

**Minutes of Meeting
Town of Orleans
June 19, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

The Orleans Town Council met on Thursday, June 19, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Participants were Council President John H. Lindley, Councilman John F. Noblitt, Councilman Randy Clark, Clerk-Treas. Robert F. Henderson, Town Attorney John-Paul Isom, Town Marshal Jim Lindsey, Fire Chief Ronnie Roach and Town Supt. Daniel Houchin.

Guests:

Council President Lindley called the meeting to order with the pledge to the Flag followed by a brief prayer.

J. Noblitt motioned to accept the minutes as presented from May meeting; J. Lindley seconded, all in favor.

Krista Garrison was approved as a new applicant to the Orleans Municipal Fire Department.

The council selected Summers Seamless Guttering to replace the guttering at the town garage at a cost of \$4,071.70, as it contained additional material as the competing quote.

Town Supt. Daniel Houchin reported that work was nearing completion on the town's new pickleball courts. There are still a few more items to complete including the addition of benches and lighting. Signage will also be posted soon with rules and designated hours for the courts.

Houchin also shared that the fountain in historic Congress Square was expected to be returned on or about July 6th after undergoing a period of restoration by the Smock Fansler Corp. in Indianapolis.

Clerk-Treasurer Robert Henderson shared that his office had begun the budget prep for the town's 2026 budget and that he would be meeting with the various department heads in the coming weeks to determine any type of sizeable projects or expenditures for the coming year.

Henderson also presented the final working draft of the updated of the town's policy and procedure manual, which was approved and signed off on by Council members.

Several complaints were received about local property owners who have not cut their grass and weeds, as well numerous as complaints on several unkempt areas around town.

Residents are reminded once again that all lawns and lots in town must be kept mowed, and trash items and other debris picked up. Residents are urged to refrain from blowing grass clippings into the streets and roadways, as this practice is prohibited by local ordinance, clogs the storm drains and contributes to the town's flooding problems during periods of heavy rainfall.

Several residents have been sent notices and those not complying will be turned over to the town attorney. If property owners do not clean up their properties, town employees can do the work and owners be direct billed for it.

The town contracts services of Ron Taylor to spray for mosquitoes and is asking residents to continue to assist in those efforts for general health & safety by keeping all yards and lots mowed off, any brush type items removed, and any type of standing water removed. Old tires should be discarded, and rain gutters & down spouts should be checked & cleaned regularly to allow water to flow freely.

Council members learned that Orleans had excellent drinking water again in 2024. Rigorous testing revealed that the town's drinking water again surpasses all federal, state, and local regulations. Copies of the 2024 Water Quality Report are now available upon request from the Orleans Town Offices or by simply visiting the town's website www.town.orleans.org

Approval was given for Orange County Recycling to place a container for the collection of cardboard on E. Adams Street near the town's pole barn on a trial basis. The Orleans Band Parents can collection area is also expected to be relocated to the site as well in the coming weeks.

Council members also approved a request from the Orleans Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the town park square area for an Antique Tractor Show on July 12th.

No other business, motion by J. Noblitt to adjourn, second by R. Clark, meeting adjourned at approx. 5:52 p.m.



John H. Lindley
Council President



Robert F. Henderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer