

**Regular Council Meeting
September 11, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Mayor Tom Kloss.

Roll Call: Deb Marsolek, Cleo Skroch, Linda Longmore, Randy Symicek, Elaine Conrad and Jason Ekern. 6 Present.

Others Present: Attorney Rick Schaumberg, Joe Smieja, Bob Pietrek, James Woychik, Eric Theisen, Rita Boland, Mitchell Bushman, Derrick Bushman, Zach Rastall, and City Clerk Dawn Smieja.

City Clerk Dawn Smieja verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Skroch motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Longmore. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Minutes – August 4th, 2025 & August 28th, 2025

Motion to approve minutes by Symicek, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Public Comments-None

Licenses and Permits

Operator License-M. Nichols-Motioned by Skroch to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

M. Przybilla-Motioned by Skroch to approve, seconded by Longmore. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

S. Roper-Motioned by Skroch to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Building Permit- Joseph Frei- Motioned by Marsolek to approve building permit of car port, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Leslie Halling- Motioned by Marsolek to deny shed, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to deny.

Old Business

Lake Dredge Update- Motioned by Symicek to approve 3rd Pay Request for \$319,665.50 for Lake Dredge Project, seconded by Marsolek. Roll Call Vote. Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes. 6-0 Yes, Motion carried.

The Dam-Daniel Cook from Davy explained the Bid Tabulation; bidding opening happened earlier in the afternoon. Motioned by Symicek to accept the bid from Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. for \$153,500.00, seconded by Marsolek. Roll Call Vote. Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes. 6-0 Yes, Motion Carried.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- Mayor Tom Kloss provided a brief update.

Sesquicentennial Celebration- Longmore provided a brief update of what might be at the 150th celebration for next year.

Veteran's Park- Joe Smieja with the American Legion Post 186 provided an update on the park. Street Superintendent Eric Theisen willing to volunteer time, but unsure if he is allowed to use city equipment. Ready Mix in Independence donating half of the concrete. Joe Smieja is also looking to see if the stone in the park by City Hall can be moved to the Veteran's Park. Motioned by Skroch for Eric Theisen to use city equipment if ok'd by city insurance, clerk to reach out to insurance, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve. Motioned by Symicek to move stone to Veteran's Park, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Library Update- Kayla provided an update. They will be pouring the slab hopefully next week. They are making a change order for the outside wood look. Library is also looking into the solar panels.

Block 1 Alley- David Walter from SEH provided an update on the bid opening and provided a Bid Tabulation. Motioned by Conrad to reject all bids for Block 1 Alley and rebid in February 2026, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Markham Addition Lots- Motioned by Symicek to authorize Clerk and Mayor to sign and extend the contract, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve. Atty Schaumberg also provided an amended resolution from approved resolution from August 4, 2025. Motioned by Skroch to amend resolution, seconded by Longmore. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve. Motioned by Marsolek to have Atty Schaumberg do a draft of Markham addition and bring back to next council meeting, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Alder Jason Ekern left at 6:59pm.

Plan Commission-Atty Schaumberg provided an update and amended to Ordinance to Establish Plan Commission adopted July 7, 2025. Motioned by Cleo to approve amended Ordinance, seconded by Symicek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

High Crush/The Sand Mine- Derrick and Mitchell Bushman provided an updated on updating the plan for Reclamation Plan. They are having Kulig working on their rebidding. Atty Schaumberg provided an update with the Reclamation Plan and what would need to be reclaimed. Bushman Brothers will present a plan, and we will have Ayres look at it. Bushman Brothers were made aware of outstanding bills from High Crush a total amount of \$16,141.41. They asked if they could possibly get a break on the bills. This will be brought back to next meeting.

Ordinance Work- Atty Schaumberg and Clerk Smieja provided an update. Motioned by Skroch to accept the final proposal, seconded by Conrad. Roll Call vote. Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Absent, Conrad-Yes. 5-0-1 Yes, Motion Carried.

Open Records Request- To go back to Ordinance Committee.

Fire Department/Community Room- Mayor and Bob Pietrek provided an update. Doors have been left open. Now anyone wanting to use the Room needs to come into City Hall and notify the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

Property Aesthetics Concerns- **35444 6th St-** Residents were notified to apply for building permit. Permit as stated in the above, building permit has been denied. Chief Waniorek will meet with Atty Schaumberg. **23895 Adams St-** If this is a lean-to, the residents don't need a building permit. Bring this back next month.

New Business

City Park for Christmas Lights-Clerk Smieja provides an update that Wayne would want to close off part of the park to start putting lights up. Council advised Wayne would need to come and present.

Resolution for Discretionary Expenditures for Water/Sewer Utility- Motioned by Cleo to pass the resolution, seconded by Symicek. Roll Call Vote. Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Absent, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes. 5-0-1 Yes, Motion carried.

Fire Dept Generator- Marsolek provided an update along with an estimate. Mayor looking at it for a natural disaster. Advised to bring it back to the Grant committee. Fire dept has been looking into it for 10yrs.

City Clerk Computer- Clerk Smieja provided an update on the computer if the clerk computer is to go through an update, the new update would not be supported. Motioned by Marsolek to approve the \$2163.99 and yearly cost for maintenance, seconded by Conrad. Roll Call Vote. Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Absent, Conrad- Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-No. 4-1-1 Yes, Motioned Carried.

Street Superintendent Report- Eric provided an update garage doors don't fully seal. He replaced the water pump in the loader, and a switch in the street sweeper.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance- Cleo provided an update.

Lake Dredge- Symicek provided an update that the crew will probably be done in a few weeks.

Correspondence: Clerk Smieja provided a handout from Jake Pannemann from Wolter on Generators.

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motioned by Marsolek to approve; seconded by Symicek. Roll Call Vote. Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Absent, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes. 5-0-1 Yes, Motion Carried.

Future Agenda:

- Lake Dredge Update
- Dam
- Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update
- Library Community Center
- Sesquicentennial Celebration
- Veterans Park
- Block 1 Alley
- Hi-Crush/The Sand Mine
- Markham Addition Lots
- Open Record Request

- Property Aesthetics Concerns with Property Addresses

Future Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting October 3rd, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Dawn Smieja, City Clerk