

Town of Fortville

10.20.2025

Town Council Meeting

Opening of Meeting:

The meeting was held at Fortville Town Hall, 714 E. Broadway. Meeting was called to order by Council President Tonya Davis at 6:30 pm.

Present:

Tonya Davis, President; Ryan Rummell, Vice President; Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Sean Morgan, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Not Present:

N/A

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to make a change to the agenda for today's Council meeting October 20th, 2025, which would include adding a Public Hearing to allow for comments or questions about the additional appropriation within the 2026 budget. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 6th, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Old Business

- a) The Council will consider the approval of the 2026 budget, presented by Beth Marsh of Bookkeeping Plus, **Resolution No. 2025-10A**. Total budget is **\$7,041,451.00**. This budget does allow for salaries, but the salary resolution will come separately.

Ryan Rummell **made a motion to approve the 2026 budget in the amount of \$7,041, 451.00**. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- i. The council will consider an additional appropriation within the budget.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to recess the Town Council Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:33 pm. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Beth Marsh: There is an additional appropriation needed for the Cumulative Capital Development fund for capital outlays, which is \$215,000. This money will be set aside for planned projects. It is the portion we received from the Community Crossing Grant.

The public was given time and opportunity to make any statements, questions, or concerns about the additional appropriation needed. Council member Sean Morgan requested clarification of the origins of these funds. Joe Renner refreshed the council and the public about the Community Crossings Grant. No one from the general public came forward with any questions or concerns.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:36 pm and reopen the Town Council meeting. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Ryan Rummell made a **motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$215,000.00**. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- b) The Council will consider an **appeal to exceed the maximum allowable tax levy**. This will be the last year Fortville will be able to apply to exceed the allowable tax levy. \$400,000 has already been allocated within the budget but we also need to file an appeal to account for growth. A total of \$366,907.00 is anticipated for additional staff, officers, and keeping sustainability.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the additional tax levy of \$366,907.00**. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- c) The Council will consider the **adoption of Resolution No. 10B**. A fiscal plan for the Shogren annexation at 8683 N. Fortville Pike. The public hearing has been held; the readings have been heard and approved. Next step will be to approve the fiscal plan for this annexation.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2025-10B**, the fiscal plan for the Shogren annexation at 8683 N. Fortville Pike. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- i. The Council will consider the 2nd reading of **Ordinance No. 2025-8A**, the Shogren Annexation.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2025-8A**. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- d) The Council will consider the **adoption of Resolution No. 2025-10C**, a Fiscal plan for the Awning Innovation Annexation at 7795 N. 200W. The public hearing has been held; the readings have been heard and approved. Next step will be to approve the fiscal plan for this annexation.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2025-10C**, the fiscal plan for the Awning Innovation Annexation. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- i. The Council will consider the 2nd reading of **Ordinance No. 2025-8B**, the Awning Innovation Annexation.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2025-8B**. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- e) The Council will consider the **adoption of Resolution No. 2025-10D**, a Fiscal plan for the Stokes Annexation at U.S 36 & 300 W. The public hearing has been held; the readings have been heard and approved. Next step will be to approve the fiscal plan for this annexation.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2025-10D**, the fiscal plan for the Awning Innovation Annexation. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- i. The Council will consider the 2nd reading of **Ordinance No. 2025-8C**, the Awning Innovation Annexation.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2025-8C**. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

New Business:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Fortville's community bagged leaves pickup is scheduled for November 3rd and 24th for the South side of Staat Street. And November 5th and 26th for the North side of Staat Street. Leaves should be in paper bags and along the sidewalk by 6:00am.

INDOT road miles will be updated soon. Placer ratings for the streets will also be done by December 1st. Closing out Community Crossing Grant projects soon. Updating the parking ordinance will be needed as well as the stop signs ordinance and intersections with all the new developments going in.

RDC approved the \$1.7 million Landmark Parks improvements. Reynolds Construction is working on numbers which will go to the RDC again and they will let them know what number to not exceed.

With Budget approved, we will be working on the salary ordinance.

Hopefully in November, we will be able to shut the plants down for two hours to upload the media softener.

We have rehired (Ryan French) and one new hire (Kristopher Waller) that will be starting for the sewer team. That leaves us with one open spot.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

We will be having a meeting with Placer tomorrow. We should be able to give you an update after.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Absent

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Absent.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

No Comment.

Public Comment:

Sharron Beatson: There is a very deep concern about the safety of the new cross walk between Broadway and Poplar Street. Cars do not seem to be stopping for pedestrians even when the buttons are pushed. She is requesting the Police department do more to make drivers aware of the laws concerning cross walks and pedestrians.

Joe Renner: INDOT has been made aware of it, and they will be taking a look at possibilities of adding signage or creating more substantial identifications.

Dave Beatson: Noticed a new member on the council and wanted to get more information about him. Where is Sean from and how did you come into this position. Sean discussed his background, career, and aspirations for his position.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

No Comment.

Sean Morgan

Thanks everyone for helping him get caught up and ready to serve the community.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell made the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Adjourn:

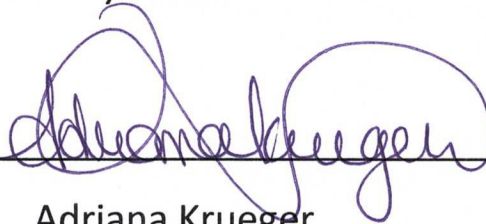
Tonya Davis made the motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger