

Roll Call: Bret Hayworth, Calvin Mellies, Palm Malm (zoom) are present, Jared Rapp and John Parks are absent.

Mellies motions to approve agenda, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motions to approve the bills, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

Guests present include Dave Christensen, Pat Smith, Anna Brever, Justin Franks, Cadyn Smit, Chad Thompson, and Gerri Hunter.

Justin Franks speaks at open forum introducing himself as District Manager of L.P. Gill Landfill/Hauling and would like to bid for the next garbage contract this summer once the 5-year contract with CHN is up.

The Council discusses and decides not to act on Larry Etler’s offer of \$35,000 to purchase 7 acres of City land just south of town.

Superintendent Pat Smith gave an update from ISG Engineering: The Water Tower Improvement project may not be bid until all easement agreements are signed.

Superintendent Pat Smith gave a Public Works update:

- Pumped 4.73 million gallons of water in December and 3.9 million gallons in January. Pumped 3.2 million gallons of wastewater in December and 4.0 million gallons in January.
- Worked with school employees on broken sewer manhole.
- Worked at lagoon, cut trees and cleared brush.
- Sanded streets
- Cut multiple trees down
- Used skid loader to cut a path for water on Carol Drive
- Contacted MacQueen Equipment to repair the street sweeper for approximately \$7000 and the council gives their approval
- Casey Cooke passed his pesticide tests
- Completed pesticide license paperwork
- Rebuilt two wooden picnic tables at MYRA fields
- Sent DNR annual water report
- Conducted Garbage can inventory throughout town
- Austin Wilcox continues CDL licensing
- Working with ISG on conditional use permit and zoning
- Spoke to Scott Gernhart on plans for Main Street and Carol Drive
- Worked with Senior Center on flagpole specifics

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update on January activity.

- 26 Nuisances
- 4 Abatements
- 5 letters sent
- 2 Official notices
- 2 Citations
- 13 holds no action taken yet at this time
- 0 Permits
- \$8,433.94 billed for January

The City Council consensus approved the Property Survey to determine West Property line at 101 Main Street in front of City Hall and across Hwy 140. At an estimated cost of \$1500.

Discussed adding a Food Truck ordinance. Attorney Thompson and Inspector Christensen will draw up an ordinance together.

Hayworth motions to approve the Step Grant for the Police department via Resolution 2026-13, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve assessing \$888.85 to the property at 31 N 3rd Street via resolution 2026-14, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve adding Scott Gernhart and Bruce Schmidt to the Planning and Zoning board via resolution 2026-15, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

Malm motions to accept the next fiscal year budget 2026-2027 via resolution 2026-16 and may schedule the public hearing, seconded by Mellies. Hayworth, Mellies and Malm all neighs. A new motion is made by Hayworth to approve the 2026-27 budget with increasing the Inspector wage to 3.5%, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor and Council concerns and comments were discussed. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, at 6:30 pm. With no further business Mellies motioned to adjourn around 7:54 pm and Hayworth seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor