

**TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana 46347 on the 11th day of August at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting their regular monthly meeting.

Council President Tyler Brock called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Councilors Tyler Brock, Tim Gant, Blake Jefferson and Harold Salyer. Also present, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Chief James Smith, Fire Chief Jeremy Gettler and Orville Jefferson Bldg. Inspector and Park Director.

Approval of the Utility Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the July 14th, 2025 utility meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the July 14th, 2025 regular meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Councilor Gant motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Claims: The Accounts Payable Docket from July 15 to August 11, 2025 was presented to the Council for approval. Councilor Jefferson motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Docket as submitted and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental/Contractual Reports:

***Clerk-Treasurer-Laurie Tribble** asked for approval to pay claims for services with the loan funds at the WTP for 1. Wessler in the amount of \$34,398.48, 2. Kleinpeter in the amount of \$16,500.00, 3. IHC in the amount of \$606,932.68 and 4. Caldwell in the amount of \$101,916.00. Councilor Brock verified the amounts during the monthly construction meeting with Wessler and contractors. Councilor Salyer approved the request, Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

***Attorney-No report.**

***Park-** Orville Jefferson reported construction of the walking path around Drazer Park will begin August 25.

***Police Department**-Chief Smith reported Dan Glickauf resigned as Code Enforcement Officer. The department has two officers that have completed pre-basic training that are currently in training with the department.

***Plan Commission**- No report.

***Building Inspector**- No report.

***Storm Water Board**- The board is working on Ross Ave plans. The roads they need to pave from previous projects will be included in the Community Crossing Grant for 2026.

***Economic Development Commission**- No report.

***Fire Department**-Chief Gettler reported they are gearing up for Pork Fest. They will be traveling to Ohio in September for a truck inspection.

New Business

Code Enforcement Officer Applicant-Patty Gebhardt applied for the open Code Enforcement position. Councilor Brock stated he knew her and agreed she would be a good fit for the position. Councilor Salyer motioned to appoint Mrs. Gebhardt and Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Street Paving 2026-The council chose the streets for the Community Crossing Grant Application. Alice-SR 49 - East to the school parking lot, Sunset-Strong to Pleasant, Jefferson-Strong to Pleasant, Daumer- Strong to West End, Susan-Strong to Kouts, Diana-Daumer to Sunset, Jefferson-Strong to SR49, Wesley-Sutton to Gordon, Mentor- 49 to Kouts St, Kimball-SR8 to End. The grant applications open from October 1 to October 31. Councilor Jefferson motioned to apply for a Community Crossing Grant for the above-mentioned streets and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

EDC Appointment-Kelsey Young submitted a request to be appointed to the Kouts Economic Development Commission. Councilor Jefferson motioned to appoint Kelsey Young, and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Plan Commission Appointment-Councilor Gant spoke with Benjamin Kolodzinski about becoming a member of the Plan Commission. He felt he would be a good fit for the board. Councilor Brock appointed Mr. Kolodzinski to the Plan Commission.

Any Other Matters That Come Before the Council

Ricco Semento, Pork Fest- Mr. Semento reported everything is ready for the Pork Fest. The porta-potties have been ordered etc.

Kouts Vendor Village-Sylvia Morgan asked again about why vendors need to be registered and about using their parking lot. Councilor Brock stated there are reasons for ordinances. She also asked about her vendors being involved in Pork Fest. Because she had vendors in place for Pork Fest, she was told she could have her vendors in the parking lot as long as she went through the Pork Fest Committee to register them.



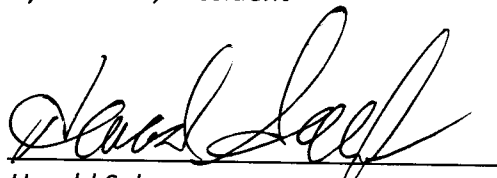

Adjournment

Councilor Salyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Councilor Jefferson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie A. Tribble
Clerk-Treasurer


Tyler Brock, President
Blake Jefferson, Vice-President
Harold Salyer
Tim Gant