



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 02, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber Bristol Municipal Complex

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jeff Beachy called the regular council meeting to order on Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Cathy Antonelli

ROLL CALL

Members present: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy

Others in attendance: Marshal Steve Priem, Legal Counsel Alex Bowman, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Antonelli, Town Manager Mike Yoder, Fire Chief Nik Kantz

AGENDA - stands as published

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- **Motion to approve the invoices** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Tony Davidson. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

Mike introduced Jeff Rowe from Baker Tilly

Jeff Rowe of Baker Tilly reviewed sewer and water utility financial models and reserve requirements. Sewer utility reserves remain above minimum bond ordinance requirements, although Baker Tilly recommended eventual implementation of the previously postponed sewer rate increase to maintain adequate debt service coverage and reserve levels. Discussion included lift station replacement needs, reserve adequacy, and possible use of TIF revenues for qualifying infrastructure improvements.

For the water utility, Baker Tilly reported cash balances remain healthy and debt service coverage exceeds required levels. No water rate increase is currently contemplated. Baker Tilly further noted that utility rates are significantly driven by debt service associated with recent infrastructure projects.

Council members discussed the financial impact of the postponed sewer increase and agreed to continue monitoring utility performance and reserve levels.

Marshal Priem request permission to acquire a new printer for Police Department

- **Motion to approve the replacement copier/printer from Adams Remco in the amount of \$7,396** made by Tony Davidson, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.** Noted that an additional appropriation may be requested.

SRF disbursement request #65:

- **Motion to approve SRF disbursement request #65 \$108,300 to Phoenix Fabricators with \$5,701 to retainage** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Jeff Beachy. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Yoder reported painting of the new water tower was expected to begin the following week. The Town logo will be positioned to maximize visibility from State Road 15.

INDOT is advancing to the next phase of the State Road 15/Main Street reconstruction project. Traffic will be shifted onto newly completed pavement, the intersection will reopen to four-way traffic, and contractors will begin work on the north side of the corridor. Angle parking remains part of the final design and staff continue working toward completion of Main Street improvements during the current construction season.

At the new wastewater treatment plant, staff continue learning the new treatment process and resolving operational issues associated with startup. Water quality leaving the facility continues to meet required standards. Construction of the laboratory and maintenance building has been delayed due to an outstanding utility relocation involving a shared utility pole and guy wire.

The Town plans additional water main improvements, including a new water main under Vistula Street and a future directional bore beneath the St. Joseph River to improve system redundancy on the north side of town.

Mr. Yoder also reported strong participation in the decorative street light auction, with all fixtures either sold or spoken for.

TOWN ATTORNEY Alex Bowman

Town Attorney Alex Bowman requested authorization to prepare and deliver a uniform acquisition offer associated with right-of-way acquisition along Ponderosa Drive for roadway expansion purposes. offer and deliver uniform acquisition row expansion \$140K

- **Motion to approve Alex to send letter to property owner on Ponderosa** made by Tony Davidson, Seconded by Cathy Burke Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Motion to amend the agenda to allow public comment** made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Susan Loomis, 54130 Eastview Drive expressed concerns regarding noise standards within the Bristol Innovation Park DPUD and requested additional review of potential industrial noise impacts, particularly those associated with sound transmission over water due to the proximity of the St. Joseph River. Council and staff discussed existing noise ordinance standards, enforcement procedures, DPUD review requirements, and future site plan review processes that would occur before development approvals are granted.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Susan Loomis 54130 Eastview Drive, read letter re: Bristol Design parameters for Bristol Innovation park need to be improved. summarize. 80dc noise ord lowered. health & prop values.

Jeff spoke to last couple of meetings and why questions were not addressed. most comments related to data center and one not on the agenda > rezoning. Discussion with s loomis and jeff and Mike explained the DPUD committee guidelines.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cathy Burke requested that staff evaluate the condition and visibility of supplemental four-way stop signage throughout town (Illinois/Elkhart) and replace signs where needed.

Jeff Beachy requested review of grass ordinance enforcement procedures, citing recurring violations at several properties and interest in stronger enforcement measures. Marshal Priem noted that work is being done to establish a city court process.

Council members wished residents a safe Fourth of July holiday. **Fire Chief Nick Kantz** reminded residents to follow all fireworks laws and exercise caution.

UPCOMING MEETINGS Council reached general consensus to cancel the July 14, 2026 Work Session due to a limited number of anticipated agenda items. The next Regular Town Council Meeting will be held July 16, 2026. Council President Jeff Beachy and Councilman Tony Davidson will not be present. Councilman DeSmith accepted to lead the July 16, 2026 meeting as President Pro Tempore.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion to adjourn** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Cathy Burke. All in favor.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm**

Jeff Beachy, Council President

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Bristol Town Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing through the Town meeting archive system for as long as the media is supported.