



MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
June 15, 2026

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN, COUNCILOR ANTHONY GIGER, COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

COUNCILOR ABSENT: COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE,
CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY ABSENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS, UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT BLACKWELL, STREET DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR TONY PIKE

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lisa Linter, Phil Montarsi, Greg Nelson, Hope Nutt, Joe Nutt, Jim Higgins

Council President Henson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

A representative from the Johnson County Library gave a year end update. The Johnson County Library system ranks third in the state for program attendance, with over a million items checked out and 400,000 visits last year. Upcoming programs include a "Series of America 250 Conference" planned within Trafalgar (June-August/Fall) and a Military Day at the armory on November 7th. The library is partnering with the town's new chamber for several large county programs.

Hope Nutt lives on Parmalee Drive and said severe water runoff onto their property due to a change in road leveling directing all road water onto their driveway and against their garage wall, causing a hole under the garage. The leveling is due to a paving project completed by the Town. Mrs. Nutt requests the Town inspect the road before milling, potentially milling down the edge to restore the original grade, and has offered to share the expense for a gutter system. Street Supervisor, Tony Pike will inspect the issue.

Debbie Daniels said the ditch at the corner of Andy, Bauer and Lakeview has become a "big mud pit" with standing water, foul smell, and mosquitoes. The street department used to mow, but has changed to spraying, which prevents grass growth and causes erosion. She stated she has put some riprap in the ditch and requests more riprap be added to help with the smell, mosquitoes, and erosion. Mr. Pike is going to remove the riprap in order to clean out the ditch and remove excess sediment to improve drainage and add more rock.

PARK BOARD REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger stated she was given an invoice by the Park Board for new lighting at the ball diamond. Mrs. Lyden-Giger said she needs to get this paid before the next meeting and requested approval to do so. Discussion was made about the type and lighting and whether or not it will be sufficient and not increase the Town's electric bill. Councilor Anthony Giger is going to contact Catherine Gleason in order to find out more information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve the May 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes and May 28, 2026 special meeting minutes. Council President Henson seconded. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers said all new cameras are installed, with Scott Wells working on separating license plate reader cameras. Officer Anderson and Building Inspector Phil Montarsi have tagged numerous abandoned vehicles for cleanup.

Issues with residents feuding over loud noises have highlighted the vagueness of the "disturbing the peace" ordinance, which lacks specific penalties. Marshal Southers asked if Council can review and update ordinances, particularly regarding noise and traffic violations.

Marshal Southers spoke about issuing State speeding citations rather than local ordinance tickets. There could be potential costs associated with court proceedings for contested ordinance violations. Officer Anderson suggested having a local ordinance speeding violation where the offender would pay the violation at the Clerk-Treasurer's office and more of the funds would go toward the police department. Marshal Southers is going to research how other local cities like Greenwood and Franklin, which have their own courts, handle ordinance tickets. Discussion occurred regarding splitting costs for park cameras and Wi-Fi hotspots between the police department and park budget, with a request for itemized work for security vs. other uses.

UTILITY REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his five-year emergency management plan. It requires Council and the Clerk-Treasurer's signature and needs updates for local resources (tree trimming, road cleaning) and contact numbers for disaster response. He said there was a successful meeting with Congressman Shreve regarding a joint infrastructure grant. It was held in Trafalgar and thanked Council President Henson and Council Vice President Tearman for attending. Mr. Blackwell was unable to attend due to a previously planned vacation. He said the OCRA grant application is complete, with official notification expected by the first week of September. The reservoir project is slightly behind schedule, but underground work is expected to be 100% complete by Friday, with plans to begin filling the reservoir within two weeks, and remaining electrical work to be completed. A month-long test period will occur with the new reservoir running and the old one still available before demolition. Mr. Blackwell said he is doing some restructuring of utility staff. Layman Boyd is transitioning to the wastewater plant as a maintenance person. He said he is going to offer the water position to someone with three years of water field experience. He is going to explore the Indiana Rural Alliance apprenticeship program. It is a two-year program involving one day a week of online schooling. The program will reimburse a good part of the salary, provide a laptop, and pay for schooling. All wells were flow

tested. Well one's pump burned up and is being replaced, while other wells passed. The meter at the Nineveh lift station has been installed, the final electrical hookup is expected by the end of the week, and data will be collected for a few months before discussing renegotiation of the contract with the Nineveh Conservative District. Many 26-year-old wastewater system air valves are not operating properly; 2 of 18 have been replaced, 4 more have been purchased, with continuous replacement planned all summer and over the next 12 months. A new O2/hazardous gas sensor was purchased and received to address safety aspects, particularly for workers in holes. Minor deficiencies from a recent wastewater inspection are being addressed through personnel changes and restructuring responsibilities.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Tony Pike and Steve spend one and a half days per week mowing. Discussion centered on the benefit of hiring a part-time person to free up existing staff for other tasks. He said he has someone in mind for the position.

Mr. Pike said the Town is becoming "more aggressive with the high grass situation," sending "threat letters" that have resulted in a "50% positive response" rate. Discussion was made about adopting an ordinance that allows the Town to mow properties and charge a fee to mow properties if the resident does not respond after 10 days of non-compliance. More discussion was made on whether a potential part-time employee or outside contractors would handle this mowing. If the part-time summer employee would mow, the Town would be able to collect the fees.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, May 21, 2026 & June 4, 2026, allowance docket claims, and HWC #20 for \$7,706.68, Yard Sign invoices, \$160.00 and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$94,871.32, \$456,293.40 \$42,707.54, \$44,157.14

- Council President Henson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Giger seconded. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Henson said the tornado siren installation is experiencing delays, taking longer than initially explained, with no updates provided by the installer, Table Rock or Feld Fire despite emails. Dispatch provided necessary information to Feld Fire for programming the controller, which is currently in progress, but there is no scheduled installation date yet.

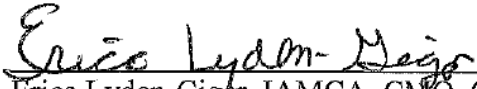
NEW BUSINESS:

An internal CPR class for employees is scheduled for Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

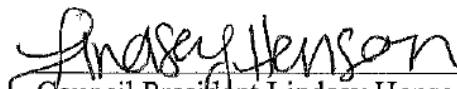
Mrs. Lyden-Giger suggested a procedural change to apply utility deposits directly to a resident's final bill instead of issuing a check. She was unaware how the procedure change takes effect since it involves a fee and suggested asking Town Attorney Lee Robbins at the next meeting. Mr. Blackwell supports the change stating it will save administrative work and is generally preferred by residents.

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm

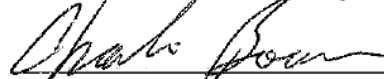
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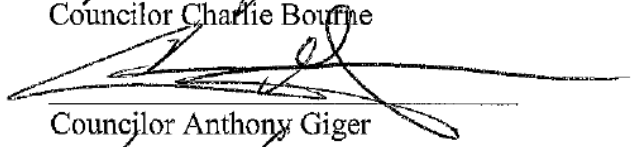

Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA, CMO, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

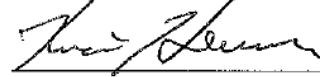
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Council Vice President Bryan Tearman


Councilor Charlie Bourne


Councilor Anthony Giger


Councilor Kevin Harrison