

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dickey at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call, declaration of a quorum being present.

Members present were: Steve Dickey, Ryan Moore, Lucas Beaty and Kevin Walker. Norma Meyer was absent. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Jackie Todd, Kimmi Mullen, Tommy Mullen, Terri Craig, Kendra Moore, Mason Plunk, Logan Faulconer, Joey Hatfield, Kyle Lane, Darrin Kramer, Adam Springsted and Houston Benson.

3. Prayer.

Mayor Steve Dickey said a prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board members and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance

5. Discussion and possible action to open public hearing to receive recommendations on community development needs for the Town of Porter for the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to open the public hearing for comment. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Darrin Kramer presented information about the CDBG application process to the town trustees and the audience. The trustees discussed continuing improvements to the wastewater treatment plant by rehabilitating the current clarifier. There were no comments from the audience.

6. Discussion and possible action to close the public hearing for the 2026 CDBG application.

Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to close the public hearing for comment. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

7. Mayor to address the Board.

Mayor Steve Dickey addressed the Board, noting that it marked the one-year anniversary of the current terms of office. He reviewed accomplishments achieved over the past year. Mayor Dickey

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reported that two new employees were hired to assist with right-of-way cleanup and tree trimming, which has resulted in numerous compliments from residents. He expressed his appreciation to the field employees for their hard work, and the Board also

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conveyed their appreciation. He recognized Kimmi Mullen for her efforts in reducing outstanding balances for the Porter Public Works Authority and for maintaining strong oversight. He also acknowledged Kendra Moore for her work in grant writing and related efforts that have benefited the Town.

Mayor Dickey highlighted several completed and ongoing projects, including updates to Town buildings, installation of new pavilions, tree removal, and planned dedication ceremonies for the new pavilions and benches. He stated committees have been established to encourage community involvement in ongoing improvements. A memorial bench program has also been implemented.

He stated that the Town has initiated the second phase of its beautification program, which will include the installation of antique streetlights and flags on all light posts. Additional plans include the development of a veterans and retired firefighters memorial wall, as well as a dedicated area to honor renowned individuals from the community.

Mayor Dickey noted that infrastructure improvements were also accomplished during this first year. The water transmission line project has been completed through 2nd Street, with the second phase extending to the water tower currently underway. Improvements to the wastewater treatment plant have been completed, with additional upgrades in progress.

Mayor Dickey reported the purchase of new equipment, including a commercial mower, track hoe, and skid steer, as well as the receipt of grant funding for street paving projects. He also noted upgrades to the Red Barn at the Fairgrounds, including the addition of heating and air conditioning, and the return of annual events along with new events being planned.

In closing, Mayor Dickey thanked the Board of Trustees for their time, dedication, and teamwork. He also expressed appreciation to Town Attorney Terri Craig for her prompt assistance and guidance. He concluded by expressing his hope that the coming year will bring continued growth and even greater accomplishments for the Town of Porter.

8. Opening and reading aloud bids for the 2026 transportation project within the town limits consisting of approximately 5360 LF of 2" asphalt overlay.

Mayor Steve Dickey opened the sealed bids and Ryan Moore read the bids aloud. There were eight sealed bids submitted. The trustees discussed the amounts, noting that the bid submitted

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by Anglers GC specified an optional bid amount that would include repairing the road before any overlay was applied, if needed.

9. Awarding bid for above listed transportation project.

Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to award the bid for the 2026 transportation project to Anglers GC in the amount of \$174,128.00. The motion was seconded by Kevin Walker. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

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10. Necessary action concerning approval of the consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. Approval of the purchase orders.
- c. Approval of the payroll purchase orders.

Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

11. Consideration and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda. There were no items removed from the consent agenda

12. Appearances or petitions from the audience.

- (a) Cory and Melanie Merritt (Porter Lions Club) concerning Peach Festival. The Merritt's did not appear.
- (b) Others from the audience.
There were no appearances from the audience.

13. Discussion and possible action concerning:

- (a) Approval of Resolution 2026-1, requesting assistance from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce in community development for the fiscal year of 2026. Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-1. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.
- (b) Adoption of a 2026 Citizen Participation Plan for the Town of Porter for the CDBG application.

Ryan Moore made the motion to adopt the 2026 Citizen Participation Plan. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

- (c) Selection of a project for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant. Ryan Moore made the motion to rehabilitate the existing wastewater treatment clarifier as the project for the 2026 CDBG application. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

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- (d) Authorizing Mayor to execute CDBG application documents.
Ryan Moore made the motion to authorize Mayor Steve Dickey to execute CDBG application documents. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.
- (e) Assigning Kendra Moore as signatory to execute documents on Oklahoma Grants Exchange (OGX).
Ryan Moore made the motion to authorize Kendra Moore as signatory to execute documents on Oklahoma Grants Exchange (OGX). The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.
- (f) Town of Porter beautification project.
No action was taken on this item.
- (g) Town Hall beautification project.
Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to purchase the trees and plants that are needed to complete the project at the town hall. The motion was seconded by Kevin Walker. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.
- (h) Purchasing table for Civic Center.
Jackie Todd stated that at least three more rectangle tables are needed at the Civic Center. Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to purchase three eight foot rectangle tables for the Civic Center. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.
- (i) Approval for Consolidated Communications to build a buried fiber infrastructure for Google through the town limits on 413th East Avenue between East 191st Street and East Derby Avenue (the project for Google will run from Pryor, OK to Muskogee,

OK and will pass through the Town of Porter town limits as stated above). Mr. Kyle Lane appeared on behalf of Vytal Digital Infrastructure. He stated that the line will run from Neosho to Muskogee. Mayor Steve Dickey said that the Town is willing to coordinate with Consolidated Communications and its subcontractors, but the Town currently has an improvement project in progress in that area. The Town employees have been working to remove trees that are in the right of way and have several large stumps remaining. Jackie Todd also specified that the line needed to be bored down to 3 feet deep. Mr. Lane agreed that the company would bore 3 feet deep and that Consolidated Communications would be willing to rent the town a track hoe for a week that would be large enough to remove the remaining stumps on 413th East Avenue

(First Street) within the town limits. He said their company planned to write a

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check in the amount of \$2,300.00 to \$2,600.00 to cover rental of the required equipment. Attorney Terri Craig suggested that an agreement be written up that assured the town would be able to have the equipment for the amount of time needed to complete the project, in the case that weather or another unforeseen circumstance required the equipment rental for longer than a week. Mr. Lane stated that he believed their company would be willing to agree to those terms because they would like to come through the town limits with the fiber as soon as possible. Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to approve attorney Terri Craig to write an agreement that includes the stipulations that were discussed during the meeting and for the agreement to be placed on a special meeting agenda to be discussed and voted on.

- (j) Approval of letter for new residents to sign when moving into the town limits. Motion was made by Ryan Moore to approve the letter for new residents to sign when they are moving into the town limits which informs them of the requirement to register dogs six months or older and to agree to keep a clean property according to the town ordinances. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.
- (k) Porter Peach Festival
No action was taken on this item.

14. Reports from:

(a) Fire Department.

Fire Chief Adam Springsted reported that the fire department responded to 59 calls, including 32 medical calls, 2 illegal to burn, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 14 brush fires, 1 vehicle fire, 1 public assist and 1 structure fire. He said the water usage was 14,200 gallons. Chief Springsted presented build specs for a fire tanker pumper truck to replace the current big tanker that the fire department would like to purchase. Mayor Steve Dickey said the purchase can be placed on a special meeting agenda for

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discussion, after approval from the fire department meeting. Chief Springsted also reported that the new storm sirens have been built and are ready to be installed.

(b) Mayor and Vice Mayor.

There were no reports.

15. New business.

There was no new business.

16. Adjournment.

Mayor Steve Dickey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Lucas Beaty, and Kevin Walker.

Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

KENDRA MOORE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK