

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 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: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Lucas Beaty was absent. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Kimberly Mullen, Kendra Moore, Adam Springsted, Jackie Todd, Dahlita Tracy, Paul Wood, David Brewer, and Shirley Herring.

3. Appearance from Cory and Melanie Merritt (Porter Lion's Club) concerning the 2026 Porter Peach Festival.

Since Cory and Melanie Merritt were running late and were not present at this time, Mayor Steve Dickey passed this item to later in the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning:

(a) 2026 REAP Transportation Project through Indian Nations Council of Government (INCOG).

Deputy Town Clerk Kendra Moore said the bids for this project came in lower than the grant amount by \$11,512.00. She said INCOG wants to know how the Town of Porter would like to proceed with the remaining REAP funds. Kendra said the representative from INCOG said if the town keeps the grant the same, the \$11,512.00 would have to be returned to INCOG, but the town would not have to pay the \$30,000.00 that was put in the grant for the town to pay. The representative said if the town would like to utilize the remaining \$11,512.00, the town would have to do a big chance order and pay the \$30,000.00 that the town allocated for the project.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to keep the grant the same. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

(b) Town Hall Beautification Project.

Norma Meyer said she is still waiting to see if Sanders Nursery is going to donate any plants, flowers, or trees for this project. She said VR Home Improvements still need to put the flashing up and clean the windows.

No action was taken on this item.

Cory and Melanie Merritt come into the Board meeting; therefore, Mayor Steve Dickey went back to item 3 on the agenda, appearance from Cory and Melanie Merritt (Porter Lion's Club) concerning the 2026 Porter Peach Festival.

Cory Merritt said last year's Peach Festival worked out well, so everything this year is about the same as last year. Melanie Merritt said the Lions Club will have a bus available to transport people from parking spaces to downtown. She asked if it would be possible for people to park at the red barn. Jackie Todd said the red barn is

rented during the Peach Festival. Jackie Todd said the land on the southeast corner of Hale Avenue and First Street is cleared off and could be used for parking. Mayor Dickey said the Town could install an entry into this land, so people would be able to park there. Melanie said this land sounds like good place for people to park. Mayor Dickey said the Town will work with the Lions Club if they need any help with the Peach Festival.

(c) Date and time of dedication ceremony for improvements at the Porter Town Hall Building.

The Board members discussed having the ceremony on a Saturday sometime before Memorial Day. Motion was made by Norma Meyer to have the dedication ceremony at noon on Saturday, May 23, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer and Kevin Walker. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(d) Purchase of pumper/tanker truck by the Porter Volunteer Fire Department.

The Board members looked at pictures and information on the pumper/tanker truck. Fire Chief said this truck will be purchased with county funds. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to approve the purchase of a pumper/tanker truck by the Porter Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Kevin Walker. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

(e) Consolidated Communications installing a buried fiber infrastructure through the town limits on 413th East Avenue between East 191st Street and East Derby Avenue.

Mayor Steve Dickey at the meeting held on April 2, 2026, the Board members voted to have Town Attorney Terri Craig write up an agreement that included the stipulations that were discussed during that meeting and for this agreement to be placed on a special meeting agenda to be discussed and voted on. He said the stipulations that were to be included in the agreement were not feasible; therefore, he would like to rescind the motion.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to rescind the motion made at the April 2, 2006, meeting and to have Consolidated Communications to pay the Town \$15,000.00, plus attorney fees, and agree that the Town will have no liability for any damage caused by this infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

(f) Town of Porter Beautification Project

(g) Purchasing flags, poles and material needed to attach flags to the streetlight posts in the Town limits.

Mayor Steve Dickey put these two agenda items together. Norma Meyer said three benches have been received and need to be assembled. She said she has plaques for two of the benches. Norma was these benches will be dedicated at the dedication ceremony.

Norma Meyer said the fiber glass poles for the flags are working out well. She said the flags, poles and material needed to attach the poles to the streetlight posts will cost about \$3,000.00. She said she had already paid for some of the material. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to purchase flags, poles and material needed to attach flags to the streetlight posts in the Town limits, if money is available and to reimburse Norma Meyer for the amount she has spent. The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

(h) Closing streets for the 2026 Porter Peach Festival.

There is a resolution in place to close the streets during the Peach Festival. The Board members looked over the resolution. No action was taken on this item.

(i) Town Clean Up Day.

At the meeting held on March 5, 2026, the Board members voted to have a clean-up day on April 25, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Board members discussed keeping the date the same. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to require people dumping to show a current water bill as proof that they live in the Porter town limits. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

(j) Dedication of public right-of-way on South G Street.

Mayor Steve Dickey said it is recorded in the deeds of the property owners along this street that there is a 50 foot easement for the street, but this easement is not in the Town's name. He said the Town needs to get the residents to dedicate this road to the Town. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to accept the dedication of public right-of-way on South G Street upon the approval of all property owners. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, and Kevin Walker. Voted no: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK