that were held on Monday July 14, 2025. Schaetzle asked for direction on a complaint that was received on the property located at 606 N. Washington Street. Attorney Hoover stated Schaetzle needed to send a letter and then if no response, he will follow up with a letter and court date.

Schaetzle asked for permission for the Farmers Market to be held at the Bourbon Park Pavillion on Mondays through the end of September. Chassity Dillion will be heading up the market. Schaetzle asked if the rental fee could be waived as a way to bring the community together. Member Best motioned to waive the fees, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover gave an update on the owners of Parkview Place Apartments and stated that they now have a current address to move forward.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Summerfest Director, Lonny Berkey asked for a donation of \$300.00 for the Bourbon Show and Shine Car show during Summerfest weekend. President McFarland motioned to approve the donation, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Frances Berkey, Summerfest Parade coordinator was present to state the parade theme of "Love Your Hometown." Berkey also congratulated Clerk-Treasurer Berger and her husband for being named Parade Marshalls for 2025.

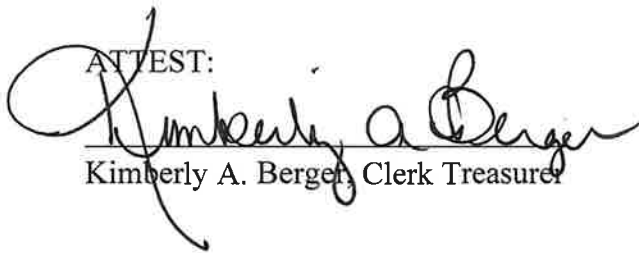
Marilee Holdeman was present to voice her concerns about underage drivers operating golf carts. She also expressed concerns about the electric scooters not obeying the traffic signs. Chief Martin was instructed to inform his officers to be more aware of these issues.

Chet Hall of the Bourbon American Legion was present and introduced Monica Clemnon who will be presenting a flag education program beginning this school year to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders of Triton Elementary School. Clemnon who is a veteran and has a passion for the American Flag gave an overview of what the program entails.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: The Council Members expressed their appreciation for the department heads.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, President McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m., a second was offered by Member Best and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer

  
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Les McFarland, President