

MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2026: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jared Hillier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jared Hillier, Council President Nick Hainline, Council Member Bob Bonning, Council Member LuAnne Coates, Council Member Erika Cornett, and City Attorney Tim Stover (via zoom) were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Nick Hainline made a motion to accept the consent agenda (Minutes for 6-30-2026 and 7-1-2026 and Treasurer's Report) as written. The motion was seconded by Erika Cornett. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye

Bob Bonning: aye

Erika Cornett: aye

LuAnne Coates: aye

Motion passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE OFFICER REPORT: Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer Brenna McLean was present to give the report. The report is on file.

LIBRARY UPDATE REPORT: Library Director Geri Omohundro was present to give the report. The report is on file.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Melissa Barry-Hotel Sewer Connections-Action Item: Mrs. Barry has requested to pay a lower amount for the 5 sewer connections needed for her active building permits as a large portion of the connections were previously permitted and paid for. The Clerks office did not locate documentation for the payment. Mrs. Barry will provide that information. No motion was made. This item will be on the next agenda.
- B.** Water Rate Increase-Discussion-Action Item: Bids for the water project came in under budget, which has resulted in grant funds that will likely not be spent. The USDA Grant of \$800,000.00 cannot be utilized until after the loan of \$4,800,000.00 has been taken. The options for funding are to borrow the full loan amount to ensure contingency or borrow only the amounts needed for the received bids. Nick Hainline made a motion to borrow the full loan amount. The motion was seconded by Bob Bonning. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye

Bob Bonning: aye

Erika Cornett: aye

LuAnne Coates: aye

Motion passed.

- C. 290 South State Street Lease Renewal-Action Item: The tenant would like to renew her lease for 2 years. Nick Hainline made a motion to accept the new lease agreement for 2 years for 290 South State Street. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye
Bob Bonning: aye
Erika Cornett: aye
LuAnne Coates: aye

Motion passed.

- D. 100 South State Street Lease-Action Item: The tenant at 100 South State Street does not wish to renew her lease. Due to her schedule the tenant has asked that the City schedule the carpet replacement and she will repay the City in full. Nick Hainline made a motion that the City cover the cost carpet replacement for 100 South State Street with repayment and fulfillment of her lease through August 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Bob Bonning. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye
Bob Bonning: aye
Erika Cornett: aye
LuAnne Coates: aye

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT: David Zollinger asked what the new rate would be and if it would still include usage. Mayor Hillier responded that the increase is approximately \$46.75 and that usage had not been discussed yet.

Kaelee Conner asked the council what the rate for commercial users would be. Mayor Hillier responded that that is not known at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMENT: Water Project Update: the scheduled start date of construction is July 20.

ADJOURNED: 6:30 PM.

Jared Hillier, Mayor

Ashley Cook, City Clerk & Treasurer