November 5, 2025 Minutes

Arthur called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

In attendance was Arthur Kirtley (Board President), Barbara Johnson (Council Member), Robert Hutchens (Council Member), Michael Straley III (Clerk Treasurer), Brad Fisher (Marshal), Travis Jones (Deputy)

This was followed by the Pledge to the flag and the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara made a motion to adopt the minutes from October 1, 2025, meeting. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Robert made a motion to approve claims. Barbara second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Robert made a motion to approve BONY transfers. Barbara seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara made a motion to approve water transfers. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Arthur called for council information there was none.

Arthur called for employee information. Brad stated that he has quote for the police vehicle. The amount was \$65,034.50. For a Chevrolet Silverado. It is all equipped and ready. We have been discussing for the last few months about purchasing for next year. This is a demo model that they will be giving a \$2,500 discount. It has 400 miles of going to shows. They will be giving \$10,000 for trade in on the Durango. Michael stated that he had discussed this with Merchants Bank of Indiana and they can give us a loan for 2.5% rate. Arthur asked if Brad had seen it. Brad said he had seen pictures and driven one like it and he thought it would be good for the town.

Barbara made a motion to approve the purchase of the new vehicle. Robert second the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Brad stated that Randolph County was purchasing Flock cameras. They have 12 currently and are looking to put in 10 more. Brad asked if Lynn could participate in getting one to put at the edge of town. It helps with Opioid, silver alerts, and amber alerts. Travis has guaranteed donations, but we have not received them all yet. It is \$3,000. He is requesting to use Opioid funds until we have donations in. This would allow the town to have nationwide access to the database. It would be an mou with the county and it could be 3-4 months before the funds are needed due to permits. Robert asked if there was yearly fee, and Brad stated \$3,000 would be due annually.

Robert made the motion to enter the mou with Randolph County. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion carried all in favor.

Brad stated that Jeff Conor had reached out on Christmas on Main Street on November 29. He is asking for permission to shut down East and West Church St for Vendors. There will be a lighted parade at 6:30. Brad Rhoades stated that they would have carriage rides that cost \$525 to get them here. He asked if the town could take \$.10 off everyone's water bills to help with this event every year. Michael stated you cannot use funds out of water and sewage. He said he would look into if a fund could be set up for this that he wasn't sure, but it would be 2027 as the budget had already been approved for 2026. Barbara asked what the time of the event was. Brad stated 3-6p, with the parade following.

Barbara made the motion to allow them to shut down the east and west Church st for the event. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur read the fire report given by Jonathan.

Arthur called for Clerks information. Michael stated that it was in the newspaper that we are accepting sealed bids for the sale of the fire truck as well as the purchase of the fire radios. The bids would close at 3pm on December 2nd. He stated the Water tower now has power and is moving forward. Michael also stated that he had provided the salary ordinance that would be approved for next year, at the December meeting. He told the board to let him know of any issues or corrections that need made.

Arthur called for old business, there was none.

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Arthur called for citizen comments. Mark Moody stated that the police car should be reimbursed from the county as many runs as the town does for the county. He stated I guess nothing is happening with the alleys, then he stated I guess the water tower is done. Arthur asked if there was any alley in particular. He said yes, all of them. Arthur stated he thought Marks alley looked good. Mark stated he must not be driving down them, that there is grass growing in the cracks. He guessed you had to kiss someone's rearend to get your alley paved.

Missy Williams stated she was here to discuss the Blythe elimination program. If the town owns any property or is given any property, they could pay to have it torn down and then the county would reimburse for up to \$10,000. She then stated Brian Mulled stepped down from EMS and Gary Moore to take over that position. Arthur asked if the \$10,000 could be used to purchase the property. She stated that no, it has to be given to the town. She said it did give leverage if the house could be cited unsafe and we could fine them.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

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Robert Hutchens, Council Member

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Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer