
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dalton called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Dalton, Council Members Tom Poplawski, Tim Snead, and Mark Nash. Gary Carriere was excused.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Chief Ponusky, PWD Olmstead, Rick Paris, Renata Rollins and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. Public Hearing 2026 Budget: Mayor Dalton opened the hearing at approximately 6:02pm. There was no public comment. Mayor Dalton closed the public hearing at approximately 6:04am.

3. Visitor Input: Renata Rollins, 327 Fortuyn Rd, said that she had read the article in paper about the wastewater facility agreement with Electric City and asked if the Mayor would provide any information, Mayor Dalton stated that the agreement is in a process at this time.

4.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: Chief Fish said that the fire dept. will not be having any meetings until after the first of the year. Total call volume for the ambulance service was down slightly from 2024, the fire dept. currently had a full roster. The new power stretcher has been put into service.

Police Dept. Chief Ponusky reported there were 46 calls for service since the last council meeting, and that the annual call volume is up 10% over 2024. Chief also reported that the dept. was 5% under budget for the year.

Public Works: Ms. Olmstead said that the truck that was purchased from the fire dept. is being revamped for a service truck. While hanging the Christmas lights this year the outlets on Main Street were checked and most need to be replaced, an electrician will need to do that work, she would like to talk with Chamber of Commerce to see if they and the Main St business owners would be willing to fund the replacement of those outlets.

Finance Department: Ms. Pearce informed the council that the city did not receive funding from TIB for the multi street project. A notice has been placed in the paper for the deputy clerk position that was vacated by Ms. Crowe, and also notice of the council position that Ms. Christy resigned from.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WWTF Committee: Mr. Nash reported that the next Joint Board meeting would be February 6, 2026.

7. AGENDA REVISIONS: Mr. Poplawski asked that the police department request for cashout of their floating holiday be added to the agenda as Item 9.15.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

9.1 **Vacant Business Ordinance:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1105 Regulating Maintenance of Vacant Commercial Spaces, Mr. Snead second, Mr. Nash asked how owners of the spaces would be notified of the new ordinance. Ms. Pearce said a letter could be drafted and sent out to those affected. Mr. Poplawski modified his motion to include an enforcement start date of March 1, 2026, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

9.1 **Resolution 25-13 Setting Water Rates for 2026:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 25-13, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.2 **Resolution 25-14 Establishing Fees Related to Water Service:** Mr. Nash motioned to approve Resolution 25-14, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.3 **Resolution 25-15 Increasing the Constant Cost Factor for the Provision of Sewer Service:** Mr. Snead motioned to approve Resolution 25-15, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

9.4 **Resolution 25-16 Establishing Fees Related to Sewer Service:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 25-16, Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

9.5 **Resolution 25-17 Increasing the Schedule of Charges for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste:** Mr. motioned to approve Resolution 25-17, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.6 **Resolution 25-18 Setting the Wages and Benefits for Appointed Officials:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 25-18, Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

9.7 **Resolution 25-19 Repealing Resolution 24-05 Adopting a Council Handbook:** Mr. Nash motioned to approve Resolution 25-19, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.8 **Ordinance 1106 Adopting the 2026 Budget:** Mr. Snead stated that he was disappointed that we had to use a portion of reserves to balance the budget. Mr. Snead motioned to approve Ordinance 1106, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

9.9 **Ordinance 1107 Creating a Wastewater Treatment Loan Reserve Fund:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1107, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.10 **Authorize the Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Engineering Contract:** Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment, Mr. Poplawski second, Mr. Nash asked what the amendment was for, Ms. Pearce stated that it was for the water facility plan, motion carried.

9.11 **Authorize the Mayor to Sign Public Works Board Grant/Loan Agreement for Sewer Repairs:** There was no motion made, Mr. Snead asked that the agreement be provided to council once it was received and reviewed. Move to January meeting.

9.12 **Resolution 25-20 Surplus Equipment:** Mr. Snead motioned to approve Resolution 25-20, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

9.13 **Ordinance 1108 Amending the 2025 Budget:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1108, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.


9.14 **Swearing in of Elected Council Members:** Mr. Dobson was not present, will swear in January.

9.15 **Police Dept. Request to be Paid for Floating Holiday:** Due to the department being short staffed the officers were unable to use their floating holiday. Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve paying the officers for the holiday, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

Mr. Poplawski asked council to consider utilizing the funds budgeted in 2026 for Christmas lights and operations be used for banners for the 250 Year celebration of the US.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer