Town of Fortville
08.17.2026
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 (via Zoom); Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Sean Morgan, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; Missy Glazier, Clerk Treasurer.

Not Present:

N/A

Approval of Agenda

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the amended Town Council Meeting agenda for tonight August 17th, 2026, which would move New Business item H to item A. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 8th, 2026. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the joint Council/RDC Executive session meeting minutes from August 17th, 2026. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Old Business:

A. The council will consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-8A, establishing Residential Rental Registration.

Alex Intermill explained the corrections and changes made to the Ordinance since the 1st Reading. There is a red line copy for public and council detailing those changes. They were made in conjunction with the attorney for the Indiana Apartment Association making sure that it was clear with what was allowed under the law. Defining how multifamily rental units are treated, clarifying difference between registrations and permits. Also, the changes will include a 30-day grace period to bring property to compliance after violation. Registration for all existing rental properties will need to be done between September 1st, 2026, until December 31st, 2026, with

the initial registration fee being waived until deadline. After December 31st, the fees for registration of rental properties will be applicable. Discussion with various members of the public was held concerning this Ordinance.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-8A, establishing Residential Rental Registration. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

New Business:

A. The Council will consider the 2027 Proposed Budget presented by Beth Marsh, from Bookkeeping Plus.

The changes and increases to the budget for 2027 were discussed. Increases in pay for all current employees, additional positions needed, fuel increase, etc. The budget will be presented for approval for the second Council Meeting in September and will need to be passed by the first Council Meeting in October.

B. The Council will consider the revised 2027 Fire General Fund Budget.

The revised 2027 Fire General Fund budget will include three full-time positions, camera upgrade, turnout gear and new training facility.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the revised 2027 Fire General Fund Budget. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

C. The Council will consider the BOT Agreement for Landmark & Memorial Parks.

Doug Tischbein from Reynolds Construction presented. The upgrades needed to both parks have increased from $1.4 million to $2.18 million. Reynolds Construction and Heath Luther, the Fortville Parks Manager, have discussed the needed changes and the wish list of improvements.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the BOT Agreement for Landmark & Memorial Parks. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

D. The Council will consider the MOU Water Agreement with McCordsville.

Joe Renner presented. Boundaries are well delineated and agreed upon by both Fortville and McCordsville so that utility services can be offered to growing areas of this territory.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the MOU Water Agreement with McCordsville. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

E. The Council will consider Resolution No. 2026-8C, approving & adopting a Parks & Recreational Facilities Naming Rights Policy.

Alex Intermill presented. Improvements can be offset by adopting facility Naming Rights. Heath Luther stated that he has received a possible donation of $25K to rebuild retaining wall and fence repair in memorial to his son who passed away.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-8C, approving & adopting a Parks & Recreational Facilities Naming Rights Policy. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

F. The Council will consider the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-8B, amending the 2026 Salary Ordinance.

The changes made to the existing ordinance would increase the Town Manager's salary so any incoming prospects can be offered a more competitive range. Also, the addition of a deputy planner will also be added.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-8B, amending the 2026 Salary Ordinance. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 3/1/1.

G. The Council will consider the Commercial Lease Agreement for the Community Center with the Indy Sharks Baseball.

Alex presented. Renewing the lease agreement as is with the Indy Sharks Baseball team.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the Commercial Lease Agreement for the Community Center with the Indy Sharks Baseball. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

H. The Council will consider the Purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) by the Fortville Police Department.

Chief Patrick Bratton presented the need to purchase a UTV for trails and off-road patrolling. Multiple bids were presented Fear Power Sports had the best prices for $26,725.00

Ryan Rummell made a motion to the Purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) by the Fortville Police Department. Sean Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

The trails plan is coming along. Section 2 will start on November 5th. INDOT has given approval for the intersection at intersection 13 and Broadway. 300 ft of storm pipe will be quoted to get replaced. The Alley is moving forward well.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

The position of Senior Planner has been offered to Hannah Rose Urbanski. Seven people were interviewed, but they received 40-45 applicants when this position was open to the public. Hannah will begin on Monday, October 5th.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Nothing.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Officer Payne graduates this week from ILEA. Officer Morlan's waver will be addressed soon. The MOU for 2027-2031 has been submitted to Alex for review. Once that is complete it will be presented to the school board.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Clerk-Treasurer: ~~Adriana Krueger~~ Missy Glazier

No Comment.

Public Comment:

No 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, Sean Morgan seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

Adjourn:

Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

President: _____

Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____

Adriana Krueger