MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BOURBON, INDIANA
September 8, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Bourbon, Indiana, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Bourbon Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Jonah Best, Les McFarland and Terry Clemens were present. Also present were Kimberly Berger, Clerk-Treasurer; Sargeant Carl Amsden, Police Department; Chief Chad Stepp, Fire Department, Roger Terry Superintendent of Public Works and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2027 Budget Mr. McFarland made a motion to open the public hearing regarding the 2027 budget, which was seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Berger described the proposed budget for the benefit of the attendees and reported that the total budgeted funds amounted to $2,258,768.00. She then reviewed the amounts allocated to particular funds. Mr. Best asked for public comment, and one attendee asked what the tourism budget could be spent upon; Ms. Berger explained the origination of the funds and possible purposes and added that the Town Council controlled how the funds were to be spent. At the conclusion of public comment, Mr. Clemens made a motion to close the hearing, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

MINUTES: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 meeting and the August 19, 2026 executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Wagner reported that Ordinance 2026-05 had been published properly and was ready for second and possibly third readings. Mr. Best explained the ordinance to the audience by reading some of the sample rates. Mr. McFarland asked if Drew Westafer had any opinion in anticipation of joining the Council next year, but Mr. Westafer did not. Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-05 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Berger presented the financial commitment letter for the 2027 CCMG application. She explained the Town's project was estimated to cost $511,577.00 and that the Town's 20% match amounted to $102,315.40. The Council briefly discussed the project. Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the financial commitment letter as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Berger presented change order number 6 for the water utility project and explained that the request was for replacing additional valves in the fire hydrants at a cost of

$4,209.00. Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve change order number 6 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Best and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Berger then presented pay application number 23 for the water utility project payable to Grady Construction in the amount of $100,566.18. She noted that the funds were paid from the project's SRF loan. Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve pay application number 23 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ms. Berger submitted claims #8799 through #8875 in the amount of $406,872.52 for approval. Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Berger reminded the Council that the budget adoption meeting would take place on September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. She also advised the Council that Trick-or-Treating had been scheduled for October 31, 2026 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sargeant Amsden appeared and submitted his report on behalf of the Police Department. Mr. Best asked if the new officer was acclimating to the position, which Sargeant Amsden confirmed.

Mr. Terry submitted the report on behalf of the Public Works Department and asked the Council to approve a quote from Dynamix Electric, LLC to install new lights at the pickleball court at a cost of $2,685.42. Mr. Best asked if the lights would be on a switch and Mr. Terry replied that they would have a switch and a timer. Mr. Best noted that it had always been the original intent of the project to add lights. Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve the quote as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Terry also presented a quote for the installation of a sidewalk on the north side of the Matchett Center at a cost of $15,500.00. The Council discussed the proposal. Ms. Berger told the Council that the funds would be paid out of the CCD fund. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the quote as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Stepp appeared before the Council and submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department. He told the Council the department had 9 calls since the last report and 104 for the year.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented a draft e-bike ordinance for the Council's consideration. Mr. Wagner explained several highlights, including the addition of a speed limit for sidewalk use and a reorganization of the downtown sidewalk bike prohibition. The Council asked Mr. Wagner to send the ordinance to the police department and the Triton School resource officer for input.

PATRON COMMENTS: Greg Hildebrand appeared on behalf of Marshall County Economic Development Corporation and invited the Council to its quarterly meeting at the Matchett Center on September 9, 2026. He also told the Council that he had hosted the Indiana Economic Development Corporation at CT Polymers and that the infrastructure assessment had been delayed as the response proposals came back over-budget.

Mr. Westafer asked if he needed formal appointment to the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Wagner recommended it; Mr. Best made a motion to appoint Mr. Westafter to the Redevelopment Commission, which was seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Best asked Mr. Terry if he had obtained other quotes for the pickleball court lights and Mr. Terry explained that he had obtained several quotes in the spring but did not follow through on them at that time because they came back higher than expected.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Kimberly Berger,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bourbon

Jonah Best, President