

MEETING MEMO

MAY 2025 – TOWN OF SUNMAN PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: 05.22.2025 TIME: 6:30 P.M. LOCATION: 604 N. MERIDIAN ST., SUNMAN, IN 47041

CALL TO ORDER

Randy Zins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: John Kellerman, Carol Eckstein, Randy Zins, Dakota Gill, Brian Maynard, Don Foley, Cheryl Taylor, Connor Getz, and Zachary Powell

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the agenda; Don Foley seconded.

REPORTS

MARSHAL - The report is attached.

Statistics were pulled due to the online complaints and emails to the Sheriff's office, and printed for the Council.

The portable speed sign was requested to be placed on Eastern Avenue.

Brian will make an appointment with the Batesville court for the ticket collection process.

Randy Zins asked if they should consider changing the grass cutting when brought on by/through an ordinance violation. Cheryl Taylor stated that the staff is stretch and we seldom recover the funds.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Brian confirmed that it is still in the hands of the Council to condemn a building. John Kellerman answered yes.

UTILITY - The report is attached.

PARK

Julie Brock reported that all of the equipment from the grant has been ordered, and they're waiting for that to come in. Once that equipment arrives, they will coordinate between the park board and the utility to get it installed. The painting of the Campbell Building will be completed next week by Ripley County Corrections, and they are doing a great job. Our seasonal worker for the summer starts at the end of this month. Julie Brock asked Cheryl Taylor if they had their unique identifier number to write grants yet... Cheryl Taylor stated that this process will take several months.

CLERK

Approval of Water SRF Public Meeting Memorandum, 05.22.2025

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the SRF 05.22.2025 meeting memo with the elimination of an extra zero. Don Foley seconded

Approval of Meeting Memorandum, 04.17.2025, Executive Session Memorandum

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the 05.22.2025 meeting memo. Don Foley seconded.

Utility Adjustments, Fund Reports, Financial Report

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve utility adjustments, fund reports, and the financial report. Don Foley seconded.

APV Registers – April 2025

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the April APV register. Don Foley seconded.

TRECS Contract Renewal

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the TRECS contractor. Don Foley seconded.

Period 2 – Apprenticeship

Cheryl Taylor reported that rate increases will take effect as soon as Connor Getz and Dahkota Gill obtain everything needed and certified by the Alliance.

Certified Payroll

Randy Zins reviewed and approved the certified payrolls.

OFF THE AGENDA - Don Foley inquired if he could call the employees. Carol Eckstein stated that he should be respectful of their time. Cheryl Taylor stated that only trained staff should be in water and wastewater, especially during testing. Don Foley asked why he couldn't talk to them. Carol Eckstein said it depends on what you want to talk about, like making promises, which was a problem in the past. Don Foley said I think the code of conduct (he was referring to the Conflict-of-Interest Policy, cited below) says I can't just go on-site by myself and say hi. Cheryl Taylor stated that the policy says you are not in the line of supervision over an employee, as one council member. Don Foley asked How can I supervise them if I can't go talk to them. Cheryl Taylor stated that they are supervisors as a group, and that's why you have department heads. That's what their job is, and then they report to you in a public meeting. Don Foley said, Yeah, I agree with you on that one. Carol Eckstein said that Dahkota was still in the learning phase and does not need a lot of interruptions. Don Foley said we should be able to go and talk to them. I don't know, that's just me. I don't know how you can supervise them if you can't talk to them or see what they are doing. Cheryl Taylor stated that they report to the council in a public meeting, and we have had two other supervisors in the past who had a problem with Don breaking the policy. The conversation went on (inaudible moments) that Don should send a text like Randy. Randy Zins stated to let them work and not interrupt them. Brian Maynard stated that interruptions can cause you to be thrown off. Cheryl Taylor stated that this is why the Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy is submitted to the SBOA yearly, which states the department heads are in charge, not a council member; that is what the public meeting is for. Employee retention is very important to the town and what we are trying to achieve, and I would hate to see what has been happening over the last four years continue to happen. Randy Zins stated that they need to make sure duties are being fulfilled.

(F) The town further finds that a single member of the legislative body cannot act for the body to make work assignments, compensation, grievances, advancement, or a performance evaluation without prior authority of a majority of the body and therefore without such authority by the majority, he or she will not be in the direct line of supervision.

(G) The town finds that a single member of governing bodies with authority over employees in the town cannot act for the governing body to make work assignments, compensation, grievances, advancement, or a performance evaluation without prior authority of a majority of the body when a statute provides that a majority is needed to act, and therefore, without such authority by the majority the single member will not be in the direct line of supervision.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED/TABLED

Schedule K – Fleis Contract Addendum

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the Schedule K amendment and the contracts for Phosphorus Removal and WWTP PER. Don Foley seconded.

Additional Appropriations – Park & Rec

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve Cheryl Taylor to begin the Additional Appropriations process for \$15,300.00. Don Foley seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Operator

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the contract to retain Jason Combs as our WWTP Certified Operator and terminate the contract with Doug Price. Randy Zins seconded.

Don Foley stated that he didn't agree and that the way the meeting was handled was wrong. I wasn't even told what the meeting was about, wasn't told we were going to fire anybody, I didn't interview anybody, and I was told everybody would be told at the same time, and that wasn't true, the whole thing was handled wrong, and I'm opposed to it. So, I say no. Cheryl Taylor stated that you had an executive session. Randy Zins stated he didn't feel it was in our best interest to continue on the same path we were on, in non-compliance with IDEM.

Let the record state that Don Foley was in attendance at the executive session to review all the candidates on May 22, 2025, and signed off on the meeting memorandum.

Wi-Fi Wastewater – Add Recurring Bill

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the installation and recurring bill for Wi-Fi at the WWTP. Randy Zins seconded.

Life and Disability Renewal

Cheryl Taylor informed the council that the documents weren't quite ready for review and that she would like to request that the matters be tabled.

Carol Eckstein motioned to table the matter. Randy Zins seconded.

Boyce Systems Contract Renewal

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the renewal cost for the accounting and billing software. Don Foley seconded.

Premier Energy Gas Tanks

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the installation costs associated with gas tanks for diesel and regular gasoline at the town hall. Don Foley seconded.

Hours to Paint/Repair Town Hall

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the extra hours from the temporary seasonal employee to repair and paint the town hall. Don Foley seconded.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Lyndsy Livingwood-Tranquill asked the Council to consider the DORA Ordinance once again to be approved on an event basis. She is requesting that it be placed back on the agenda for approval. The DORA would make the events easier to put on and be able to extend the boundaries of the liquor license without extensive costs compared to the conventional way. Carol Eckstein said she wouldn't mind entertaining the DORA with stipulations that the events must be approved by the council. Randy Zins asked for copies of the materials from the previous meetings. John Kellerman stated that we would need to reach out to the holders of the liquor license and churches in the area for support.

Kenneth Beckenhaupt stated that his water bill continues to go up, and he heard it is going to increase again. Randy Zins explained that we are looking into loans and other funding sources, and depending on what we get, the loan needs to be paid back. Kenneth asked about any kind of slush fund to cover this? The increase is going to cause undue hardship on a lot of people. Ken requested a list of everyone in the town and what they make. Cheryl Taylor said that she can offer a copy of the 100R.

Nathan Deardorff

Online

25:26

Why should anyone have to attend a meeting for a valid complaint? That's just another excuse. We as residents, are not the paid employees. And speeding on 101 is an issue my driveway is hidden between 2 houses is why it was offered up in the past but no initiative was ever taken to even try! Let's get the facts out there.

Brian Maynard stated that they can't sit in between building and shoot radar.

Kathy Norris

47:17

I wonder if Cheryl gave the council my notarized letter I sent to the town on 4/30 and delivered 5/1

John Kellerman and Cheryl Taylor both stated, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve adjournment at 8:02 PM. Don Foley seconded.

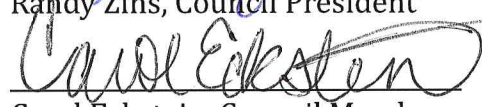
NEXT MEETINGS

June 26, 2025, 6:30 PM

Memorandum approved this 26nd, day of June 2025

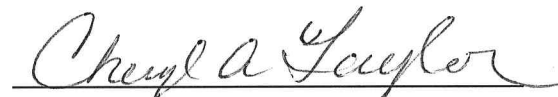


Randy Zins, Council President



Carol Eckstein, Council Member

Don Foley, Council Member



Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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UTILITY

- Gum Tree Removal on 101

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CLERK

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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR


ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

June 19, 2025, 6:30 PM

Other Matters Tabled
Annexation of Utility Customers
DORA
Mobile Home Regulations/Ordinance

Posted on Front Door (IC5-14-1.5-4) Date: 05.22.2025 Time: 8:55 PM

By: 

May 22, 2025
Dahkota Gill
Utility Superintendent

Monthly Report

- Cold patch- some is complete, and still working on the other half of town.
- Living Waters came in with a plan for phosphorus removal.
- Brenntag was here and did total phosphorus testing.
- Working on work orders as they come
- Summer seasonal help started
- Baskets have been dropped off at Krueger Maddux, and the flowers will be coming
- Will be excavating for the new concrete pad and building for the Park and Recreation
- Connor and I are still in school and doing well.
- Replaced leaking setters and have a few more needing to be done as time allows
- The sewer extension project has been going well, and we will provide dates as they come.

To do

- Still working on the other side of town for the cold patch
- Needing to replace some meters
- Mindful mowers on the road, traveling back and forth to different locations
- Wi-fi will be installed at the wastewater plant as part of the compliance plan

SUNMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

April 2024

Vin Checks- 6

Suspicious activity-3

Custody Dispute- 1

Civil dispute-2

Traffic stop-20

Warrantservice-3

Arrest- 3

Road Hazard-2

Fights-3

Noise Complaint-1

Meetings-4

Lock Out- 0

Juvenile problem-2

Alarms-1

Welfare/Suicidal check-2

Fire/EMS Calls- 4

Citizen Assist-0

Agency Assist-3

Accidents-3

Ordinance Violations-3

Investagations-34

Civil Process-2

Unsecure Premises-1

Theft-2

RESERVE OFFICERS HOURS:

J. Mosmeier: 16.00

MAY ORDINANCE REPORT

OPENED ORDIANANCES:

TICKET 1384-151.019(B)TRASH, GARBAGE, DEBRI-FINED \$100.00

TICKET 1388-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1389-9201 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1393-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1395-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1397-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1398-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1399-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1400-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1401-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1402-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS- FINED \$100.00

COMPLETED ORDIANCES:

TICKET 1385-151.056 (1)-MISSING/BROKEN WINDOWS-FINED \$100.00

TICKET 1387-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

TICKET 1390-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS-WARNING

VOID:

TICKET 1394-92.01 TALL GRASS/WEEDS- VOID—MOWED BEFORE
TICKET WAS MAILED.

IN PROGRESS:

**TICKET 1386- 151.055(D), 151.055(B), SIDING/GUTTERS/EXPOSED
WOOD-**

SUNMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

March 2024

Vin Checks- 4

Suspicious activity- 4

Custody Dispute- 1

Civil dispute-1

Traffic stop-18

Warrantservice-1

Arrest- 1

Road Hazard-2

Fights-3

Noise Complaint-1

Meetings-4

Lock Out- 2

Juvenile problem-6

Alarms-2

Welfare check-6

Fire/EMS Calls- 5

Citizen Assist-2

Agency Assist-7

Accidents-0

Ordinance Violations-4

Investagations-22

Property Damage-0

Utility Issues-0

Theft-2

RESERVE OFFICERS HOURS:

J. Mosmeier: 12.00