

Regular Council Meeting October 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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: Eric Theisen, Sean Lentz, Karen Sanchez, Diego Velasquez, Wayne Palkowski, Zach Rastall, and City Clerk Dawn Smieja.

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

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

Minutes –September 11th, 2025

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

Public Comments-Cleo Skroch mentioned that Brad Skroch had helped the Dredging Crew by letting them store items on his property during the dredging.

Licenses and Permits

Tienda Guerrero Whitehall, Inc-Symicek motioned to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve. Council advised employees to get licenses.

Street Superintendent Report- Eric provided an update that most streets are in good shape. A few in spots need patching. River St needs to be fixed. Rosewood Ct intersection needs to be fixed. Light poles need to be replaced. **Overhead Door**-Eric explained the overhead door quote. Skroch motioned to approve quote, seconded by Ekern. Roll Call Vote: Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, 6-0 Ayes, Motion Carried. **Other Items**-Skroch questioned on the front door to City Hall due to it is rusting. Skroch also advised there are things in the park, but it can be addressed later. Wayne Palkowski advised a cap is missing on the light pole in the park and fills with water when it rains. Marsolek questioned on the black to be ordered and delivered to her home. Clerk Smieja advised it is \$35.00 for 2yard. Residents will need to pay ahead of time at the clerk's office and then the guys can deliver.

Old Business

Ekern motioned to move Item H (Markham Addition Lots) before Item A (Lake Dredge), seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Markham Addition Lots- Sean Lentz from Ehlers provides an update on the Tax Increment District #3. The TID is a mixed-use district and can promote as a city for purposes of Industrial, Commercial and residential development. When Markham was created it would be used for more residential. One of the provisions is that no more than 35% of the whole area would be focused on for dually plated residents. Another Provision would meet a density requirement for the residential development that would be 3 units per acre. If you close a TID before April 15th the value of that TID leaves the TID and comes back to be part of the tax base of the general city, if you close after the 15th the city collects another year of revenue from that TID. Sean will reach out to the Clerk to see about refinancing.

Lake Dredge Update- All finished. No need for extra screening due to the pile isn't that high. Looking into possibly charging to \$2-\$3 per yard. We will keep some of the dirt and we will stake/flag it off. Had to fix Woychik's driveway due to the trucks were turning around in their driveway and made it a mess. Motioned by Marsolek to charge \$3 per yard on material for commercial vehicles, city residents will be charged \$0 unless they have our city guys deliver then it will be \$35, seconded by Ekern. Roll call vote. Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, 6-0 Ayes, Motioned Carried. Within Marsolek's motion will be done within City's availability and within the city limits and does not include the annexation mines, seconded by Conrad. Roll call vote. Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-No, Longmore-No, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-No, Conrad-Yes, 3-3 Mayor Kloss votes Yes to break tie. 4-3 Ayes, Motion carried.

The Dam-Symicek explained the boards for the dam. There is no start date, but it needs to be completed by end of October. **Dam Grant-** Mayor Kloss explained the grant we can apply for. Mayor Kloss will question Dan from Davy to help write the grant or if we as the city would have to apply.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- Osseo Electric came and looked and it won't be much. Start either this week or next week.

Sesquicentennial Celebration- There is a meeting next week on October 14th at 6:00pm.

Veteran's Park- Wayne Palkowski provided an update. Poles are up, Bushes are in, cement is in. The Legion currently has someone wanting to purchase a statue.

Library Update- Kayla provided an update. Walls are going up. They have a \$25,000 donation for the Solar Panels. Starting to shop for furniture.

Block 1 Alley- Nothing New rebid in February/March

Open Records Request- Marsolek provided an update. This will be brought back next month.

Fire Department/Community Room- It has been rekeyed. Previous weekend was left unlocked and a mess.

City Park for Christmas- Wayne Palkowski provided an update that he only wants to close off just where he is working, not shutting off all at once. Motioned by Skroch to approve, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Fire Dept Generator- Marsolek provided an update. Bob Pietrek provided information. Ekern also provided information and asked to reach out to other municipalities.

City Clerk Computer- Clerk Smieja provided and update from Krista Computers that they would also need to approve the other quote for a computer or would be potentially a security risk. Ekern motioned to approve, seconded by Symicek. Roll Call Vote. Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes. 6-0 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Property Aesthetics Concerns- **23895 Adams St-** This is a lean-to and no need for a building permit.

New Business

Karen Lorena Sanchez Arriaga/Old Annex Building/Event Center-Karen Sanchez and Diego Velaquez would like to turn it into an event center and provided an update on the building. Possibly send this to Plan Commission to bring it back next month.

Committee Agendas/Council Communications-Mayor Kloss provided an update that all committee agendas will be done by City Clerk Smieja or Deputy Clerk Bautch, the Chair of the committee will provide Dawn or Abby the information. Mayor Kloss also updated that the means of communication is with emails, so council should be checking their emails on a regular basis.

Lunch Hour Closing- Skroch provided an update from LEP making a recommendation to stay open during the lunch hour. This will be a trial period starting October 13th and provide an update by January 5th meeting. Skroch motioned to approve, seconded by Marsolek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Committee Reports:

LEP- Continuing work on the Handbook. Josiah had his review and is off probation, so LEP increased pay to \$1.00 retroactive to September 29th. Dawn Smieja is allowed to carry over 40hrs of vacation time to January 14th.

Fire District- Approved the budget. Contracts to get approval in December.

Grants- Next reorganization meeting a committee member be retained.

Ordinance-House numbers on houses, Cats/Dogs running at large, address the resignation of committee member. Tom advised he will check into who is responsible for getting house numbers on houses.

Water & Sewer- Ekern provided an update for a Water/Sewer truck, Plant checks and weekday schedule.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motioned by Skroch to approve; seconded by Symicek. Roll Call Vote. Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes. 6-0 Ayes, 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
- Fire Dept Generator
- Property Aesthetics Concerns
- Karen Lorena Sanchez Arriaga/Old Annex Building-Business/Event Center
- Lunch Hour Closing
- Overhead Door

- Street Superintendent-Other Items to be brought to Council Attention

Future Meeting Dates:

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

Special Council Meeting-Budget Work Night-TBD

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Dawn Smieja, City Clerk