

September 9th 2025

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, Budget Hearing,
and regular monthly Council Meeting

Mayor Pat Walden called the meeting to order

Pledge

Roll Call: TJ Duncan via phone, Ken Collins, Lindy Rhodes via phone, and Debra Rice were all present.

Accountant Liz Hart opened up the hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. There were no public questions or comments.

Ken motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-11 to exceed the RNR, Debra 2nd; all voted yes, motion carried.

Liz then opened the Budget Hearing. She presented the budget that was worked on and published. There were no public comments or questions about the budget.

Debra motioned to approve the 2026 budget as published; Ken 2nd, all voted yes, motion carried.

Lindy motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$83,312.02, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Ken motioned to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Brenda Howard

Debra motioned to approve the report, Ken 2nd, motion carried.

Liz Hart presented the monthly budget report. She transferred some funds from electric into general. Water fund is looking good. All funds are under budget. They are staying on track. She will not be at the October meeting.

Lindy announced that she needs to resign her seat on the council due to health issues. She thanked everyone and has enjoyed her time on the council. Pat read a note that Lindy had written. Lindy ended the phone call.

Pat stated that they need to appoint someone to finish out Lindy's term.

TJ made a motion to appoint Allan Adelman, Ken 2nd, motion carried.

City Clerk Amy Tucker swore Allan in.

Agenda: Ryan Gath was present to go over the 2 quotes he had submitted to replace the office computers. He had come in and done an assessment and the current computers are over 10 years old. In October Microsoft is doing an update when that happens, they will not be compatible. It would be a security risk for the cities network.

Allan motioned to accept quote #1 but remove 1 desk top from it, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Ryan will also get another quote for a laptop for the public works department.

Mike and Caitlyn from Core and Main were present to go over the quotes and answer questions about the new water meters the city is considering acquiring.

The city is applying for grant money to help pay for the new meters. Liz is also running numbers to see how they can pay for them if they do not get the grant.

Allan asked Liz a few questions about the cities accounts.

Unfinished Business: There has been some movement on the storm siren grant, but there is still not a time frame available as to when they will be installed. Ernie has not

yet ordered the electrical safety gear that was previously approved. Jennifer went to Springfield to pick up the fire hoses.

City Office: Amy opened up the bids that were received to demo the 2 houses that were condemned. Foxwell Holdings total for the 2 was \$12,900 and Jones Land Services was \$11,600.

Ken motioned to accept Jones Land Services bid, Allan 2nd, motion carried.

Tim Foxwell was present and stated that he is considering building some small houses in town. He wanted to know what the regulations were. Amy gave him a copy of the minimum requirements for dwellings ordinance.

Pat would like to have an executive session.

Ken motioned to go into an executive session for nonelected personnel for 15 minutes, but include Liz and Amy, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Ken motioned to go back in to regular session, Allan 2nd, motion carried.

Fire: Ernie said they had 3 medical calls and 3 mutual aid fire calls. The fire dept. will hold a fundraiser cookout Sunday, September 14th at the station at noon.

City Plant: Ernie stated that he was having some issues at the water plant. Bone Creek had a leak and needed our plant to run. He will have to baby sit it all night. He got several poles that were leaning straightened up. The new poles to have in for inventory were picked up. The Ford needs two new tires. They are about \$170 each. Debra motioned to get two tires, Allan 2nd, motion carried.

KDHE is coming down on the 18th for the water inspection. Pat says they have had a few applications turned in for the public works dept. He thinks they should put an “ad” on the cities social media and see if we get more applicants, and then decide when to do interviews.

Police Dept: Joey said he has someone interested in working part time for the police dept. He qualifies to go to the part time academy. Psych evaluations are months out though. Pat asks if he is local. Joey said no, but he is down here a lot. Pat says they can set up an interview.

Council: No one had anything else.

Mayor: Pat says they need to stay on the water meters to get something figured out.

Debra motioned to adjourn, Allan 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM