

**COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-CITY HALL
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September 15, 2026 -7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Kendallville met in regular session September 15, 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, and Council Member Tara Streb. Council Member Corey Boese and Council Member Christopher McCreery were absent.

Others present were Katie Ritchie, April Waters, Brian Strange, Patrick Howell, Matt Getts- KPC, Tim Ostrowski, Scott Derby, Jeremy McKinley, James Mowery, Dakota Dellahan, Lucas Pant, Jasmine H., Kevin & Misty Pegan, and John Dixon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lance Waters opened the public meeting regarding the 2027 budget. Budget paperwork was available at the sign in sheet. No petitions or comments were given. The meeting was open for one minute.

MINUTES/ MEETING

Minutes from September 1, 2026, Common Council meeting was presented for review. Council Member Tara Streb made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Shari Targgart. The motion passed 3 ayes – 0 nays.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS

Clerk Treasurer Katie Ritchie told everyone that city residents are able to drop off utility payments at Lake City Bank in Kendallville. There is an insert going in October bills that informs residents. They can drop off payments with the top part of their bill, pay with cash or check, and will not be given back change. Residents will be able to drop off their payments at Campbell and Fetter Bank until October 31, 2026.

Street Superintendent Brian Strange and Mayor Lance Waters thanked all the department heads for their participation in helping make the 2026 Car Show a success.

MAYOR

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Lance Waters read a proclamation declaring September Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Waters presented the signed proclamation to James Mowery.

FIRE

The August 2026 Fire Report was presented for review.

POLICE

The August 2026 Police Report was presented for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Ordinance #1601/ 2027 Budget- 2nd Reading

Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to suspend the rules and read Special Ordinance #1601 in title only since the ordinance is online and available at the Clerk's Office to view with a second from Council Member Shari Targgart. The motion passed 3 ayes – 0 nays.

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of Special Ordinance #1601 in title only. Attorney Jacob Atz read Special Ordinance #1601 in title only. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Tara Streb. The motion passed 3 ayes – 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Ordinance #1602/ 2027 Salaries- 1st Reading

Council Member Amy Ballard requested the reading of Special Ordinance #1602 in title only. Attorney Jacob Atz read Special Ordinance #1602 in title only. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Shari Targgart. Clerk Treasurer Katie Ritchie told everyone that the ordinance is posted online, department heads and the Clerk's Office have copies for anyone who wants to view it. The motion passed 3 ayes – 0 nays.

ALLOWANCE OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Council Member Amy Ballard presented bills and claim numbers 82909 through 83002 for \$720,716.98 for approval. Council Member Amy Ballard made a motion to approve the bills and claims with a second by Council Member Tara Streb. The motion passed 3 ayes – 0 nays.

OTHER

2026 Trick or Treat Time- Add On

Mayor Lance Waters recommended that trick or treating hours be held on Saturday October 31, 2026, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Council Member Shari Targgart made a motion to approve with a second from Council Member Amy Ballard. The motion passed 3 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 7:12 P.M.

Kathren R. Ritchie- Clerk Treasurer

Minutes approved by me this 6th of October 2026

Lance L. Waters-Mayor