

September 16, 2025

The Mooresville Town Council met in regular session on September 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Mooresville Government Center.

Council members present were Councilmen Tom Warthen, Greg Swinney, Jeff Cook, Josh Brown, and Kirk Witt. Attorney Chou-il Lee was also present.

Tom Warthen gave the invocation and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes from the September 2, 2025, meeting – A correction was noted under the section regarding legal counsel. The minutes originally state “take sale” in reference to the 1 E. Main Street town lien assessment. Clerk- Treasurer Dianna Wamsley corrected this to read “tax sale.”

Councilman Brown motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Councilman Witt. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business: Councilman Brown made a motion to accept the website vision and mission statement as written, seconded by Councilman Swinney. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business - Keylee Wright, representing the Kendricks Foundation, addressed the Council to request a partnership with the Town of Mooresville regarding the allocation and use of opioid settlement funds for the year 2026. Following her presentation, the Council discussed the proposal. No formal action was taken at this time, and the matter will be considered further at a later date.

Keylee Wright also discussed the availability of a matching grant with an application deadline of October 6th. Due to the short timeline, the Council determined that the Town would not be able to participate this year. Councilman Warthen encouraged her to return and apply if a grant is offered in 2026.

Property owner John Young appeared before the Council to request permission to connect his property at 5020 E. Landersdale Road to the town's sanitary sewer system due to a failed septic system. Councilman Warthen noted that sewer availability was extended approximately 15-20 years ago when septic tanks failed in the Ray Young subdivision. Also, noted that lots 34 and 35 were not developed, although risers were installed for future connections. Mr. Young stated a riser had been installed for 5020 E. Landersdale Rd. Councilman Warthen responded that he had served on the board at that time, and the installation was neither reflected on the site plan nor approved by the Town Council.

With the removal of the buffer zone authority, Councilman Warthen recommends that properties requesting connection to the Town sewer with contiguity agree to annexation before being permitted to connect. The benefits of annexation include police protection, fire protection, leaf pickup, and sanitary sewer service. Annexation would increase the property tax rate by approximately \$0.17 - \$0.18 per \$100 of assessed value compared to the county rate.

Council members discussed having legal counsel work with John Young on the annexation agreement, which will be brought before the Council on October 6th. Mr. Young was given until September 29th to finalize and submit his commitment.

Councilman Swinney motioned to direct legal counsel to move forward working with John Young on the annexation agreement, seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

Department Head Reports- Department of Public Works Superintendent Brian Moore introduced Mark Butler from Banning Engineering to present and discuss the scope of services related to the Carlisle Street bridge project as part of the 2026 Community Crossing Grant. Banning Engineering will conduct an environmental review, obtain permitting through IDEM, identify easements, perform a drainage analysis, and design the replacement culvert under Carlisle Street. The total proposal cost was presented at \$55,900.

Councilman Swinney motioned for Banning Engineering to move forward with CCG, seconded by Councilman Cook. Motion carried 5-0.

Parks Department Superintendent Phil Cornelius reports that the 2025 budget designated \$176,000 for the Park Department. The department received a pole barn as a donation; the total relocation and reconstruction cost is \$236,428. The superintendent is requesting Council approval to use the \$176,000 from the Food and Beverage Fund to cover a portion of the cost of relocating the barn.

While the original cost of a barn was already included in the Build-Operate-Transfer Funds allocated for the Parks expansion project, using additional funding from the Town's Food and Beverage Fund would defeat the purpose of the BOT plan.

Councilman Brown motioned to use current funding, seconded by Councilman Swinney. Motion carried 5-0.

Legal Counsel- Chou-il Lee stated that there is an opioid settlement opportunity, this time with the generic opioid manufacturers (Alvogon, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus). The town must opt-in to participate in the settlements.

The town will see additional settlements coming in the future as more generics reach agreements. Each settlement can be brought back before the full council, or council

members can authorize the executive seat to sign off on participation in future settlements automatically.

Councilman Swinney motioned to participate in the generic manufacturer settlement, seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Swinney motioned to agree that the council president has the authority to sign off on future settlement participation, seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments- There were none.

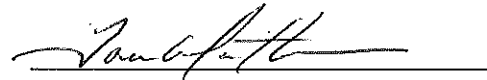
Approval of Claims- A motion to approve the payment of claims for \$1,119,069.24 was made by Councilman Swinney, seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Payroll Clearing- A motion to approve the payment of payroll clearing for \$220,623.58 was made by Councilman Swinney, seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

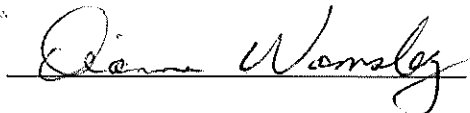
Town Council Comments – There were none.

The next meeting of the Mooresville Town Council will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Mooresville Government Center.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brown with a second from Councilman Witt. Motion carried 5-0.



Tom Warthen, President



Dianna Wamsley, Clerk-Treasurer