

## **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes**

### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Daniel Yount - Present  
Alderman Ward I Rachel Hammers - Present  
Alderman Ward I Ricky Newell - Present  
Alderman Ward II James Painter-ABSENT  
Alderman Ward II Seth Hallowell-ABSENT  
Alderman Ward III Anthony Martin - Present  
Alderman Ward III Charli Leach - Present  
City Clerk Nikki Eaton - Present  
City Attorney Todd Smith - Present

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for January 8, 2026**

**Addendum-** HCRWC CPWSD #2 make them pay monthly or bring on as a member?  
Jenning's contract

**Alderman Leach made a motion to approve agenda amendment. Alderman Martin seconded the motion. The motion carries with 4 ayes.**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Alderman Martin made a motion to approve December minutes. Alderman Newell seconded the motion. Motion carries with 4 ayes.**

#### **Closed Minutes Approval**

**Alderman Newell made a motion to approve closed minutes. Alderman Leach seconded the motion. The motion carries with 4 ayes.**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Alderman Leach made a motion to approve bills. Alderman Martin seconded the motion. The motion carries with 4 ayes.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Alderman Leach would like to discuss looking into funding for the downtown area; building/sidewalks.  
Economic Development – downtown preservation- do we qualify? Redevelop downtown and possibly reinvigorate tourism. She was not sure if it could be used for sidewalks though. It could be used for demolition areas, maybe pools or cleaning up old areas.  
Attorney – stated that the term “blight” requires a study building with cracks in it damaged property, etc., There is a lot of red tape. He suggested that New Franklin should qualify for it. He will find information and email Nikki.

2. Eva Painter would like to reserve the community building for the month of February and would like approval.

Discussion that letting her have it a week.

**Alderman Martin made a motion to approve for a 10-day period martin. Alderman Newell seconded the motion. The motion tied with 2 yes & 2 no. The motion was denied.**

**Alderwoman Leach made a motion to allow her to have it a weekend. Fri-Sun Alderman Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 ayes.**

3. Kevin Redden would like to voice his opinion about the potential tower.  
He is not a fan of the tower, he explains it needs to be higher payment a month.  
He wants to be on the agenda if/when the tower company comes.  
He expressed that he is frustrated with bad property & asks if the city to work on it. City has addressed these issues.  
Pilot Grove got new sidewalks, maybe ask their mayor.  
Check trailer court – Redden will haul off if they're okay with it.
4. HCRWC – Do we want as a customer:  
Do they pay dividends like others and have entitlement shares?  
We need more numbers knowing exactly what is expected. The attorney stated that the proposal needs details to be legally binding.  
If they are a customer at less risk but can't control price.  
If they are a member they share costs. It will be discussed in the future when more details are available.

**ALDERMAN'S COMMENTS:**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

CITY SERVICES

MOTION TO IF NEEDED ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 610.021  
(1) LITIGATION (2) REAL ESTATE AND (3), PERSONNEL - RsMO

**Alderman Newell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Martin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned @ 6:45**

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Mayor - Daniel Yount  
Eaton

City Clerk - Nikki