

**Minutes of Meeting
Town of Orleans
August 20, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

The Orleans Town Council met on Thursday, August 20, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Participants were Council President John H. Lindley, Councilman John F. Noblitt, Councilman Jack Taylor, Clerk-Treas. Robert F. Henderson, Town Attorney John-Paul Isom, Town Marshal Jim Lindsey, Fire Chief Ronnie Roach and Town Supt. Daniel Houchin.

Guests: Larry Padgett, Darren Hudelson, Greg Hamilton, Bob Robbins, Dennis Robertson and Scott Schutte.

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 July meeting, J. Taylor seconded, all in favor.

Greg Hamilton of Springer and Springer Insurance was present to give an overview of the town's health insurance renewal with SIHO Insurance Services for the coming year. Hamilton said that there was only a 1% increase in the premium over last year and no reduction in coverage for the fourteen town employees presently enrolled.

Currently the town pays a monthly premium of \$23,276.96 with the increase that price will go to \$23,597.92 starting October 1st. After a brief discussion Council voted 3-0 to accept the SIHO renewal proposal as submitted.

Council also heard a resident complaint from Bob Robbins relating to an on-going dispute with a neighbor and property lines on W. Adams. Town Attorney John-Paul Isom was directed to investigate the matter further.

Darren Hudelson and Larry Padgett were in attendance to ask the Council's blessings to be able to operate horse and carriage rides on weekends through late fall. The rides will depart and return from Hometown Scoops. Hudelson provided a certificate of insurance with the town listed as an additional insurer and said the horse would be equipped with a diaper. Hudelson said the rides will be limited to the west side of town and will not cross or involve SR 37. Council gave their nod of approval.

In other business, Council also made a limited number of appointments in which had been filled by the late Councilman Randy Clark. Jack Taylor was tapped to serve as the town liaison on the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission through year's end.

Clerk-Treasurer Robert Henderson provided an update on the 2027 Budget Prep and informed Council members that a sizeable reduction will be needed in the casino appropriations in the budget for the current year. Henderson said that the town's overall casino monies have continued to dwindle considerably over what they once were in the past and that any spending from the casino fund will very likely need to be more prioritized going forward. Council agreed to act on the reduction in appropriations at their next general work and study session on September 2nd.

Fall Town-Wide Clean Up has been set for October 5-9 with residents encouraged to pitch in to help clean up around the community for the fall and winter months ahead.

Town officials will once again participate along with other cities and towns in the upcoming Aim (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities) Ideas Summit on September 29-October 1st at French Lick.

No other business, motion by J. Noblitt to adjourn, second by J. Taylor, meeting adjourned at approx. 5:50 p.m.

**John H. Lindley
Council President**

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

**Minutes of Work Session
Town of Orleans
September 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

Orleans Town Council met for its monthly general work/study session on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance included Council President John H. Lindley, Councilman John F. Noblitt, Councilman Jack Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer Robert F. Henderson, Town Attorney John-Paul Isom, Town Marshal Jim Lindsey, Fire Chief Ronnie Roach and Town Supt., Daniel Houchin.

Guests: Tonya Sloan, Dennis Robertson, and Jessica Condra.

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

Tonya Sloan, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coordinator for Orange County was present to thank the town for all their efforts to help promote smoke free environments and public spaces. She also highlighted some of her group's activities in Orleans this past year.

Town Superintendent Daniel Houchin updated Council members on repair work needed at the former Boyer Building due to the back of the building recently being struck by a vehicle. Houchin said the accident resulted in considerable damage to both the exterior and interior space presently occupied by the Freestyle Salon. The driver who was at fault for the crash, insurance coverage is expected to cover the cost of the repairs.

A quote submitted by Orleans Fire to purchase five new sets of turnout gear was reviewed and approved. The quote was \$18,719.20 from 911 Fleet & Fire Equipment out of Florence, KY.

Councilman Jack Taylor was appointed to fill a vacancy on the town's Planning Commission that was created by the passing of former Councilman Randy Clark in May.

Town Clerk Robert Henderson, in a related matter to the 2027 Budget Prep presented a formal Resolution for the Council's consideration for a reduction in appropriations in the Riverboat Budget for the current year in the amount of \$150,500. Council gave their nod and approval for the reduction.

A public hearing will be conducted on the 2027 Budget at the regular September 17th meeting at 5:30 pm.

Planning Administrator Dennis Robertson provided a brief update on unkempt property complaints received to date. Residents are reminded once again that lawns and lots in town must be kept mowed, and trash items and other debris picked up.

Several residents have been sent recent 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.

Fall Town Wide Clean is set for the week of October 5th with residents and business owners being encouraged to do their part to help clean up across town for the fall and winter months ahead.

No other business, motion by J. Noblitt to adjourn, second by J. Taylor, meeting adjourned at approx. 9:34 a.m.

**John H. Lindley
Council President**

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