

Regular Meeting Minutes January 6, 2026

Present: President Terry Richey, Members Chad Wilson, and Jamy Greathouse, and Mark Wilkerson; Clerk Treasurer Danieta Foster; Atty Matthew Lorenzo; Vice President Jason Hillenburg was unable to attend

Meeting Preliminaries and Annual Reorganization

The council opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer selection and board representation were reaffirmed without changes:

Terry Ritchie was retained as council president. Motion Chad Wilson. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Jason Hillenburg as vice president. Motion Chad Wilson. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0

The council confirmed its regular meeting cadence—first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

External appointments were approved:

Toby Ortman to the Homeland Security Board for 2026. Motion Chad Wilson. Jamy Greathouse 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Curt Kovener as the JCIDC representative. Motion Chad Wilson. Jamy Greathouse 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Approval to pay all dues and subscriptions for 2026. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Agenda Approved. Motion Mark Wilkerson. Chad Wilson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes approved. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Claims approved. Motion Chad Wilson. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Allowance Docket approved. Motion Mark Wilkerson. Jamy Greathouse 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Ordinance and Resolution Readings

- Ordinance 26-1 (new code adoption for the Town of Crothersville) was presented. The new code integrates all updates since 2016, cross-references provisions, and removes redundancies. First Reading. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.
- Ordinance 2026-2 (amending waterworks utility rates) received its first reading. A public hearing is scheduled at the beginning of the February meeting. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.
- Ordinance 2026-3 (amending sewer charges) received its first reading, also slated for the February public hearing. Past unmetered sewer charges for 4,000 gallons were reduced to \$76.51; the current ordinance suggests \$120.04. Using the same method used to calculate past unmetered sewer charges, the flat rate would be \$86.54. Motion to approve as amended, with unmetered rate of \$86.54, Mark Wilkerson. Chad Wilson 2nd. Carries 4-0.
- Resolution 2026-1 (authorizing the clerk, treasurer, and deputy clerk to approve timesheets) was adopted to meet the new payroll system's requirement of two approvals per timesheet. Motion Chad Wilson. Jamy Greathouse 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Departmental Operations

- CCMG plant engineering and design are nearly complete and targeted for bid by March 1. Easement reviews for the CCMG project continued: Hominy Ditch easements from 2008–2009 were examined, with findings that a new owner south of the Harris property lacks an Hominy Ditch easement. Culvert work will mainly occur in the road area with limited headwall work, and utilities were asked to mark lines for inclusion in drawings.
- Water project milestones include a newly drilled well, the completed water tower foundation awaiting tower delivery (likely summer), and a largely finished water plant with capacity for new filters.
- Lead service line verification efforts continue; postcards were sent prior to year-end, and annual verification will persist until all customer lines are confirmed.
- Pay Apps #7 for Divisions A, B, & C for the water project approved. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.
- A \$400,000 project fund must be spent down soon. Potential uses for the \$400,000 include plant work. Phosphorus removal at the plant is becoming urgent. The town has a

three-year grace period to meet phosphorus limits and has collected one year of data. Phosphorus removal and solids handling are interrelated, likely necessitating more solids.

- Discussion was held with Police Chief Matt Browning, and Assistant Chief Jonathon Tabor, regarding the purchase of a police vehicle, and going forward applying for a USDA grant for a 2nd. Quotes will be obtained.

Misc

- Council set an executive meeting for January 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm to discuss personnel.
- Comments from the council
- Comments and questions from the public were taken
- Adjournment. Motion Jamy Greathouse. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Carries 4-0.

Terry Richey, President

Danieta Foster, Clerk Treasurer