

Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 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 10th day of February 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, Harold Salyer and CJ Wittmer. Also present, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Attorney Schwerd, Interim Police Chief James Smith, Fire Chief Jeremy Gettler. Blake Jefferson was absent.

Public Hearing-Ordinance 2025-2 An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Use and Services Rendered by the Waterworks of the Town of Kouts- Council President Tyler Brock opened the public hearing for comment at 6:01 pm. No member of the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2025-2 An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Use and Services Rendered by the Waterworks of the Town of Kouts- Councilor Salyer motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-2 as written on the second reading. Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2025-1 An Ordinance of the Town of Kouts Authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Pay the Cost of Certain Additions, Extensions and Improvements to the Municipal Waterworks of Said Town, Providing for the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of Said Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including the Issuance of Said Notes in Anticipation of Bonds, and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith- Councilor Wittmer motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-1 as written on the second reading. Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2025-4 A Resolution of the Town of Kouts, Indiana Approving and Authorizing an Assistance Agreement with the Rural Water Financing Agency to Finance One or More Series of Projects for the Town of Kouts, Indiana. Councilor Gant motioned to approve Resolution 2025-4 as written, Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2016 Ford Explorer Bids-Two bids were received for the 2016 Ford Explorer. The first from Ringwood Motors in the amount of \$3500 and the second in the amount of \$5100.25 from Dawn Cooper. Councilor Wittmer motioned to accept Dawn Cooper's bid of \$5100.25. Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: *The minutes of the January 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes: *The minutes of the January 20, 2025 special meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Councilor Gant motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

Approval of Claims: *The Accounts Payable Docket from January 14 to February 10, 2025 was presented to the Council for approval. Councilor Wittmer 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** *reported the annual report is almost complete and will be submitted by the end of the week. Wessler engineering submitted an addendum to their previous contract to update the NPDES permit and Emergency Response Plan. Due to the comments received by IDEM, the Sewer Use Ordinance will need to be updated also. This will require updates to many heavy literature pages. It will also give more detailed guidelines and reimbursement costs should there be any violations. The addendum increases the contact to \$15,000 total. Councilor Salyer motioned to approve Addendum #1, for an additional \$10,800, totaling a maximum amount of \$15,000 with Tyler Brock as signatory on the contract. Councilor Wittmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

Attorney-No report.*

***Park-** *Director Jefferson reported the park barn will be insulated soon.*

Police Department-Interim Police Chief Jim Smith everything has switched over smoothly after the previous chiefs departure. He introduced new hire Officer Glickauf to the council.*

***Plan Commission-** *No report.*

***Building Inspector-** *No report.*

***Storm Water Board-** *Don Sutter reported they will be looking at a new project, Maple and Ross Ave. when it gets closer to summer.*

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

***Fire Department-** Fire Chief Jeremy Gettler reported the new cad system did not go live. They are not sure when this system will be up-to-date. The new fire truck completion date has been pushed back to December.

2025 Leaf and Brush Contract- The 2025 Leaf and Brush Contract was presented for review. The contract is the same price as the previous year totaling \$51,750. Councilor Wittmer motioned to approve the contract as submitted with Tyler Brock as signatory and Councilor Salyer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie A. Tribble
Clerk-Treasurer

absent

Tyler Brock, President



Blake Jefferson, Vice-President



Harold Salyer

absent

CJ Wittmer



Tim Gant