

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ODON TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, September 22, 2025 6 p.m.
Odon Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President, BJ Sanders at 6 p.m. Council members present were Doug Benjamin and Susie Roach. Town employees present were Supervisor Josh Kidwell and Marshal Scottie Noble. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BJ announced that the groundbreaking for the water project will be held on Wednesday, October 29. The time is to be determined. Commonwealth is taking the lead and BJ will be the POC for the Council. He also reminded everyone that the Fall Festival sponsored by the North Daviess Community Growth Alliance will be held on Saturday, November 1st, with Trick-or-Treating that evening.

Citizens concerns or requests:

Brian Brinegar asked permission for the pickleball club to use the Pete Sims building again this winter (after the Spirit of Christmas has vacated the building.) Anticipated start date would be January 5, 2026. **Motion was made by Doug to allow the pickleball club to use the Pete Sims building this winter. Seconded by Susie, motion carried. Vote 3-0** Brian also asked if the stop sign at Race and Pensinger was still scheduled to happen. The council assured him it was going to happen, Supervisor is doing a survey to determine exactly how many stop signs he needs to order throughout the entire town.

Kay Laughlin asked the Council if any consideration was being given to providing a cart path or some means for individuals wishing to drive their golf carts to the new Dollar General. She also included bicycles and horse and buggies. She also requested that consideration be given to lowering the speed limit past the business. **BJ explained that the store is outside the town limits and property would have to be obtained from multiple property owners. BJ explained that the town only owns the one field immediately west of the fire station and there are other property owners to be considered. And again, it is outside the town limits and therefore the town does not have the finances necessary to build such a path. Regarding the request to have the speed limit lowered, BJ explained that he has already reached out to INDOT but has not heard anything back on that.**

Shelba Noble asked if annexation of the Dollar Store into the town limits had been considered.

Susie asked if the council should approach INDOT to post "Buggy Signs" on the west side of town, much as there are on the east side of town.

New Business:

With the absence of the Clerk, the council knew of no business to be addressed at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes of August meeting were not available and will be tabled until the October meeting.

Approval of Claims: - No claims available, tabled until the October meeting.

Approval of Bank Reconciliation and Fund Balances – Not available, will be tabled until the October meeting.

Old Business – Due to the absence of the Clerk, the council knew of no old business to be addressed.

Committee Appointment/Department Head Reports

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report – Not available, tabled until October meeting.

Approval of Marshal Noble's Report – Marshal Noble requested that the intersection of Park Street/Grove Street and the Park entrance be converted to a 4-way stop. **Motion was made by Doug to have Supervisor Kidwell install appropriate stop signs. Seconded by Susie, motion carried. Vote 3-0.** Marshal Noble also reported that the stop sign at Kent and Mill Streets is missing. Supervisor Kidwell was directed to replace the stop sign. Marshal Noble reported that the parking problem at the Casa Sevilla has gotten much better and he requested that all curbs be painted yellow. Discussion, but no decision was given. Marshal Noble advised that both he and Derek will be attending training at the Academy on November 11 and 12. He informed the Council that estimates should be done this week for work on the transmission in the police truck. **Susie made a motion to accept Marshal Noble's report as presented. Doug seconded, motion carried. Vote 3-0**

Approval of Supervisor Kidwell's report – Josh reported that when the builders of the new duplex on South Grove have their driveway paved, they will also be having the roadway (Grove Street) where their water/sewer taps were installed paved. While the paving company is in town for that, Josh intends to have them take care of some other places within town that need paving/patching. That additional work will be at the cost of the town. Josh pointed out that he has been trying to get information regarding the fund set aside for tree replacement in the park. He has talked with a company in Jasper that has several trees of the size and type that are needed and this time of year is the best time to plant. BJ asked Josh to check with Abel Nursery southwest of Bloomington on Highway 45 because they sometimes have trees that they give away free of charge. Josh is to get in touch with them. Josh presented a quote from Bobcat of Daviess County for purchase of a new skid steer. He explained the deal that was being offered and that it would enable the town to get a new skid steer every two years. The quote was \$46,566.54 plus trade-in of our old skid steer. **Doug made a motion to accept Bobcat of Daviess County quote of \$46,566.54 plus trade-in, pending budget review. Susie seconded, motion carried. Vote 3-0.** Josh presented a quote from Ally "Uebelhor" for lease of a new 2026

Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4WD crew cab. Following discussion Doug made a motion to proceed with a 5-year lease with 2-year extended warranty with negotiation of a better interest rate. Cost \$44,423.25 and trade-in of old truck. Payments of \$2,706.38 quarterly. Susie seconded, motion carried. Vote 3-0 Susie made a motion to accept Supervisor Kidwell's report as presented. Seconded by Doug, motion carried. Vote 3-0

Approval of Fire Department report – Doug made a motion to accept the Fire Department's report as provided. Susie seconded, motion carried. Vote 3-0

Other Announcements – BJ directed all department supervisors to provide their employee evaluations to the council members via email, ASAP.

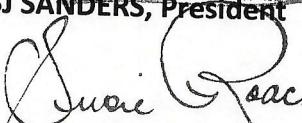
Citizen comments from agenda topics – None

Doug made a motion to dismiss, seconded by Susie. Motion carried. Vote 3-0

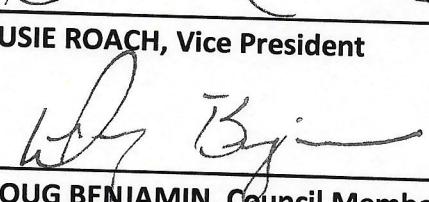
Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



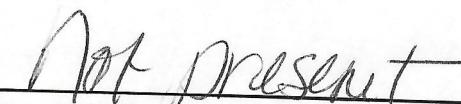
BJ SANDERS, President



SUSIE ROACH, Vice President



DOUG BENJAMIN, Council Member



Mandy Wilz, Clerk Treasurer