

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

The special meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday, September 3, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 6:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler. Present by videoconference: Council Member Kelley.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu presented information on the budget, capital projects, the Plan of Conservation and Development Goals, the estimated impact on taxes if Chippanee were to be purchased and maintained as a municipal golf course, and the investigative steps taken as part of the due diligence process. The proposed purchase price of \$4,750,000 includes all the acreage, the Club House, fixtures, furniture, and equipment.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Josh Medeiros explained that his role thus far has been to assess potential benefits of the acquisition and to research other municipalities that are currently managing public golf courses. He presented his findings on governance structure, management models, and budget structure of these golf courses. He also spoke of the process that would happen should the City Council vote to move forward with the acquisition.

A printed version of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following people spoke in opposition to purchasing Chippanee Golf Course:

- Robert Boudreau, 41 Broadview St. – Concerned about operating model, drainage issues, and the long-term impact on taxes.
- Michael LaMothe, 186 Dino Rd. – Concerned about Chippanee's financials, would like to see the tax returns, and suggested signed and notarized conflict of interest statements from all involved.

The following people spoke in favor of purchasing Chippanee Golf Course for various reasons including, but not limited to, the preservation of open space, a public golf course being a draw to the area, and maintaining the history of a "treasure" in town: "Mickey" Marvin Goldwasser, 171 Diane Ln.; James Collins, 145 Fox Den Rd.; William Fontaine, 51 Ashover Ln.; Deborah Schur, 6 Pilgrim Rd.; Nicole Elliott, Marsh Rd.; Mary Ann Sirois, 362 Shrub Rd.; Robert Marsh, 68 Medford St.; Anthony Lorenzetti, 150 Pinnacle Rd.; Timothy Gamache, 1389 Stafford Ave.; Paul Krolkowski, 148 Crown St.; Stephen Repass, address unknown; Brian Kelly, 251 Pennwood Pl.; Daniel Delcegno, 906 Hill St.; Denise Davis, 371 Emmett St.; and Thomas Selnau, 9 Mano Ln.

Jane Murdock, 400 Shrub Rd. – Asked if there would be an operating budget before the vote and if the public would have another opportunity to speak before a vote would be taken. She did not voice her opinion.

Mathew Biadun, 53 Buff Rd. – Submitted a letter expressing concern over the possibility of burdening the city with something it cannot afford to maintain.

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The Mayor's Office received emails and/or phone calls in favor of purchasing Chippanee Golf Course from the following people who were unable to attend the meeting: Paul Wibley, Frank Stawski, Andrea Adams, Mark Moriarty, Robert Douglas, Hal Kilby, and Keith Odume.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m., on motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____
Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk