

# City Council Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2026

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## Call to Order

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., City Clerk Taryn Wigley called the roll.

## Attendees

Council Members Clarissa Pace, Cedric Leonard, Michael James, Al Peer, Mark Tiner, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Craig McRae was absent.

## Minutes

Mike Wigley moved to accept the minutes for the January meeting, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the January minutes passed.

## Old Business

## New Business

- a. **Resolution Amending 2026 Advertising and Promotion Commission Fund Budget**  
Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Claudia Hartness moved to accept the resolution, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.
- b. **Discussion Regarding Speed Hump Installation**  
Mayor Akers introduced the discussion to council, and explained that both aldermen of ward 4 needed to agree to a speed hump installation. If either aldermen disagrees with the proposed speed hump, then the subject has to be brought before council. Several residents from Willis St.(between Gabbert and Main St.) addressed the council with their concerns. They cited excessive speeding, trees and light poles being hit, several mailbox replacements, and cars racing. They also mentioned that there is a lot of foot traffic on that street. Claudia Hartness moved to go forward with speed hump installations, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the speed humps were voted to be installed unanimously
- c. **Resolution Declaring 510 West Shelton a Nuisance**  
Al Peer introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. City Inspector Brian Rodgers informed the council that he has not had contact with the owner. He sent a letter that was not claimed and there is a



letter posted on the property. Clarissa Pace was able to reach out to the owner during the meeting. The owner informed her that she is in the process of getting the property torn down. Clarissa Pace moved to table the resolution for 30 days, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled

**d. Resolution Declaring 616 E McCloy a Nuisance**

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Brian Rodgers informed the council that nothing has been done to the property and the owner is asking for a 30 day extension. Claudia Hartness moved to table the discussion for 30 days, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

**e. Resolution Declaring 703 E Jackson a Nuisance**

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Brian Rodgers informed the council that CPS told him that the family has moved out and the house has been torn apart. There has been no contact with the owner. Clarissa Pace moved to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

Mayor Akers asked the council to amend the agenda for two additions to the agenda. Claudia Hartness moved to amend the agenda, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the agenda was amended.

**f. Presentation with Burton Pools and Spa**

Mayor Akers introduced Jimmy Brown from Burton Pools and Spa. Mr. Brown informed the council about the proposed plan for the Monticello Pool and splash pad. The renovation will include new gutters, an additional 100,000 gallons of water, and adding swim lanes. The life expectancy of the new liner is 25-30 years. Ashley Rodermund and Vickie Norris told the council there is \$800,000 allotted for repairs. The new splash pad is estimated to cost \$193,000.00 and there is a \$20,000.00 engineering fee.

**g. Resolution for Council Appointment**

Mayor Akers informed the council that Mark Tiner is moving out of his ward and is vacating his position. Mark Tiner delivered a heartfelt speech, thanking Mayor Akers and the Aldermen. Clarissa Pace introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Cedric Leonard questioned Whit Barton and Mayor Akers on the procedure of appointing a new councilman. Whit Barton explained that when a councilman resigns, a new councilman must be appointed at the next council meeting. Mark Tiner resigned at 3pm the day of the council meeting, making the next meeting at 6pm that same night. Claudia Hartness

moved to accept the resolution, Al Peet seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed with Cedric Leonard in opposition.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Clarissa Pace moved to adjourn the meeting, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the meeting was adjourned.

*Jan Wigg*

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