

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Daniel Yount - Present
Alderswoman Ward I Hammers-Absent
Alderman Ward I Ricky Newell- Present
Alderman Ward II James Painter-Present
Alderman Ward II – Hallowell - Present
Alderman Ward III Anthony Martin - Present
Alderswoman Ward III Charli Leach - Present
City Clerk Nikki Eaton - Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA for April 9th, 2026

**A motion to amend the agenda to add Planning & Zoning Development Board
Alderman Painter made a motion to add P & Z to the agenda and approve the agenda.
Alderman Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 ayes.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM: March 12th, 2026 & approve the CLOSED minutes.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve the Minutes from March 12, 2026. Alderman Painter seconded the motion. Approval of minutes passes with 5 ayes.

Alderman Hallowell made a motion to approve the closed minutes from March 12, 2026. Alderman Painter seconded the motion. The approval of the closed minutes carries with 5 ayes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS as of March 12th, 2026

City Clerk Nikki added Socket to bill to approve it arrived late in the mail.

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve the bills including Socket to be paid.

Alderman Newell seconded the motion. The motion to pay all the bills carries with 5 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Attorney – Erin Wiseman- lives and works in Jefferson City. She has been an attorney for 20 years doing municipal work for 17 years or so for six cities. She was previously on the city council for 8 years. Some of our unique situations is for us to know how to deal with nuisance issues without police officers. She can help with complaints and forms. Alderwoman Leach asked what would adding us look like to her schedule. Attorney Wiseman stated, “If I’m going to be doing this, I will not have trials on Thursdays.” She can cycle through schedules. She stated that she would stop doing trials around our meetings and would like to take us on. She is find to text to communicate. She is good with our already scheduled meetings on the second Thursday each month. If we do not need her in person, we can call to discuss it before the meeting. We can text to let her know if we don’t need her to come to town. We pay for her to drive, so if its an issue she is okay with a call to save money for us.

Attorney Wiseman can start now if needed. She will be available if she is away traveling, by phone. In May the time difference will be 4hrs during May’s meeting if we need her.

Mayor Yount asked for a motion to hire her. Alderwoman Leach made the motion to hire Attorney Erin Wiseman tonight, April 9th, 2026. Alderman Martin seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 ayes.

Alderman Martin made a motion to fire Lauber Law Firm as our city attorney. Alderman Painter seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 ayes.

2. New Council Members – Welcome our new council members. Nikki to get their paperwork to them to fill out and to be filed.

Swear Oath Sandie Heckman Ward I – absent due to sickness, will complete in May meeting.

Shantay Wiltz-Jones Ward II – Swore the Oath

Anthony Martin Ward III- Swore the Oath

3. Kelby with pond – update will be back in July. Greis made it difficult to get off the bank. What is the plan in July if it is too wet? They asked that our community think realistically, if its flooding they won't be able to, but if we think in dirt work turns, when its dry and cracked ground that is the best time to work it. During the winter they spent most of their time pumping tons of water. Their long reach won't reach across the pond and the sides were dug so deep that it has been difficult to get a solid base to sit on to dig further into the middle. Hershel was not happy about them being on his property. Some estimates showed 10ft and he is 18.5 to hit solid bottom. Alderwoman Leach asked if there was a way to get in it with a ramp. They said they could cut the dam to work easier, but it's not possible with it being a road. Daniel says water has been there as it is a through water way. He asked if they can cut one side off and let the water trench and let one side dry. It has rained and made it so full. So, they have to wait for dry time. Mayor Yount is worried that water will always be going through it. Kelby stated that when they started it wasn't as bad.

Kelby stated that they have taken out 26 loads so far. It's quite a bit. It's exploratory to figure it out since it's been so long. There is a foot to a foot and a half worth of hard bottom until you break through and hit sand and it's terrible and can do nothing about it after that. Alderwoman Leach asked when we would know if it costs more. They will let us know before it costs more. They are not asking for an extra more for now. Kelby is to give Mayor Yount a call before July to go out and do a walk through.

4. Promissory Note – Do we ask from money back or forgive

Alderman Painter made a motion to request money back. Alderman Martin seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 ayes.

5. Can we have a planning and zoning committee- for sidewalks, grants, make an ordinance
Alderman Painter made a motion to allow Seth Hallowell to start a Planning & Zoning Committee and find members. Alderwoman Leach seconded the motion. The motion carries with 5 ayes.

ALDERMAN'S COMMENTS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY SERVICES: Can move the benches to town -

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

Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Shantay seconded the motion.

The meeting is adjourned at 7PM with 5 ayes.