

06-24-2025 Town Council Meeting

Grants Ordinances Community Waste Water Treatment Plant

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 2025-06-24 6:00pm
- Location: Town Hall 205 E Walnut St. Chalmers, IN
- Attendees: Council President Pam Brown, Council Vice President Amy LaOrange, Council Member Lee Trippett, Fire Chief Mike Hill, Kevin Ward, Town Marshal Jim Bolen, Marcus King, Ashley White, Pam Hiner, Scott Robinson (6:30pm), Town Engineer Ken Smith, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Linda Herget. Not in Attendance: Council Member Fred Schrader, Council Member Josh Rinehart and Clerk Treasurer Rene'e Collier.

Meeting Notes

1. Town Council Meeting Discussions on Grants, Ordinances, Financials, and Repairs

- **Ordinances**
Discussion on Ordinance 2009-13 Golf Cart Ordinance changes to sections 3, 7, 9, Rear Mirror, change to red/amber lights or slow moving vehicle signage and fines updated to across the board. Burn Ordinance 2016-17 section 8 fines and fees, lift burn ordinance during times of storm damage with a lot of limbs. Sidewalk Ordinance needs updated, too many grey areas and update to include sidewalk restoration. Need a resolution establishing the Code Enforcement Officer Position. ADA and Title VI Compliance. Resolution/Ordinance to determine where ordinance violation fees collected should go. Ordinance to set case report fees to match county fees (\$12 to \$15 per page) Motion to approve \$15 per page was made by (CVP) LaOrange, seconded by (CM) Trippett and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays.
- **Town Engineer Report**
Ken Smith updated us on the new CCMG dates are not set yet but when they if we qualify for one the grant will pay for 80% of the project sounds like next round will be in January. We can have three grants open at once (buildings, storm sewers). The estimate for covering the clarifier at the

WWTP is \$25,000 to just cover the clarifier and \$40,000 to cover the whole unit.

- **Street Dept. and Utility Issues**

WWTP solids are coming to the top are causing duck weed to grow and the fish nets are not working; we may need to purchase pool skimmer to help until repairs are complete. Three of the six bulbs are out on the UV lighting. Ken Smith will get ahold of Trojan to order bulbs and ballast. The WWTP is due for state inspection anytime and they are aware it is under repair. Doug's phone is still not working we need to get it fixed. Doug is not receiving Misson Alerts.

- **Claims and Minutes and Financial Reports**

Claims for 6/10 and 6/24 were presented to the council and a motion to approve was given by (CVP) LaOrange, seconded by (CM) Trippett and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays. Minutes for 5/27 and 6/10 were presented and a motion to approve was given by (CVP) LaOrange and seconded by (CM) Trippett and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays. Council reviewed and signed Miscellaneous Receipts for May 2025 and reviewed the Fund Report with Investments.

- **Marshal Update**

Someone curious was on walking trail. Pam Hiner said "No one checked on it." (CP) Brown asked "Who needs to make what decisions? Part of the problem is that the town board doesn't know what the park board is doing."

- **Fire Department Report**

The town council has asked Kurt Keller to be the EMA Board Member for the Town of Chalmers. Fire Chief Mike Hill stated that we need to petition the state to get cross arms put at the tracks on Main Street after the wreck with fatalities. Ken Smith will contact INDOT to get the petition started.

- **Park Report**

The address sign will be put on building by volunteers. Andy Funk of Funk Mechanical donated water fountain parts and motion lights for the splash pad pavilion. Bruce Hiner installed magnets on the bathroom doors at the splash pad pavilion to help keep them from opening with strong wind gusts. There will a golf cart parade and poker run on Saturday the 19th @ 3:30pm weather permitting.

- **Scott Robinson WWTP Operator**

The Gear box is out and has been since April or May.

The incubator lab needs to be at 30 to 60 degrees and the air conditioner is not cutting it.

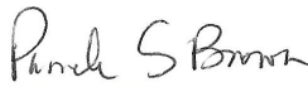
Eye wash fountain needs to be hooked up with water supply in the lab.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. Motion to adjourn was given by (CVP) LaOrange, seconded by (CM) Trippett and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays.

Common Council Meeting Minutes for June 24th, 2025


Clerk Treasurer 

Council President  ☒ Yay or Nay Abstain

Council Vice President  ☒ Yay or Nay Abstain

Council Member  ☒ Yay or Nay Abstain

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Signed this 12th day of August, 2025