

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
September 2, 2025 – 5:30PM
Second Floor, City Building, 201 S. Union Street

Mayor Kamron Yates opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Price called the roll. Present were Spencer Kingery, Breanna Maxwell, and Mayor Yates.

The minutes of the August 15th meeting were presented for review. There were no additions, corrections, or discussions. Motion to approve the minutes as read made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Breanna Maxwell. Minutes were approved as read and motion carried and passed.(3-0)

The minutes of the August 18th special meeting were presented for review. There were no additions, corrections, or discussion. Motion to approve the minutes as read made by Breanna Maxwell, seconded by Spencer Kingery. Minutes were approved as read and motion carried and passed(3-0)

The next order of business was regular claims for September 2, 2025 totaling \$328,970.66. Motion to accept the claims made by Spencer Kingery, second by Breanna Maxwell. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Other Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Yates stated that there were some items that need to be addressed concerning the Morning Heights cemetery. Some of the items included are the driveway for the new section, corner stones for the plots, hiring a contractor to handle all grave opening and closing at Morning Heights Cemetery, putting a policy in place for communication for opening and closing burial plots, a master map for grave sales with possibility of digital copy of the cemetery book. Amber Morgan with Robeson Law stated that she had a conversation with Alan George, who is usually hired to open and close graves, and the executive director of the Indiana Cemetery Association concerning the corner stones, drive, and mapping. Clerk-treasurer Price agreed that communication concerning burials would be helpful so that the book can be updated for those who have purchased plots and for documentation purposes. Mayor Yates stated that he will speak with Alan George regarding the possibility of hiring Alan George as the contractor solely responsible for opening and closing graves at Morning Heights Cemetery. Mayor Yates also asked whether the Board should consider contracting out the installation of the cemetery drive or have the Street Department do the work. Spencer Kingery stated that he favored having the Street Department install the drive since it would be cheaper. Breanna Maxwell agreed to have the Street Department install the drive. Mayor Yates stated that he would discuss this with Superintendent Aaron Lyons. Mayor Yates stated that Amber Morgan of Robeson Law had recommended that the Board have a point person to help filter questions about the cemetery, and Mayor Yates stated that he could act as the point person. There were no voting items; discussion only on how to proceed to find a solution to the items brought to the board.

New Business:

Excavation permit for Frontier Communications for 7249 W 200 N was presented for review and approval. With no discussion by the board, motion to approve the permit made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Breanna Maxwell. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Excavation permit for Nipsco for 500 Riley Road was presented for review and approval. With no discussion by the board, motion to approve the permit made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Breanna Maxwell. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Future Business and Announcements:

Mayor Yates stated that the staff for Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckworth would be available for public community office hours at the City building 2nd floor from 11:30-2:30pm on September 3 for anyone wanting to connect and ask questions.

Updates for Front St. and Market St.- Both should be ready for paving within the next week after clean up on Front St. and finish up sidewalk work on Market St.

Riley Park update on the pickleball courts and basketball courts was given by Mayor Yates. The painting, fencing, and new goals and rims should be next for the upgrades.

Miscellaneous Business

None

Board Comments/ Requests

None

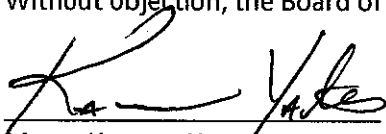
Clerk-Treasurer Comments/Requests

None

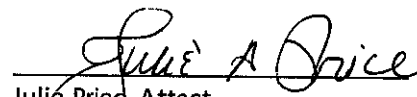
Public Comment

None

With there being no other business, Spencer Kingery moved to adjourn. Seconded by Breanna Maxwell. Without objection, the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



Mayor Kamron Yates



Julie Price, Attest