



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 02, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber Bristol Municipal Complex

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Cathy Antonelli

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Dean Rentfrow

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - stands as published

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

RESIGNATION FROM COUNCIL

The Council President read a letter of resignation dated March 17, 2026, from Raymond ("Dean") Renfrow, resigning his position on the Bristol Town Council, effective immediately due to personal and health reasons. Council expressed appreciation for his years of service and extended best wishes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

Sidewalk Contract – INDOT Project: After reviewing three quotes, Mike recommended to proceed with Reith-Riley Construction for sidewalk replacement related to the INDOT project.

Sidewalk quotes included: 1. RR \$108,750, 2. Premium \$ 107,634, 3. Hostettler \$122,670

- **Motion to approve the sidewalk contract with Rieth Riley quoted at \$108,750** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Lippert Industries CF-1. Real Estate option expired last year. Personal Property is being presented this evening and approval was recommended, as they are substantially in compliance.

- **Motion to approve the personal property CF-1 for Lippert Industries** made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Cathy Burke. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Water Project

SRF Disbursement #55 Phoenix Fabricators \$241,010, retainage \$12,684

water tank

- **Motion to approve SRF disbursement #55 for Phoenix Fabricators \$241,010, with retainage \$12,684** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski. **Motion carries.**

Wastewater Project

- **Motion to approve SRF disbursement #48 for Commonwealth Engineering \$61,359** made by Jeff Beachy, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**
- **Motion to approve SRF disbursement #49 for Crosby Construction \$122,175, with retainage \$ 6,430** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Mike then shared pictures and updates on the following projects: Wastewater Treatment Plant, Elkhart Street, Division Street bridge (inspection following accident, noting no structural damage to be repaired and the NIPSCO gas line), INDOT project, water tower, Earthway to Bloomingdale

Assistant Town Manager Jill Swartz then spoke to the Proclamation that will be shared with each of the 300 students at Bristol Elementary School, since the school will be permanently closed. The community is invited to attend the mini golf event and 'walk the halls' one last time.

During the INDOT road construction a brick was uncovered, but after discussion it was resolved that it was not part of an old brick road that was thought to have possibly run through town. No fun fact here.

Downtown activity update: Hometown Summer Nights will be held on the third monthly summer Fridays: June 19, July 17, August 21. Free family fun. Please watch for details. The goal is to draw people to town and help support our downtown businesses during this trying construction time. (Subway, Evans Café, Chicago's Pizza, Red Bird). We hope you'll join us!

Excited to announce the Bristol Farmers Market to open May 7 and it will run every other Thursday from 4:00-7:00p. You will find it in the parking lot of the Bristol Community Church and will find a variety of vendors there each time!

A grant application will be submitted tomorrow to possibly get two Chevy Silverado electric vehicles for the town to use. One for the police department and one for the utility department. We should hear results in about a month.

CLERK-TREASURER Cathy Antonelli

- **Motion to authorize publication and advancement of the Additional Appropriation Notice to Taxpayers to Gateway and advance Ordinance No. 5-7-2026-**

8 \$1,629,134 to second reading made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Request to suspend the rules and approve on first reading Amended Salary Ordinance No. 4.2.2026-9. Amendments include hiring of a new (returning) police officer Garrett Pauff, hiring of Northridge high school student part time as a Community Services Assistant, helping Jill with the summer events, and hiring of a seasonal employee for the street department to assist with mowing. Request was made by Councilman Burke to eliminate the range that was listed for the seasonal street department employee and council agreed.

- **Motion to suspend the rules and approve on first reading as amended by eliminating the range and including the additions Amended Salary Ordinance No. 4.2.2026-9** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

TOWN MARSHAL Steve Priem

The Town Marshal reported on the hiring of Officer Garrett Pauff, traffic enforcement related to construction detours, and high-visibility patrols.

Council President Jeff Beachy expressed appreciation for public safety response to a recent fatal accident, as well as condolences to the family.

Cathy Antonelli recognized Chief Deputy Lundgren for being dedicated to his duties and the safety of our community even after his shift was over for the day.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comments to Council)

Maxine Foster, 105 County Road 104 – inquiry about sidewalks after the construction in the Elkhart Street area. The Fire Chief noting that sidewalks would be a welcomed feature and give safety to his team and others that walk in that area regularly. Maxine also noted the Bristol Public Library fundraising efforts and shared concerns that many local businesses may not be contributing.

TOWN ATTORNEY no items from legal counsel this evening.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Doug DeSmith – wanted to respond to comments recently heard at both March Town Council regular meetings and on social media. The comments alleged Council members are receiving financial compensation from various entities to sway their voting decisions. Council member DeSmith stated council members would never do this, but if members of the community are not convinced and believe this is occurring, they can issue a formal complaint against a government official through the Office of the Attorney General.

Dean Rentfrow – not present

Cathy Burke took a few minutes to speak as a resident of 203 W Vistula and as a committee member for the Bristol Homecoming Festival. Asked for a \$5K donation for the festival. Councilman Tuholski offered to come to the next Homecoming committee meeting at the library to review spending options and offer suggestions.

Gregg Tuholski – no items this evening

Jeff Beachy – no items this evening

NEXT MEETINGS:

Work Session – Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm

Council Meeting - Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- **Motion to adjourn** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Doug DeSmith.
Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Jeff Beachy, Council President

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

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