

City Council Meeting  
January 20, 2026  
Unapproved Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rusty Wilson at 18:03 hrs.

**Roll Call:** Cable, Brewer, Roark and Scheel.

Also Present: Ben Shoemaker, Dave Abbott, Haskell Martin, Steve Hollis, Quade Wilson, Seth Kirk, Jon Farmer, Aaron Parker, Raymond Adams, Kevin Sherman, Cara Sherman, Branon Bailes, Josh Phillips, Donovan Pierson, Kenny Newhard, Spence Dawdy, Taylor Dawdy, Jackson Dawdy, Sunesis Sears, Kim Wales, Claire Osmun and Kylee Wilson, C

Approval of agenda: Motion made by Roark to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cable. All in favor -motion passed.

**Minutes:** Unapproved minutes for December 16, 2025 were presented to council. Motion by Cable, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roark to accept minutes from previous minutes. All in favor -motion passed.

**Visitor Business/Water Adjustments:**

Levi Sanny not present, Michael Kindellan not present.

Klarie Osmun-motion to approve adjustment for leak made by Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roark. All in favor-motion passed.

**Payment of Bills:** Bills totaling \$71,429.29 were presented to council, motion made by Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roark. All in favor-motion passed to pay bills. Bank Balances & Payroll was also presented to council. Local Sales Tax Report, Water/Acct. Rec. Analysis & Rec. Analysis & Aged Accts. Rec. Rpt., Bad Debt Rpt. & Adjustment Rpt. & Court report attached.

**Police Report:** Police Chief David Abbott was present – report attached. Chief David Abbott reported the shooting investigation was almost finished so that it could be sent to the McDonald County PA for review. He gave an update on the K9 and vehicles.

**Fire Report**–Fire Chief David Abbott was present-Report attached. Chief Abbott stated they have started to receive things from the grant. He is going to sign a contract for the grant administration with HSTCC. He is also wanting to add more firefighters to the work comp. He is going to get some numbers together for that.

**Utility Report:** Public Works supervisor Ben Shoemaker was present -report attached. Ben told the council that Kevin Sherman's last day is January 30<sup>th</sup>. That puts him down to five guys. The council would

like to see a detailed job description before we hire anyone else. Alderman Brewer discussed the sewer extension to HonyPop's and requested a cost estimate for bid packets. Mayor Wilson gave an update on the SRF project.

**Summer Ball Program:** Summer Ball director Cara Sherman was present-report attached. Nothing to repost.

**Building Inspector:**

Nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

**Kenny Newhard Re Cats:**

Kenny Newhard addressed the Council about stray cats and the lady on Main Street that feeds them. City currently has no ordinance on stray cats, but will check with other cities to see what they are doing.

**Line of credit payment:**

Motion to pay \$2,000.00 made by Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cable. All in favor -motion passed.

**Jon Farmer Re Cottage Brook Circle Lift Station:**

Jon Farmer addressed the Council about the city taking over the lift station on Cottage Brook Circle. After much discussion, motion to table made by Roark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brewer. All in favor-motion passed.

Motion to go into closed session under RSMo. 610.021 subsection 3, hiring, firing, disciplinary or promotion made by Cable, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roark.

Scheel-yes, Roark-yes, Cable-yes, Brewer-yes went into closed session at 8:35.

Motion to return to open session made by Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scheel  
Scheel-yes, Roark-yes, Cable-yes, Brewer-yes returned to open session at 9:34

The council decided to place Sgt Hollis on a 90 day probationary period with no demotion and no loss of pay.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roark All in favor - motion passed 21:34.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Andrea Bethel, City Clerk

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Mayor Rusty Wilson