

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
August 18, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had regular meeting on August 18, 2025 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Bias called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl, Dereck Tipton, Derrek Jenkins and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Whitney Garrett, First Deputy; Matt Reuss, Kim Ramey and Matt Ramey.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Tipton made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2025. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Kim Ramey appeared before the Council to request to an adjustment to her wastewater bill due to a leak. After a brief discussion, Mr. Keasling made a motion to Ms. Ramey's request for a \$ 154.43. Mr. Jenkins supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Bias brought up the trees that were presented for removal to Mr. Reuss. Mr. Reuss stated that the decision regarding the trees was tabled so that members of the Council could look at the trees themselves. Mr. Kahl stated that he looked at the trees that were listed and he would like to see more added to the list. Mr. Reuss stated that the list he presented was just a place to start. After a brief discussion it was decided to table the final vote until the next meeting.

Mr. Bias presented the agreement for Mike Scott to do the keyless entry for the new building as he was the previous vendor to REMC for the key fobs and the management of the access to the building. Mr. Keasling questioned the amount of the agreement for the access. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the agreement with Mike Scott. Mr. Tipton supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Bias presented the 2026 budget packets to the Council. Mr. Bias reviewed what Ms. Shepler has done with the budget. In the budget, a 2.6% cost of living adjustment was figured into the employees' salaries. He reviewed several items she requested to occur during the budget process. He has asked the Council to review the budget and ask questions at the next meeting.

While the APV and Payroll dockets were being passed down for signing, Mr. Bias asked Mr. Reuss how the things with the water tower and the flush hydrant. Mr. Reuss responded that everything went well. The dirt is being removed the next day and it will be seeded and straw will be applied.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Keasling and supported by Mr. Tipton the meeting was adjourned.

Keith Bias  
Keith Bias, President

ATTEST: Melissa Shepler  
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Liberty Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/@LibertyIndiana> or visit the Town of Liberty website, libertyin.gov for the meeting as well. The meetings will appear on the website for as long as the website can support the video.