

COMMON COUNCIL
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July 7, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Kendallville met in regular session July 7, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call was answered by: Mayor Lance Waters, Council Member Amy Ballard, Council Member Shari Targgart, Attorney Jacob Atz, Council Member Tara Streb, and Council Member Christopher McCreery. Council Member Corey Boese was absent.

Others present were Katie Ritchie, April Waters, Brian Strange, Patrick Howell, Matt Getts- KPC, Jeremy McKinley, Tim Ostrowski, Dakota Dellahan, Zach Pruitt, Joe & Nancy Taylor, Melanie Kellogg, Patrick Howell, and John Dixon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

MINUTES/ MEETING

Minutes from June 16, 2026, Common Council meeting was presented for review. Council Member Shari Targgart made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Tara Streb. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS

Chief of Police John Dixon thanked all the other department heads for their assistance with blocking off intersections of Main Street for late Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe's funeral procession. This allowed the Police Department to participate in the ceremony at the cemetery.

Mayor Lance Waters thanked all city workers who helped assist during the funeral, procession, and cemetery for late Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe. Mayor Waters thanked Ligonier Police Department, Avilla Fire Department, and Lagrange Fire Department for their assistance as well. SuzAnne Handshoe was a great leader for our community and will be greatly missed.

MAYOR

Resolution #1141/ Tax Abatement- Alum-Elec Structures, Inc.

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of the findings for the tax abatement. Attorney Jacob Atz read the findings for the tax abatement. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to affirm the findings with a second from Council Member Tara Streb. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of Resolution #1141 in its entirety. Attorney Jacob Atz read Resolution #1141 in its entirety. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Christopher McCreery. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

Resolution #1142/ Tax Abatement- Ashrei Properties, LLC

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of the findings for the tax abatement. Attorney Jacob Atz read the findings for the tax abatement. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to affirm the findings with a second from Council Member Shari Targgart. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of Resolution#1142 in its entirety. Attorney Jacob Atz read Resolution #1142 in its entirety. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Tara Streb. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

Resolution #1142/ Tax Abatement- Zach Pruitt Properties, LLC

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of the finding for the tax abatement. Attorney Jacob Atz read the findings for the tax abatement. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to affirm the findings with a second from Council Member Christopher McCreery. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of Resolution #1143 in its entirety. Attorney Jacob Atz read Resolution #1143 in its entirety. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Christopher McCreery. Mayor Lance Waters asked Melanie Kellogg why the tax abatement was in the amount of \$300,000.00 when the assessed value was only \$289,000.00 and she told the board those were the amounts given to her. Mayor Waters explained the numbers had to be the same. The motion was declined by Council 0 ayes – 4 nays. Council Member Christopher McCreery made a motion to table the resolution for amendments until the next council meeting with a second from Council Member Amy Ballard. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

General Ordinance #1283/ Prohibited Parking, Establishment of Loading Zone- 2nd Reading

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of General Ordinance #1283 its entirety. Attorney Jacob Atz read General Ordinance #1283 in its entirety. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Shari Targgart. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

ALLOWANCE OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Council Member Amy Ballard presented bills and claim numbers 82402 through 82549 for \$508,880.32 for approval. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve the bills and claims with a second by Council Member Christopher McCreery. The motion passed 4 ayes – 0 nays.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council Member Tara Streb made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Council Member Shari Targgart. Mayor Lance Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Kathren R. Ritchie- Clerk Treasurer

Minutes approved by me this 21st of July 2026

Lance L. Waters-Mayor