

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, Terry Clemens, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. Attorney Alex Hoover was not in attendance. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING: President McFarland opened the public hearing for the 2026 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Berger stated that the 2026 budget was advertised in the amount of \$2,165,970.00. There were no questions or concerns from the public. President McFarland motioned to close the public hearing, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

PUBLIC HEARING: President McFarland opened the public hearing for an Additional Appropriation for the Redevelopment Commission. President McFarland informed the public that the Redevelopment Commission purchased a piece of property on the southwest side of Bourbon. There were no questions or comments from the public. Member Clemens motioned to close the public hearing, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MINUTES: Member Best made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025, regular scheduled council meeting, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business brought before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2025-01 was presented to approve the additional appropriation for the Redevelopment Commission Fund in the amount of \$28,500.00. Member Clemens motioned to approve, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger presented the contract extension for Waste Connections/Stafford for Refuse and Recycling. The agreement will show a 5% increase in rates each year over a period of 3 years. Member Best motioned to approve the contract extension, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims from 7755 – 7840 in the amount of \$291,990.68. Council Member Best motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger reminded the Council that the budget adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Berger presented the IT services proposal from MapleTronics. Discussion ensued. Member Clemens motioned to approve MapleTronics as our IT service provider, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger asked for guidance on the cleaning of the park pavilion after the Farmer's Market on Mondays. She stated that her office showed the building to a potential renter and the building was left dirty and no trash had been removed. The Council advised to let the director of the Farmer's Market know that it is their responsibility to clean the building after use.

Chief Martin submitted his Police Department's monthly report. Martin asked to purchase five off duty weapons from Back Forty with funds in the donation account. The weapons will be a Glock 30S at a cost of \$515.00 each. Member Best motioned to approve the purchase, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Member Best questioned the number of Reserve Officers that we currently have, Chief Martin responded that we have 7 on the roster.

Steve Walsh, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works presented the reports for the utilities and street departments. Walsh presented a quote for a curb installation at the corner of East Sunset Drive and Harris Street. The amount of the construction will be \$2,150.00. Discussion ensued, with homeowner Tim Berger stating that he felt the addition to a new drain will help the problem but was still concerned that the existing drain needs lowered. Member Clemens motioned to approve the cost, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Walsh asked the council to purchase a 1" tapping machine in the amount of \$1,631.53. Member Best motioned to approve the purchase, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Walsh gave a update of the demolition of the Quonset building and the status of the construction on the west building, the main office building and the proposed start time for the pole building to be constructed where the Quonset building stood.

Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Chief, presented his report. Stepp reported that the department responded to 7 calls since last month's meeting and has responded to 102 calls to date for 2025.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, was not present. Member Best presented the activity report in her absence. Member Best introduced a Community Complaint Form that he felt was needed for patrons to file a formal complaint. A lengthy discussion ensued with President McFarland motioning to move forward with the form, Member Clemens seconding the motion and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

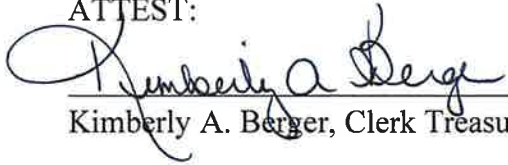
TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover was not present.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: There were no patron's comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: There were no Council Member comments

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 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