

TENTATIVE AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
Dec. 11, 2025

Mayor Yount called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor - Daniel Yount

Alderwoman Ward I - Rachel Hammers - ABSENT

Alderman Ward I - Ricky Newell

Alderman Ward II - James Painter

Alderman Ward II - Seth Hallowell

Alderman Ward III - Anthony Martin

Alderwoman Ward III – Charlie Leach

City Clerk – Nikki Eaton

City Attorney - Todd Smith

Guests present: Shirley Bechtold, Shelley Shackelford, Nick McCulloch, Mark McGee, Tom Gunn, & Amanda Gunn

Mayor Yount called for roll call 5 were in attendance. A quorum was established

APPROVAL OF AGENDA for December 10th, 2025

Mayor Yount called for a motion to approve Agenda

Amend the agenda to add HCRWC rate increase of .23 cents per share. 16,380 to \$16,917

Alderman Hallowell made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment

Alderwoman Leach seconded the motion. Motion carries with 5 voting ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM: October 9th & November 13th, 2025

Mayor Yount called for a motion to approve the minutes of Oct 9th & Nov 13th, 2025

Alderman Hallowell made a motion to approve the minutes from Oct 9th 2025 & 13th 2025. Alderman Newell seconded the motion. Motion carries with 5 voting ayes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS as of December 8th, 2025

Mayor Yount called for a motion to approve the bills as of Nov 10th, 2025.

Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the bills. Alderman Newell seconded the motion. Motion carries with 5 voting ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Shirley Bechtold, South Howard County Historical Society: asked for a letter saying they can have the wine walk and close downtown March 28, 2026.

Alderwoman Leach made a motion to close downtown and allow the wine walk and City Clerk to write a letter of approval. Alderman Newell seconded the motion. Motion carries with 5 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Contract with Sheriff – Renewal

The contract is the same as last year; the city just needs to sign for the new year. We would like to add a deputy if affordable and will discuss it further after the first of the year.

Alderman Hallowell made a motion to approve Mayor Yount signing the contract.

Alderman Martin seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 ayes.

Order of agenda changed to allow approval of street before going into a close session.

2. Can downtown be shut down for the Jingle Bell Jubilee & Lion's Club Christmas parade, Saturday, December 13th, 2025?

Alderman Painter made a motion to close downtown for the event from Howard to Missouri streets. Alderman Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 voting ayes.

PUBLIC SESSION MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION

Daniel Yount Mayor

Nikki Eaton, City Clerk