

Council Minutes

September 2, 2025

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman, Rick Moyer, Dave Heitmeyer and Jason Goodwin. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Lee Beck, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief John Rodriguez, Kc Allen from the Putnam County Sentinel, Tom Borck and Janet Spahich from Kleinfelder. Sherry Valdez was absent.

Mayor Rick Recker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Security of Persons Committee- Jason Goodwin said the Security of Persons Committee met prior to the meeting and discussed offering the school the idea of a resource officer if they have any interest in it, Mr. Goodwin said he will go to the next school board meeting and propose the idea to them.

Utilities Committee – Dave Heitmeyer said the Utilities committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss water and sewer rates. The committee is recommending an increase on residential users only on the usage over 400 cubic feet with an increase of 1% for both water and sewer and for Industrial a 3% raise for both water and sewer for the overage. The Storm sewer charge will stay the same. Legislation will be presented at the next council meeting.

Kleinfelder's Tom Borck from Kleinfelder's was present to speak with the council, he let them know that the General Plan has been submitted to the EPA, he said he hasn't gotten anything back from them. Mr. Borck said he has also been working on finalizing the updates to the pilot protocol, and he wants to make sure we want to proceed with the membrane system and go ahead with the pilot. He said the last time Mr. Borck was here we talked about the options. He said they are moving forward. Dave Heitmeyer asked weren't we looking at two different pilot studies, Mr. Borck said it's one but two, he said when he says when he says pilot we are doing two at the same time. It's one pilot at the same time but with two different membrane manufacturers. It will provide you with the opportunity to bid each one against each other. If during the pilot process one performs better than the other, then we go with the one that performed well. Dave Heitmeyer asked if they will take it off the price if we go with one of them. Mr. Borck said generally they try to do the membrane piloting at near cost as they can. Jason Goodwin asked what time of the year we are going to be doing the pilot. Mr. Borck said we need to have both winter and fall or summer temperatures. Rick Recker said the way he was told is that the EPA has already approved the pilot, Mr. Borck said No, the EPA hasn't approved the pilot. They have sent us some comments and needed some additional information which we are pulling together now and putting in the protocol. Mr. Borck said surprisingly they were most responsive on the pilot's protocol when we submitted that they turned it around quicker than the general plan.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of August 18, meetings and accept them as written was made by Jason Goodwin and this motion was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

RESOLUTION 3445: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEN TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Resolution 3445 was read for the second time.

Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat – Sue Christman made a motion to schedule the annual Halloween Parade for October 29, 2025, at 7PM and Trick or Treat for October 30, 2024, from 6PM-7PM and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll Call on the motion, Jason Goodwin

yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez absent.

RESOLUTION 3446: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3446 was read for the first time.

The Check Register was reviewed and initialed by the council. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve the reviewed reports, and Sue Christman seconded the motion, roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez absent.

Dave Heitmeyer would like Lee Beck to go out and get a couple different quotes for health insurance.

Lee Beck said there is a Property Review Board Meeting on Thursday September 4, 2025 @ 6:00P.M.

John Rodriguez asked about the I & O railroad and about them spraying weeds. Lee Beck said the Village has mowed down weeds, but Mr. Rodriguez said there are still weeds along the tracks that need taken care of.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M. The next council meeting will be on September 15, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____