

# Regular Meeting Minutes February 3, 2026

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

## Administrative Proceedings and Bid Awards

Terry Richey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approved. Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chad Wilson; Carries 5-0.

January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, and January 20, 2026 Executive Meeting Memoranda Approved. Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chad Wilson; Carries 5-0.

Claims approved. Motion: Jason Hillenburg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jamy Greathouse; CalTies 5-0.

Allowance Docket Approved. Motion: Mark Wilkerson; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chad Wilson; Carries 5-0.

The council then conducted public openings of sealed bids for surplus town property and awarded each item to the highest bidder:

- 2011 Ford F-250 pickup with plow: Bids read included \$778.18: Brett Pattie of Emergency Remarketing, \$2,501.01 : Landcore, LLC, \$2,250: Bart Stuckwisch, \$2820: Michael Deaton, \$3000: Rick Clark and the winning bid \$3,025: Deric Hoeverner
- 2012 Hot Jet USA cold water jetter: Bids read included \$8,057: Riley Triggs, and winning bid 12,500.00: Marcos Lopez.
- 2015 Bluegrass Utility Trailer: Bids read included \$600: Bart Stuckwisch, \$500: Rick Clark, \$350: Rex Robinson, \$301: Matt Browning, \$727: Michael Deaton, and the winning bid \$1,025: Deric Hoeverner.
- Air compressor: Bids read included \$200: Ashton Robinson, \$200: Landcore, LLC, and the winning bid \$350 Rick Clark.

All bids accepted and approved. Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jason Hillenburg; Carries 5-0.

## Resident Complaints and Animal Control Discussion

Two animal-related issues were presented:

- Aggressive dogs near Jackson/l-loward: Residents was not present, report was made at Town Hall. There was uncertainty about recent police calls regarding the incidents.

Clerk Treasurer Danieta Foster was asked to contact residents to tell them to contact the police when they see the dogs loose.

- Outdoor cats being fed by neighbors on West Bard Street: A resident in attendance described frequent feeding (at least twice daily) captured on backyard cameras, outdoor cat houses with heat lamps, ongoing kitten births, and escalating nuisances (cats attempting entry under a new shed, lighting through windows, and using the yard as a litter box). Concerns included zoonotic disease transmission risks to pets and humans, property impacts, and public safety.

The discussion covered:

- Ordinance and state law context: Indiana law defines cats as domesticated animals; local ordinance indicates feeding a stray constitutes ownership ("If you feed a stray, it's yours"), triggering responsibility and potential fines for allowing animals to run free. While cats are harder to control than dogs, consistent feeding and provision of shelters were cited as evidence of care/ownership.
- Enforcement and capacity constraints: The town cannot assist with trapping. Local shelters will not accept cats. Historical spay/neuter initiatives led to unintended cat dropoffs. Police enforcement of ordinances—potentially issuing fines—was contemplated. The safety board building authority) was deemed not applicable to animal issues.
- Next steps: The council favored initiating a police department conversation with individuals feeding the cats, using ordinance guidance and resident-provided video evidence to prompt compliance.

## Engineering Updates, Annexation Strategy, and Project Approvals

The engineer's report noted multiple project updates:

- Contractor schedule: McGuire's requested a non-financial time extension. The council approved the request with an expectation of substantial completion remaining on schedule. Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason Hillenburg; Carries 5-0.
- CCMG Bids will be taken until February 17, 2026, Bids will be open at 10 am. A special meeting will take place on February 17, 2026 at 6:30 pm to award the contract.
- New production well: Drilling and testing are complete; the well appears to be of good quality and met anticipated volumes.
- The council approved Pay Apps for: Division A pay App 8 at \$950 and Division B Division B at \$712.50. Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Wilkerson; Carries 5-0

Annexation and utility planning discussion focused on a potential voluntary annexation. A meeting will be requested with the owner and a Y<sup>d</sup> party with the Town and Town Engineer, to take place before the February 17, 2026 Special Meeting.

- Sewer plant needs: The engineer highlighted near-term attention to solids handling and phosphorus removal; the council indicated funds exist to address targeted improvements.

## Financial Ordinances and Administrative Approvals

The council advanced multiple financial and administrative actions:

- Ordinance 2026-4 (waterworks bond ordinance): The council approved on first reading: Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> . Chad Wilson; 5-0.  
  
Rules suspended to consider Ordinance for adoption: Motion: Chad Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> : Jamy Greathouse; Carries 5-0.  
  
Ordinance 20264 Adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Motion: Mark Wilkerson; 2<sup>nd</sup> . Jason Hillenburg; Carries 5-0.
- Ordinance 2026-1 : Approved on second reading (codification). Motion: Chad Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> . Mark Wilkerson; Carries 5-0.
- 2026 Employee handbook approved, Motion: Chad Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> : Jamy Greathouse; Carries 5-0.
- Sponsorship request: All American Publishing submitted a sponsorship request on behalf of school-related shirts; the deadline was Monday, but the meeting occurred Tuesday. The council expressed concerns over verification and suggested preferring direct school outreach for legitimacy, noting repeated similar requests and uncertainty about student participation (FFA).

## Financial Advisory Presentation and Council Deliberation

Reedy Financial Group (Justin and Reagan) presented their municipal advisory services. They will prepare a quote for their services for the Council to consider.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Terry Richey complimented Utilities for their diligence on the roads during the recent snow event.

Adjournment: Motion: Jamy Greathouse; 2<sup>nd</sup> . Chad Wilson; Carries 5-0.

  
Terry Richey, President

  
Danieta Foster, Clerk/Treasurer