

**Regular Council Meeting  
December 1, 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: Leslie Halling, Leslie Halling's Husband, Eric Theisen, Chief Jim Waniorek, Jim Woychik, 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 Marsolek. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

**Minutes –November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

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

**Public Comments-**

Mike Blaha thanked the council for allowing the Elk Rod and Gun to use city properties. Also asked if they are able to use city properties and block off 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Jefferson St. We will vote on that down the agenda.

Ekern-People thanked Eric with plowing with the snow fall for his first time.

**Licenses and Permits**

**C.Featherly-Operator**-Skroch motioned to approve, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

**L.Halling-Building Permit**- Marsolek motioned to table to January, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

**Street Superintendent Report**- Got ready for the snow and the snow came. Got the banners up. Got a bunch of catch basins cleaned. Banners are peeling. Snow plowing went smoothly.

**Police Department Report**-House on Franklin St Home is complete and useable. Dumpster will be gone shortly.

**Old Business**

The Dam-Mayor Tom Kloss and Randy Symicek will be meeting with Atty Schaumberg, Davy and the contractors.

Historical Society/City Hall Basement Update- provided an update: Jim Woychik provided meeting minutes from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sesquicentennial Celebration- There is a meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Veteran's Park- Dawn provided an update in the absence of Commander Wayne Palkowski.

Library Update- Kayla provided an update. Slow down on roofing, unsure who is to sign off on the roof. Roof is not covered. Going over roofing options tomorrow.

Block 1 Alley- Nothing New rebid in February/March

Markham Addition Lots- Ekern still working on with Sean. Bring it back next month.

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

Fire Dept Generator- Ekern met with a few. Received 2 out of the 3 quotes, still waiting on one more quote. Possibly could look at some grants.

Lunch Hour Closing- Clerk Smieja provided an update. Longmore motioned to keep the office open during the lunch hour, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Building Permits and Cigarette License- Ekern is looking into firms that could possibly do this and looking into cost.

## **New Business**

**Open Public Hearing for Budget-** Mayor Kloss opened up the hearing for the 2026 budget at 6:50pm.

**Appointment of Election workers for 2026-2027-** Clerk Smieja provided an update. Skroch motioned to accept the list and added 2 new ones Jim Kuzik and Billie Kuzik, seconded by Symicek. 5-1 Ayes, Marsolek voted Nay. Motion carried.

**Elk Creek Rod & Gun-** Previously in the agenda Mike Blaha asked. Skroch motioned to allow the Elk Rod and Gun to use the old fire station, block off the street, notify neighbors of the block off. Marsolek amended to clean the old fire station by Monday and have the code changed. Second, by Skroch. 6-0 Ayes, motion carried.

**Wage Approval-** LEP Chair Skroch presented an Employee List for wages for 2026, most getting 3.5% raise on January 1<sup>st</sup> and a 1% raise July 1<sup>st</sup>. Symicek motion to employees' wages as shown on the list, seconded by Skroch. Roll Call- Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-No, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes. 5-1 Ayes, motion carried.

**Ferguson's Apartment-** Atty Schaumberg working on this. Mayor Kloss provided an update. Bring it back next month.

**Close Public Hearing-** Mayor Kloss closed public hearing for 2026 Budget at 7:09pm.

**2026 City Budget-** Symicek motion to approve 2026 City Budget, seconded by Skroch. Roll Call: Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes. 6-0 Ayes, motion carried.

**Clerk Training and Clerk Conference-** Skroch motioned to approve Clerk Smieja to attend Training (Zoom) and Conference (Green Bay), seconded by Conrad. Roll Call: Marsolek-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes. 6-0 Ayes, motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

LEP-Went over wages and finished handbook.

Ambulance- Went over budget. Chassis went out. New Ambulance is out until 2027. Lights in one of the ambulances are out but currently have it working.

Water & Sewer- Deputy Clerk pay- 30%-Water, 30%-Sewer and 40%-City. Public Service Commission sets the rates for Water. Looking into applying for additional up to 3% increase for water. Water/Sewer commissioners voted on a 10% increase on sewer for bills in January 2026.

Street- Symicek advised the guys are doing a good job. Will have a street meeting after January Council meeting.

**Correspondence:** Clerk Smieja provided LRIP Grant from the DOT, Blue Angels and the Credit card charges for the Tax Collection (But won't be in place until next year at no charge to the municipality)

**Approval of Invoices and Payments:**

Motioned by Symicek to approve; seconded by Skroch. Roll Call Vote. Skroch-Yes, Longmore-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Marsolek-Yes. 6-0 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Future Agenda:**

- 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
- Street Superintendent
- Ferguson Apartment
- Building Permit & Cigarette License

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Council Meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

**Dawn Smieja, City Clerk**