

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
August 11, 2026

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, Jake Gibson, and Roger Waddell

Myrna Claar said a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Don Parvin called the meeting to order.

Don Parvin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from July 14, 2026 that were sent to the council. There were none. Minutes stand approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel was present and gave written reports. She added that the last audit went well. The budget public hearing will be held September 8, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

The quit claim deed that Corbin King brought to the previous meeting has been signed and notarized and returned to Corbin. He will have it recorded and return it to us.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was not present but left a written report. Don Parvin said there was a power outage at the wastewater plant, and it took out our flow meter and a phase of the power. Don asked the board if they would like to claim it on our insurance or pay for the repairs. The cost will be about \$8,500.00. Greg Landrum shared his thoughts, and Roger Waddell asked about any upcoming expenses that we might need the money for if we didn't claim it. Our deductible is \$2,500.00. Jake asked if it becomes more than the \$8,500.00, can we then claim it. Pat Reel made a motion to pay for the repairs and not claim it on our insurance. Jake Gibson seconded. Roger Waddell voted in favor. Don Parvin and Greg Landrum were opposed. Motion carried with Pat, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh thanked Lori Seaman from the library for her hard work on the bike rodeo. It was a success, and they had 120 kids.

Josh said he is looking into a new proposal called project lifesaver. It is to help people with dementia if they get lost, etc. Josh will have more info on this soon.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson said there was nothing new to report.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

Park and Tree Board – A written report was given to council. Jill Newby was present and said the second annual youth fun fest had a good turnout and a fun time was had by all.

Jill said the playground surface is complete, pavilion is done, and the bathroom is being worked on. The lights are up as well. They have a landscaping plan ready.

Health Department – Rick Homkes said there is a tabletop exercise planned for August 27th @ 9:00 am at Ivy Tech.

TIF Board – A written report was given to the council. Megan Reel said the crosswalk sign has been delivered. Don Parvin asked who was putting it up. Rick Homkes said he assumed the town would. Don asked Rick what it takes to put it up. Rick said it is a pole like the mph signs.

Plan Commission – A written report was given. Mike Kanable was present. Megan Reel said the plan commission will have a public hearing on September 8th at 4:30 pm for the zoning schedule of uses.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report.

Historical Society – Don Parvin said they are currently working on the interurban phase II, and the first pay app has been submitted. Don Parvin added their hope is to have the interurban phase II wrapped up sometime in October.

Library – Lori Seaman was present and said they had a great day and weather for the bike rodeo. Thank you to everyone who donated bikes for the kids.

Lori said they just got a new circulation desk at the library, and thanked the town for allowing the library to store it here for a short time before they installed it. The little strip of property that they have referred to as no man's land west of the library has been redone by Alyssa Swing. She did a great job.

Lori Seaman also said the RCO is taking over the fitness classes that are at the community center. They will no longer be under the library happenings. This will be for yoga and line dancing at the community center and functional fitness that is at the lion's club. They are hoping to add Zumba very soon.

Don Parvin said we need to back up to the Plan Commission for a moment as we currently have a vacancy on that board. If you know anyone who would like to serve on this board, please let Megan know.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King could not be here tonight but went over a few things with Megan beforehand that will be coming up. Nothing to report on at this time.

Interurban Phase II – Don Parvin said the gas line at the interurban is going to be moved by Nipsco so that it will be where we need it to hook up.

Police Dept schedule/hour changes – Jake Gibson said he would like the Marshal's Dept. to change their hours so they are working during the day Monday – Friday. Josh Fulkerson said he is open to talk about it. Don Parvin suggested the whole board talk about it with Josh and come up with a plan. Jake Gibson made a motion to table this until we figure out more or can meet to do so. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Pat, Don, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Ordinance 2026-02 – Amending Ordinance 2017-05 to add Mobile Home District (MH) Pat Reel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-02 on the second reading. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, Don, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Ordinance 2026-03 – An Ordinance Prohibiting the Unlawful Use of Public Records for Commercial Purposes. Don Parvin read the ordinance. Corbin King left

instruction with Megan to suspend the rules and pass this ordinance on one reading only, as we need to get this in place because of the many emails being received for years of records. Pat Reel made a motion to suspend the rules to be able to pass Ordinance 2026-03 with one reading. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Don, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Jake Gibson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-03 with one reading only. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Pat, Don, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Ordinance 2026-04 – An Ordinance to Change Zone Classification for Real Estate. This ordinance is for 380 W. Chandler to be rezoned as Mobile Home (MH) from Residential (R-3). Jake Gibson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-04 on the first reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Pat, Don, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Electrical Panel by the Town Hall – Don Parvin said this is the electrical panel south of the maintenance building behind the town hall. He said we have continued to pay for electric to this but it has not been used since Summerfest has ended. Don Parvin made a motion to have Duke Energy turn this off. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Roger, Pat, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Electrical at New London and Shed – Don Parvin said there is a shed with a light on it at the old New London wastewater plant site. We do not use this shed anymore, so he asked if the council would like to discontinue the power here as well. Jake Gibson made a motion for Duke Energy to turn this electric off. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Don, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he would like to talk to Craig about the shed before we do anything with it. Jake Gibson made a motion to table the shed for now. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Pat, Don, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he and Craig have looked at the alley behind Mark Fisher's house that was discussed last month and they feel that some humps with gravel will help with the problem. Mark Fisher was present and was good with them trying

this. Don Parvin made a motion to have Craig put in the humps in the alley. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Comments -

Darlene Homkes was present and said the Lion's Club will host a health fair on September 30th from 9am-3pm. They will have people there from many organizations, and be doing blood pressures, etc.

Rick Homkes said they are waiting to see if they get a grant to redo the ball court at the Lion's Club that the TIF Board will help with.

Also, the State Rd 26 cleanup days that the Lion's Club coordinates will be October 24, 2026 and April 3, 2027.

Roger Waddell asked Rick to check on the use of TIF Funds for the ball court as it is private property.

Pat Reel asked if the installation of the crosswalk signs were just posts or if they required cement. Rick said cement.

Lori Seaman said the food truck extravaganza and Good Neighbor Celebration is on September 26th from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. A section of road from East to Mesa on Kinsey Dr. will be closed for the food trucks to be parked in. Vehicles will be able to get down Mesa from the east.

Roger Waddell asked about the bushes at the "old hotel" property on east Main St. Megan said a letter was sent out and the owner has until this Thursday to get it cleaned up.

Don Parvin said there are properties in town that need to be addressed/cleaned up. Don asked Greg Landrum to look into this and come up with a list of properties that need to be mowed, or weeds need to be removed, junk and cars, etc. so we can send letters and get some of these properties cleaned up.

Mike Kanable asked about the turn lane at the 4-way stop. They just painted curved white lines. Roger Waddell said there has never been turn lanes there.

Don Parvin said we have no say in what the state did. He has had complaints and there is nothing we can do about it as they are in their right-of-way.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims in the amount of \$224,693.90 were presented. Pat Reel made a motion to approve the claims. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, Don, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

The receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets for July were signed or initialed and approved.

Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:00pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer



Russiaville Utility Report August 2026

RUSSIAVILLE WW:

- Total gallons treated for July 3,509,000.
- Avg. monthly flow was 113,000 (57%).
- Avg. flow for 2024 was 136,000 (68%).
- Avg. flow for 2023 was 126,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2022 was 134,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2021 was 127,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2020 was 133,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2019 was 175,000 (88%).
- Completed monthly report for July.
- Daily WW lab testing and plant operations.
- Had new electrical ran to the west tank.
- Replaced skimmer arm motor on west tank.
- Had IDEM inspection on 8-17-26.
- Changed oil in the Kaeser blower.
- Cleaned drying beds.
- Hauled 49,000 gallons of sludge from digester.

- Filled 1 dumpster from drying beds.

STREETS AND MISC:

- Performed several locates.
- Read meters.
- Cleaned storm drains.
- Sprayed weeds.
- Called in 1 light to Duke Energy.
- Trimmed trees at the community center.
- Cut up fallen tree limb on Liberty St. for homeowner.
- Filled potholes on South Union and North Union.
- Replaced the pre-rinse kitchen faucet at the community center.
- Rebuilt the outside faucet at the community center.
- Put a new battery and voltage regulator on the 2021 John Deere Z950m.
- Installed the 2 speed humps in the alley off East St.

MILEAGE AND MAINTENANCE:

- 2020 Ford mileage – 20,512 miles
- 2017 Dodge mileage – 30,383 miles
- Sewer truck hours – 1 hr. of service
- Backhoe hours – 3843 hours
- 2021 John Deere Z950m – 481 hours
- 2024 John Deere Z950m – 169 hours
- 2019 John Deere 3046r – 514 hours
- 2008 Golf cart - 2630 hours
- Kubota – 1267 hours

Craig – (42 Vacation Hours) (0 Sick Hours) (0 Comp Hours)

Lucas – (0 Vacation Hours) (30 Sick Hours) (14 Comp Hours)

Russiaville Police Department Monthly Report
 Month of: Aug-26

Calls for Service

Abandoned Vehicle	1	Domestic Violence	2	Open Door/Window	
Accidents	3	Drug Violation		Overdose	1
Accident - Hit/Skip		Emergency Detention Order		OWI	
Additional Investigation	7	Escort		Pursuit	
Alarm Calls	2	Fight Calls		Rape	
Animal Calls		Fire		Residential Entry	
Armed Robbery		Found Property	1	Shots Fired	
Arrests		Fraud	1	Special Detail	
Assist Citizen	9	Harassment		Suspicious Person	2
Assist Motorist	2	Illegal Dumping	1	Suspicious Vehicle	
Assist Other Agency	1	Incomplete 911		Theft	1
Battery		Investigate For	3	Threat	
Burglary		Juvenile Trouble		Traffic Enforcement	19
Building Checks	27	Medical	1	Traffic Stops	10
City Ordinance	10	Mental		Training	
Civil		Mischief		Trespass Calls	
Court		Missing Person		Unlock Vehicle	
Criminal Recklessness		Motor Check	4	Unwelcome Guest	2
Death Investigation		Neighborhood Disturbance	2	Warrants	
Directed Patrols	81	Neighborhood Policing		Welfare Check	1
All Other Calls	2			Total	196

Labor

	W	T	C / S / H / V
R1	135	0	23/8/52/56
R2	150	0	45.5/0/36/48
R3	0	0	

(W-Work T-Training C-Comp
 S-Sick H-Holiday V-Vacation)

Vehicles

	Driven	Fuel	Ending
2025 Chevy Tahoe R1	638	73	5147
2025 Chevy Tahoe R2	754	89	5335
2019 Dodge Charger	Out of Service		
2016 Chevy Tahoe	Shop		
Total	1392	162	

Report

Sept. 26 4-9 Food Truck and Bonfire
 Event at Library - Kinsey closed from
 East St. to Mesa Dr.

Russiaville Park and Tree Board

August Monthly Report to Russiaville Town Council

August 6, 2026



Community Center Park Playground:

Playground-Border has been completed,the stone layer has been laid, along with the underlayer for the Poured-in-Place surface. **Shelter**- Building is now completed including Picnic Tables being assembled. Waiting on electrical hookup. **Restroom**- Is still under construction. Water and electricity have been hooked up. Waiting for the roof to be finished to install fixtures.

Pavers- Reba has placed an order of pavers to be engraved.

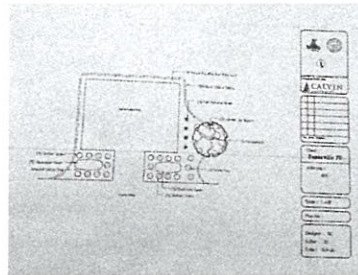
Ribbon Cutting,Invitations for CCP Project- Tentative date and time still undecided because of delays caused by weather. The fence has been extended to the 3rd week in September..

Carson's Way Bookbox- Janna reported, Sherri Nuss told her the box has been ordered.

Tree Trimming and Pollinator Gardens- The dead tree in the Community Center parking lot circle has been cut down. Gardens were not discussed.

Disk Golf Signs- Waiting on the exact number to be ordered.

Calvin Landscaping- Jeremy presented a design for landscaping around the playground sign, and around the shelter.



Town Park:

2026 Youth FunFest - Was a great success, serving 120 hot dogs, chips, water, and ice cream. Two popular events were Fire Truck spray and Facepainting.

New Business

Spring Projects- Board is ready to get back to parks and tree maintenance. Setting goals to help with proactive maintenance.

Cleaning and sealing pavers.

Spreading Preen around the Iron Wheel area.

Applying rock glue around the Iron Wheel area.

Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Report to Town Council

9/8/2026

Activities and Actions Last Month

South Union Crossover Signage

- The signage has been delivered, and installation needs to be scheduled.

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- The cost of the shelter has risen because of cost increases and additional materials needed for a federal project.

Resurfacing the Lions Club Court for Basketball and Pickleball

- Crenshaw will be contacted regarding start date. Barnes Thornburg will be contacted regarding proper use of TIF monies. The Lions Club has received over \$10K in grants for the project and is finishing work on quotes for fencing, backboards, and striping.

Other

- Public input on possible projects for 2027 is being requested.

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RUSSIAVILLE PLAN COMMISSION

MIKE KANABLE

August 2026

No new business