



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Cox called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gary gave the prayer. President Cox called for roll call. Members of the Cicero Town Council were present or absent as follows:

Present: Joseph Cox
Eric Hayden
Jacob Everett
Emily Pearson

Absent: Dennis Johnson

Declare a Quorum Present: President Cox declared a quorum with four members present.

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer
Doug Grishaw, Police Major
Chris Frazier, Fire Chief
Frank Zawadzki, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director
Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director
Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent
Aaron Culp, Town Attorney
Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Hayden made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2026, 7:00 PM

Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes listed above as presented. Mr. Everett seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of 9/1/26 Claims: Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve claims as presented. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

RFP – Solid Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal – President Cox stated that there were two bids submitted. Mr. Hayden opened a bid from Waste Management which stated that they were not submitting a bid. Mr. Everett opened the bid from Republic Services and read the total bid aloud. Afterwards, Mr. Culp stated that the bid will be taken under advisement for review.

Council Committee Reports:

1. SWU Management Board Report – SWU President had nothing new to present.

Legal Counsel Report – Mr. Culp had nothing at this time.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report - Director's Report - August 2026

Permit Revenue: August 2026 = \$5,840 YTD: \$63,408

August 2025 = \$8,394 YTD: \$40,782

Difference: Month = -\$2,554 YTD: +\$22,626

A total of 39 building permits for August 2026. Thirteen were inside the corporate limits (of which 0 was for a new home). A total of seven permits were issued in Jackson Township (of which, 0 was for a new home). A total of 10 ROW/Encroachment Permits were issued. Estimated Cost of projects permitted \$2,142,528.

The next Plan Commission meeting scheduled for September 9th has been cancelled due to no business. The next BZA meeting is scheduled for September 17th at Town Hall. We have items on the agenda and will meet.

Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant

1. Wastewater – Reynolds continues working on the punch list. They are about complete with half of the punch list items.
2. 2026 CCMG – The contractor, Howard Companies, has completed the punch list. Mr. Bryant and his crew will verify that on September 2, 2026.
3. Morse Landing Drive Underdrain Project – The contractor, SLB Pipe Solutions, reworked a driveway and connected a missed a sump pump connection last week. They plan to regrade and reseed as needed this month to finalize the project.
4. 2027 CCMG – Survey work was completed last week. Plan preparation has begun. An onsite meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Mr. Wilson and Director Cooper to walk the project, review scope, etc. in order to keep the design efforts moving. The CCMG grant application must be completed before the end of September.
5. Water – United continues with aerial and supplemental survey efforts, preliminary engineering and design, equipment vendor coordination and other early design efforts on the project.

Old Business:

- a. Tamarack – Ms. Farr, the Tamarack HOA Board and Mr. Scherer were present to follow up and/or continue discussions from the previous meeting concerning the wildflowers around Pond 4 in the Tamarack Subdivision. Particularly a change in the ordinance to allow the wildflowers around the pond. Mr. Zawadzki stated that there has been discussion to modify the ordinance to allow these types of projects. Mr. Culp added that the Council could allow them, set general criteria and require a permit or a review that goes through Mr. Zawadzki's office. Ms. Farr updated the Council on the current situation i.e. the area has been mowed, it's too late to plant seeds this year, the intent to maintain the area, etc.

Mr. Scherer then talked about the depth of the wildflowers based on Hamilton County Soil and Conservation's suggestion. President Cox inquired about the process to update

the ordinance. Mr. Culp will put together the ordinance for consideration possibly at the next council meeting. In the end, Council asked Ms. Gary to add this to the staff meeting agenda.

SWU President Freeman would like for a member of the SWU Board to accompany the board in touring the area to have some input on the ordinance revision. Council was good with that.

- b. 2027 Budget – Ms. Gary asked for clarification for the budget. After discussion, due to budget deficit, Council opted to not give an increase in certification pay but is not opposed to a \$200.00 increase in Police Clothing Allowance. Discussion continued concerning the deficit. Chief Frazier then discussed his budgetary issues and the need for additional firefighters. Council was not in favor of hiring additional firefighters at this time due to budgetary constraints.

Ms. Gary later asked Council's approval for Resolution 09-01-2026-01 Appropriation Reduction to put unused funds back into the Parks Department budget. Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve Resolution 09-01-2026-01. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Salary Ordinance Amendment No 09-01-2026-01 – Removed from the agenda.

Miscellaneous:

- a. Ms. Pearson reminded everyone that the car show is this weekend at Red Bridge Park from 8:00am-3:00pm.

Comments by Citizens:

- a. Mr. Alden was present (and provided photos) to continue discussion concerning his struggles of the handicapped parking spot in front of his residence. President Cox talked about the challenge with ADA compliance. Mr. Culp stated that the Town used Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) Funds for the Jackson Street Project and handicapped parking spots had to be incorporated to be in compliance with the grant. Mr. Hayden asked/suggested that he talk to his neighbors. Mr. Alden plans to do that. Council asked Director Cooper to inquire from Mr. Bryant, town engineer, if the handicapped parking spot can be moved. In the end, Council will look at this again after conversing with the engineer.
- b. Ms. Chance was present to talk about Hamilton County's Budget specifically unintended consequences. She talked about two specifically. She has questions about the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and the shifting sand. Mr. Culp addressed her question, concerns and the role of the BZA.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Pearson made the motion. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Signatures of Cicero Town Council

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_____	Jacob T Everett	_____
_____	Eric C Hayden	_____
_____	Dennis D Johnson	_____
_____	Emily K Pearson	_____

Attested: _____
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on September 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.