

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025

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: Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. Bradah Littlefield came into the meeting at 6:04 p.m., during necessary action concerning approval of the consent agenda. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Jackie Todd, Dahlita Tracy, Paul Wood, Sheila Buster, Adam Springsted, Kendra Moore, Graham Moore, Kimmie Mullen, Tommy Mullen, Dennis Moreland, Ashley Smith, 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 meetings.
- 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 Kristin Eaton. Voted yes: Bradah Littlefield, Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. 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:

- a. A representative from HELLO THC regarding obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy for this business.

The representative from HELLO THC was not present at the meeting.

- b. Sheila Buster concerning damage to her vehicle.

Sheila Buster appeared before the Board. Ms. Buster said her car was damaged when she hit a pothole at the intersection of Finale Avenue and Main Street by the stop sign. She submitted a claim for \$525.52 for the cost to repair her car.

- c. Others from the audience.

There were no other appearances or petitions from others in the audience.

8. Discussion and possible action concerning:

(a) Cemetery Maintenance

Mayor Steve Dickey said since the last meeting when the cemetery maintenance was discussed, it has been too rainy and wet to do the maintenance that the Board said needed to be done. Norma Meyer said at the last meeting, the Board discussed placing signs at the corner of Highway 51B and Main Street and by Lions Park, pointing in the direction of the cemetery. It was brought up that there should also be a sign to direct people to Lincoln Cemetery. Norma said the sign for Lincoln Cemetery could be placed at the intersection of Hale Avenue and 9th Street. Norma said the signs could be attached to the stop signs. Jackie Todd said since Highway 51B is a State highway, the Town would have to obtain permission from the State Highway Department to attach the signs to the stop signs.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to purchase three cemetery signs. The motion was seconded by Kevin Walker. Voted yes: Bradah Littlefield, Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(b) Approval of Haylee Moreland as a new firefighter for the Porter Fire Department.

Fire Chief Adam Springsted gave the application submitted by Haylee Moreland to the Board members, for them to review. Adam said there are currently 15 members on the fire department.

Motion was made by Bradah Littlefield to approve Haylee Moreland as a new firefighter for the Porter Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Bradah Littlefield, Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(c) Allowing a Back-to-School party to be held at Lions Park with the town to furnish the water for the event (water for the Fire Department to spray children and bottled water for drinking).

Dennis Moreland said the event is being planned for August 9th. He said the last time the event was held, the Fire Department sprayed water on the kids and the Town purchased bottled water for drinking. Dennis said the Realtors will furnish hot dogs. He said some of the businesses are donating school supplies to be given to the kids. Mayor Steve Dickey said he will personally donate the bottled water for the event.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to allow a Back-to-School party to be held at Lions Park with the town to allow the Fire Department to spray water on the children. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Bradah Littlefield, Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(d) Sheila Buster's claim for damages to her vehicle.

The Board members looked over the estimate that Sheila Buster submitted. This estimate was from Shelton and Gray Wheel Service for \$525.52 for front end work to her car. Norma Meyer said if the pothole was by the stop sign, Ms. Buster would have had to stop; therefore, she doesn't see how it could have done that much damage to her car. Mayor Steve Dickey said there is not adequate information to prove that her car was damaged by hitting the pothole.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to deny Sheila Buster's claim of damage to her vehicle. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Bradah Littlefield, Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

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9. Reports from:

(a) Fire Department.

Fire Chief Adam Springsted reported that the firefighters responded to 27 calls in June, which included 21 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 brush fires, 1 vehicle fire, and 2 gas leaks. He said the fire department used 900 gallons of water in June. Adam said the storm siren located on Hale Avenue is not rotating. He said this siren needs to be replaced. He said a new siren costs about \$22,000.00.

(b) Mayor and Vice-Mayor

Mayor Steve Dickey said the fireworks show is tonight at the Porter Fairgrounds. He said the beautification project for the grounds at town hall is coming along.

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: Bradah Littlefield, Norma Meyer, Steve Dickey, Kevin Walker, and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK