

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 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 Kendra Moore, Kimberly Mullen, Tommy Mullen, Sophia Mullen, Paul Wood, Dahlita Tracy, Adam Springsted, Jackie Todd, Joey Hatfield, Teddy Cook, 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 Lucas Beaty. 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) Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-2, amending Sections 8-102, 8-104, 8-106, 8-115, and adding Sections 8-116 and 8-117 to Health and Sanitation, Chapter 1, Weeds and Trash.

Since Town Attorney Terri Craig was running late and was not present at this time, Mayor Steve Dickey passed this item to later in the meeting.

(b) Sponsoring an Easter egg hunt.

Town clerk Shirley Herring said the ladies from the First Baptist Church said they have a lot of plastic eggs and they will fill the eggs, if the Town will get the candy to fill the eggs. Mayor Steve Dickey said the Town cannot purchase candy with town funds. He said the Town will get donations to purchase the candy. The Board members discussed the time and place for the Easter egg hunt. Motion was made by Norma Meyer to have the Easter egg hunt at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday April 4, 2026, at the red barn. 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.

(c) Approval of having a Town clean up day and setting the time and date for the clean up.

The Board members discussed having a spring clean up day. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to approve having a Town clean up day on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the Town to order 6 dumpsters for the clean up day. 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.

Town Attorney Teri Craig came into the meeting; therefore, Mayor Steve Dickey was back to item 8 (a) on the agenda, adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-2, amending Sections 8-102, 8-104, 8-106, 8-115, and adding Sections 8-116 and 8-117 to Health and Sanitation, Chapter 1, Weeds and Trash.

The Board members looked over the ordinance. Town Attorney Terri Craig said under Section 8-115, Dilapidated Personal Property In View, she would like to add commercial establishment and residence; therefore the section would read as follows: No person or commercial establishment shall allow any dilapidated personal property to remain outside any residence, building, or other portion of a building or dwelling which he owns or occupies

. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-2, amending Sections 8-102, 8-104, 8-106, 8-115, and adding Sections 8-116 and 8-117 to Health and Sanitation, Chapter 1, Weeds and Trash with the changes added by the town attorney. 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.

(d) Project to apply for with the fiscal year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG).

Deputy Town Clerk Kendra Moore said the Town can apply for a \$600,000.00 project, if the project is something that will benefit the entire community. The Board members discussed applying for a new clarifier for the wastewater treatment plant. Motion was made Steve Dickey to apply for the purchase and installation of a new clarifier for the wastewater treatment plant. 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.

(e) Town of Porter beautification project

Norma Meyer said the Town must get approve from Public Service Company to put the flags on the telephone poles. Joey Hatfield said the Town can't use metal flag poles. Norma said they would like to put flags on all the electric poles that have a light. She said there are about 25 to 30 streetlights. No action was taken on this item

(f) Town Hall beautification project.

Norma Meyer talked about planting flowers, plants, and trees at the Town Hall. She said four trees will need to be purchased. She said the trees cost about \$300.00 each. She said the trees are in 30-gallon containers. Lucas Beaty said he will talk to Sanders Nursery and see if they will make some kind of deal for the Town. Norma Meyer said the beautification committee would like to have the Town purchase four picnic tables to place under the two pavilions. She said the picnic tables, which are made of recycled laminate material, cost \$1,290.00 each.

Norma Meyer said she received a quote from VR Home Improvements for \$12,005.00 to replace the roof boards on the north side of Town Hall, wrap metal flashing over the boards, block 5 windows, install rock around the columns in front of Town Hall, seal rock, and install a timer for the lights in the pavilions.

Motion was made by Steve Dickey to approve VR Home Improvements to do the work listed in the above quote for \$1,2005.00 pending funds being available. 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.

(g) Purchasing two battery operated weed eaters.

No action was taken on this item. Mayor Steve Dickey said the item will be discussed and voted on in the Porter Public Work Authority meeting.

(h) Hiring a general laborer.

Mayor Steve Dickey said he would like to take applications for a general laborer. He said the job opening could be announced on the internet. He said some applications have already been received, but he would like to take applications for a little longer. No action was taken on this item.

9. Request for an Executive Session as authorized by O.S. Title 25 §307 (B) (1) concerning employment of employee, John Liles.

The Board members did not go into Executive Session.

10. The members of the Board of Trustees will consider and take any action deemed appropriate by members of the Board of Trustees arising out of the discussion held in the foregoing executive session.

No Executive Session was held. Mayor Steve Dickey said employee John Liles is not working out. He said John is not showing up for work. He said he is a good worker, but he misses too many days of work. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to terminate the employment of employee John Liles. 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.

11. Reports from:

(a) Fire Department.

Fire Chief Adam Springsted reported that the firefighters responded to 47 calls in February which included 28 medical calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 12 brush fires, 1 vehicle fire, and 1 public assistance. He said the fire department used 4,600 gallons of water in February. Mayor Steve Dickey said the fire department is working to get the new storm sirens installed. Jackie Todd said Wagoner County is going to donate the land to Porter for a siren to be placed on.

(b) Mayor and Vice-Mayor

Mayor Steve Dickey said mowing season is here. He said he would like to hire another employee to mow. He said they will put a plan together for the mowing. He said the mowers and weed eaters are ready. He said most of the alleys are done. He said the employees clearing out the trees on the corner of First Street and Dixieland have helped the school with their flooding problem. Mayor Dickey said the employees are doing a good job.

Mayor Dickey said he would like for the Town to have a dedication ceremony to dedicate the pavilions to people who have served the town over the years.

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Vice Mayor Norma Meyer said there is a problem with the trash company. She said the people picking up the trash are only taking the bags out of the dumpsters. She said they are not dumping the loose trash out of the dumpsters. She said sometimes they do not even get all the bags out of the dumpsters. Jackie Todd said the owner of the trash company should come to the next meeting.

12. New business.

Jackie Todd said in January, the Board approved hiring a professional company to top the trees that have branches in the power lines. He said there are probably about 5 or 6 additional trees that need to be topped. He said the professional tree company charges \$1,200.00 per day. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to hire the professional tree service for one more day. 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.

13. 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 7:32 p.m.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK