

**Minutes of Meeting
Town of Orleans
February 19, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

The Orleans Town Council met on Thursday, February 19, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Participants were Council President John H. Lindley, 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: John and Tasha Hopper, and Skylar Whiteman, OCEDP

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 January meeting, R. Clark seconded, all in favor.

John and Natasha Hopper were present to introduce the newly formed Veteran 7 organization. The 501 nonprofit organization's mission is to assist veterans and their families in Orange County. Those wanting more information on the group may contact the Hoppers at 812 844 3576 and/or jhopper@veteran7information.com

Skylar Whitman of the Orange County Economic Development Partnership (OCEDP) was also present to update Council members on an Orange County YMCA Proposal and efforts underway for a feasibility study to determine if there was sufficient area support for such a facility.

Four new applicants for Orleans Municipal Fire were approved: Chris Hubbard, Collin King, Parker Farris, and Kody Curtsinger.

Town Supt. Daniel Houchin announced plans for the Annual Spring Wide Town Clean Up set for March 23-28 with residents and business owners alike encouraged to pitch in and help spruce up Orleans for the spring months ahead.

A complaint was received from a resident on W. Jefferson concerning a neighbor who had a junk camper shell that had been sitting in the alleyway for some time now. Council directed the Town Attorney John-Paul Isom to send a letter to the property owner regarding getting the item(s) in the alley cleaned up and removed.

Council members also asked Isom to pursue whatever legal avenues were available relating to the former Gunther Oberth Property on N. Maple Street. Several complaints have been received from neighbors about several of the windows being broken out, leaving the house unsecured and in general an unsafe type of structure.

Clerk-Treasurer Robert Henderson distributed copies of the town's annual financial report for council's review.

Henderson also noted that the town would be participating in the upcoming Indiana Severe Weather Prep Week March 9-14 and State-Wide Tornado Drill to be conducted on March 10th at 10:15 am.

In other matters, it was learned that the Orange County Tobacco Free Coalition had recently requested a copy of the town's current code regarding prohibiting smoking in municipal buildings and vehicles and requested that the Council and legal counsel review the ordinance for possible needed updates. Council agreed to investigate any possible updated language needed to the present code.

Council President John H. Lindley requested due to a scheduling conflict that the start time be changed for the regular March 19th meeting date from 5 pm to 9 am for that month only.

No other business, motion by J. Noblitt to adjourn, second by R. Clark, meeting adjourned at approx. 5:43 p.m.

John H. Lindley
Council President

Robert F. Henderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer