

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. Member Terry Clemens and Attorney Alex Hoover were not in attendance. 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 September 9, 2025, regular scheduled council meeting and September 23, 2025, meeting President McFarland offered the second and it passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: Chief Martin asked the Council for a decision on whether the Explorer was going to be traded in or if the Council wanted to take bids on it. Discussion ensued and Member Best motioned for this matter to be tabled until the November meeting. President McFarland agreed and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Viki Brown of Dustin's Place was present to thank the Council for the donation to help with the new building. Dustin's Place opened up in their new facility on October 1, 2025, and they are completely debt free. Brown stated that they will be offering more services to the community.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger presented Ordinance 2025-04 which addresses the refuse and recycling fees for years 2026, 2027, 2028. Member Best informed the audience that the fees will be \$18.32 for 2026, \$19.23 for 2027 and \$20.20 for 2027. Member Best motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2025-04 on all three readings, President McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays. Member Best motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-04, President Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims from 7841 – 7936 in the amount of \$409,707.60. President McFarland motioned to approve the claims, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented Pay App 20 from Crosby Construction in the amount of \$2,500.00. Member Best motioned to approve Pay App 20, President McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Next, Change App #5 was presented for approval. The change App will address hydrant replacement throughout the town. Member Best motioned to approve Change Order #5, President McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented the Public Art Lease Agreement that addresses the Stone Sculpture that was placed in Westwood Park. Member Best motioned to approve the lease, President McFarland offered the second and the motion passed 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger informed the Council that she has been working with FEMA on paperwork due to the tornado that damaged the Town on April 3rd, and stated that Trick or Treat will be held on Friday, October 31st from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Chief Martin submitted his Police Department's monthly report.

Roger Terry, Superintendent of Public Works presented the reports for the utilities and street departments. Terry asked the Council if the Bell and Siren were going to be put back up when the bell tower was renovated and the response from the Council was that it was.

Terry announced that Leaf pick up was going to begin on Monday, October 20th and run through November 26th. He also stated that brush pick up will be suspended during this time.

Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Chief, presented his report. Stepp reported that the department responded to 9 calls last month and stated that Paul Martin retired from the department on October 6th after serving 32 years.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, presented the activity report and stated that the Plan Commission has not met the last several months. She stated that she got permission from Attorney Hoover to work on revising the Zoning book on her own and then bringing the changes to the Plan Commission for approval and then onto the Council. Schaetzle also stated that Karen Holm complied with the exterior work that needed to be completed to secure the outside of the home on North Washington Street.

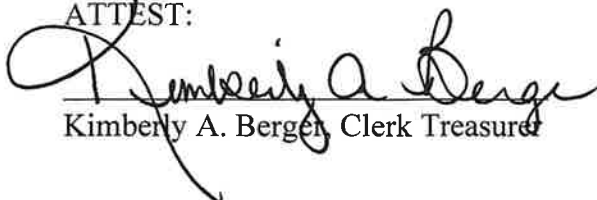
TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover was not present.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Earl Scarberry was present and stated that he felt the council could elaborate a little more on issues and items they pass to give the High School students in attendance a better understanding on how the Council works.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: President McFarland asked the employees that were present if they would like an Appreciation Dinner. No date or time was decided upon.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Best made the motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., a second was offered by President McFarland and the motion carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer



Les McFarland, President