

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 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, Kevin Walker, and Lucas Beaty. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Jackie Todd, Kimberly Mullen, Tommy Mullen, Sophia Mullen, Kendra Moore, Paul Wood, Dahlita Tracy, Adam Springsted, Amy Dozier, Stephanie Henson, Terri Craig, and Shirley Herring.

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. 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.

Motion was made by Norma Meyer to approve the consent agenda (items a, b, and c). The motion was seconded by Ryan Moore. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, Kevin Walker, and Lucas Beaty. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

7. Appearances or petitions from the audience:

There were no appearances or petitions from the audience.

8. Discussion and possible action concerning:

- (a) Purchasing storage tubs for storing Christmas lights and decorations.

Norma Meyer said the storage tubs are no longer needed. No action was taken on this item.

- (b) Topping trees away from electric wires in Town limits.

Mayor Steve Dickey said the employees have been cutting down trees in the right-of-way and alleys. He said there are a lot of trees that have branches in the power lines. Mayor Dickey said he doesn't want the employees to cut the branches out of the power lines. He said this needs to be done by a professional company that does this type of work. Jackie Todd said a professional tree service charges \$1,200.00 per day. He said it will probably take one day to get all the trees topped. Motion was made by Norma Meyer to hire a professional tree service for one day. The motion was seconded by Kevin Walker. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, Kevin Walker, and Lucas Beaty. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(c) Town of Porter beautification project.

Mayor Steve Dickey said they are still waiting to get the cost of the lamp posts. He said flags will be purchased be put on the poles for difference occasions, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. No action was taken on this item.

(d) Town Hall beautification project.

Mayor Steve Dickey said the first phase of this project has been completed. He said the windows on the Town Hall building between the building and the fire department will be blocked. He said drains will be installed in the large pavilion. He still when it rains, the rainwater is not going out of pavilion. Norma Meyer said she has spoken with some people that are interested in purchasing memorial benches. No action was taken on this item.

(e) Approval to move storage building from Greenwood Cemetery to Porter Fairgrounds.

Mayor Steve Dickey said this storage building is not being used at the Cemetery. He said it would be used at the Fairgrounds to storage tables and chairs. He said when people rent the building but do not want to use the chairs and tables, the tables and chairs could be put in the storage building. Jackie Todd said this building will be put on the West side of the property. Motion was made by Norma Meyer to approve moving the storage building from Greenwood Cemetery to the Porter Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, Kevin Walker, and Lucas Beaty. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(f) Writing Town Ordinances.

Mayor Steve Dickey said previously the Town Attorney wrote up new ordinances if a legal matter was involved in the ordinance. He said the Town Clerk wrote up other ordinances that just required an item or two to be changed or a new section added. He said this matter hadn't been discussed since a new Town Attorney was hired. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to have the Town Clerk work with the Town Attorney and let them decide which person should write up the ordinance when a new ordinance needs to be written. The motion was seconded by Lucas Beaty. Voted yes: Ryan Moore, Steve Dickey, Norma Meyer, Kevin Walker, and Lucas Beaty. Vote No: None. Motion carried.

9. Reports from:

(a) Fire Department.

Fire Chief Adam Springsted reported that the firefighters responded to 45 calls in December, which included 24 medical calls, 11 motor vehicle accidents, 4 brush fires, and 2 vehicle fires. He said the fire department used 4,200 gallons of water in December. Mayor Steve Dickey said the Town has received a grant to install two new storm sirens.

(b) Mayor and Vice-Mayor

Mayor Steve Dickey said he has been putting out feelers to home builders about building new homes in Porter. He said one builder is interested in building 25 new homes in Porter. Mayor Dickey said he would like to revamp city park. He said he would like to take out the tennis court and put in a pickle ball court. He said he would also like to put in a splash pad. Mayor Dickey said the Town received a grant to pave the roads in Porter Acres. He said this will be the first time the roads are paved. He said the roads in this addition have been gravel roads, ever such the addition was developed. Mayor Dickey said the employees have been

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working to clear the right-of-way on First Street. He said this should help the flooding problem in this area.

Vice-Mayor Norma Meyer said she would like to thank the employees for their help in putting up and taking down the Christmas lights and Christmas decorations at Town hall. She said they did a good job.

10. New business.

There was no new business to be discussed.

11. Adjournment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK