

Town of Fortville

07.20.2026

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.

Not Present:

Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the amended agenda for tonight July 20th, 2026, Town Council Meeting. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 5th, 2026. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0/1.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

- A. Thomas Bunnell, VFW Post 6904, to address the Council concerning the Hometown Heroes Banners. All the current posts where the hometown hero banners are being displayed are full.

Tom reported that the banner program in Fortville has grown to 103 banners with 40-50 additional requests pending, leading to discussions about potentially expanding the brackets, particularly on Main Street. Joe provided an update that the next section of the trail to the school may start construction in spring with 65-70 new poles, including several along Broadway and Ohio Street. The cost for adding dual brackets to existing poles on Main Street was quoted at \$25,000, though funding through the RDC remains uncertain due to budget constraints.

- B. This agenda point will be postponed until next meeting.

- C. Council to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2026-7A, a Fiscal Plan for the Flora Annexation near 1102 Alden Drive.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-7A, a fiscal plan for the Flora Annexation. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- D. Council to review a Remonstrance Waiver pertaining to the remaining Flora Property. Council to consider 2nd Reading (adoption) of Ordinance no. 2026-7B, the Flora Annexation near 1102 Alden Drive. Tonya Davis will approve the Remonstrance Waiver. The council discussed and approved Resolution Number 2026-7B, which covers the fiscal plan for the Florida annexation near 1102 Alden Drive. Adam provided an overview of the annexation process, explaining that Mr. and Mrs. Flora purchased farmland and plan to build two homes while keeping the remainder as rural land. The council also approved the second reading of Ordinance Number 2026-6B for the FORA annexation. The conversation ended with a brief acknowledgment of the Flora family and their attorney in attendance.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-7B, the Flora Annexation near 1102 Alden Drive. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Fortville updated the council on several financial matters, including a potential Duke Energy grant for Landmark Park that requires council approval, an expected purchase order of \$314,000 from NDOT for road reconstruction, and the implementation of a TREC program that needs three council signatures to proceed. The council also discussed an ongoing insurance inspection of the street department building's roof, which needs to be secured before winter. Additional updates included the status of NDOT's work on Highway 67 and ongoing negotiations for the South Madison project, which has not yet been fully executed. We will be following up with the insurance company regarding the street department building roof repair and ensure the roof is secured before snowfall.

Andy Williams discussed plans to revamp Winterfest as a more structured event focused on supporting local businesses during the holiday season. The council agreed to move forward with the initiative, which will maintain traditional elements while adding new features like coordinated promotions, decorations, and vendor opportunities that complement local shops. A follow-up meeting with business owners is scheduled for Thursday to further discuss plans, and Andy will create promotional materials to share with the community and potential vendors.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

Sarah Waldron, our administrative assistant, has left for another position. We proposed redefining the role as an assistant planner and permit coordinator to handle increased permit volumes and routine approvals like fence installations and shed construction over the counter. The new position would assist Jerry with clerical tasks, code enforcement letters, inspection

scheduling, and potentially issuing electrical permits with higher priority to address urgent situations.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

He provided updates on Landmark Park, including plans to remove old structures like the playground, shed, power pole, and gazebo within the next 10 days. A new bridge from Noel Lane to the park is expected to be delivered soon, and senior surveys have been completed with 151 responses representing about 8% of the target demographic. The contract for the Sharks will be renewed for one more year, and unclaimed equipment will be sent for scrap.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Chief provided updates on officer training and retirements. Officer Payne is halfway through ILEA training and will return in about a month and a half, while Officer Moreland completed pre-basic training and will start field training on Friday. Mark is set to retire on January 9th, and Chief requested council approval to backfill his position with a current reserve officer who has 20 years of experience, aiming for a September 20th start date to allow for proper training. The council approved the hiring plan, and he also mentioned ongoing efforts to synchronize traffic lights through NDOT's website system.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

Absent.

Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

Absent

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz

No Comment.

Sean Morgan

No Comment.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

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

Adjourn:

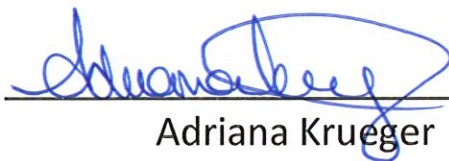
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger