

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, January 5, 2026, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

Jolene Richardson  
City Clerk

Bruce J. Barry  
Mayor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by the Mayor. Mayor Barry led the Council and assembled the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive were present. Attorney Romano was present via zoom.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for Various Meetings as listed below. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held December 15, 2025, and the Water Committee Meeting held December 18, 2025. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

#### MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION LETTER FROM ALDERMAN CHRIS SKULTEY SUBJECT TO RECEIVING A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to Accept the resignation letter from Alderman Chris Skultety subject to receiving a signed and notarized letter of resignation. This will be retroactive to December 15, 2025 upon receipt. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. Alderman Bryant voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 6-1.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE HIGH BID OF \$10,000.00 FOR THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 305 E. POPLAR ST.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Accept the high bid of \$10,000.00 for the city owned property located at 305 E. Poplar Street. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH HART, SOUTHWORTH & WITSMAN.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve the engagement letter with Hart, Southworth & Witsman. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE NON-BARGAINING PAY INCREASE OF 4% OR \$3,000.00 WHICHEVER IS LESS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to Approve the Non-Bargaining pay increase of 4% or \$3,000.00, whichever was less beginning January 1, 2026. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE WATER RATE INCREASE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CURRENT ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THESE CHANGES.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve the water rate increase beginning January 1, 2026 and to direct the City Attorney to amend the current ordinance to reflect these changes. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dennis, and Dorchinecz voted YEA. Aldermen Budd, Driskell and Olive voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 4-3.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of (\$143,172.24). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. Assistant Fire Chief Cody Rodgers addressed the City Council concerning the salary increase. He stated that when it comes to cutting costs, it was always the employees who get cut first.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.