

Minutes of Work Session
Town of Orleans
November 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Orleans Town Council met for its monthly general work/study session on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance included Council President John H. Lindley, Councilman John F. Noblitt, Councilman Randy Clark, Town Attorney John-Paul Isom, Town Marshal Jim Lindsey, Fire Chief Ronnie Roach and Town Supt., Daniel Houchin.

Guests: Steve and Elaine Reed, Stephanie Reed, Tom and Belinda Bradley, Jim and Susie Downing, Sheila Salkeld, Emily Brown, Amanda Tucker, Scott Schutte, Eric Parsley, Brady Dryer, and Matt Wirth.

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

Several local residents were in attendance to express concerns with a proposed new egg washing facility to be built in their neighborhood by River View Farms.

Their concerns centered mostly around traffic, lighting, odors, environmental issues, run-off and decreased property values.

The site where the facility is being considered is on the east side of town on SR 337, which was annexed into the town limits in 2004 and designated as a “shovel ready” industrial park, along with the Orleans Plaza property on the south side of Orleans.

Included in the 2004 annexation ordinance was a provision for water and sewer service to be furnished by the town to qualify for the “shovel ready” designation.

The wastewater output from the new facility may require some additional treatment methods to be accepted into the town’s system and efforts are underway by the town’s engineers to determine the necessity of any additional upgrades.

Representatives of Commonwealth Engineers were present to provide the council with an update on the wastewater treatment plant operations regarding the town’s IDEM Agreed Order currently in place and to report on recent communications with River View’s consultants.

A letter was received from Bryan Johnson outlining Riverview’s overall plan for the egg wash plant and it is attached to these minutes.

In other business, Council agreed to change the start time for the regular November 20 meeting from 5 pm to 4:30 pm. An Executive Session was scheduled to be held immediately following the December 3rd work session to conduct annual employee evaluations.

Town Supt. Daniel Houchin reported that the town was now picking up bagged leaves. Trash and bagged leaves must be kept separate for pick-up. The town's Leaf Machine pickup will soon be getting underway as well. Crews will be moving from pile to pile until all the leaves are down and collected and then will make the circuit again. Residents are asked to rake leaves to the tree plat, located between the sidewalk and curb and NOT into the street. Burning of leaves is NOT permitted on any town street or roadway.

Houchin said that his department was also in the process of doing winter type prep around town for the winter months ahead. The week of November 9-15 has been proclaimed as Winter Weather Preparedness Week across Indiana.

Applications are still being accepted for the town's part-time position of planning administrator. Interested persons may apply during regular business hours at the clerk-treasurer's office.

No other business, motion by R. Clark to adjourn, second by J. Noblitt, meeting adjourned at approx. 10:21 a.m.

**John H. Lindley
Council President**

**Robert F. Henderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer**