

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bromwell Lodge by Mayor William Herbord who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Ricky Bradshaw Jr, Gary Nelsen, Herb Palmer, Kim Porter, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor William Herbord, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Street Supt Darin Damery, Employee Dana Owens, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Animal Control Jamie Rowcliff and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Daniel Luca from Chastain's & Associates, Mark Ashinhurst, Janis Herbord, Kara Hubner from Brinkoetter and Associates, Eric Hubner, Ben Thompson, and Lynn Zuber.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2025 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

### **Approval of Bills:**

Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as they appear on the Warrant Sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

### **Public Comments:**

Public would like the lights turned off at the Park Pavillion at night.

Animal Control would like something done about the number of cats in the City. He would like a solution for the cats. He has picked up 20 cats and dogs since he started. No one claims the animals once they are picked up. There is a state law to have animals chipped now. He would like the issue addressed.

### **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Herbord informed the council there are a lot of things going on and little bit of work done on Chestnut Street. There may be a new owner of 101 N Chestnut soon.

116 N Poplar paperwork has been started.

The roach house is still in the works.

No projects other than the Water Plant going on.

### **Communications from the City Attorney:**

Attorney Hedinger explained 101 N Chestnut is just waiting for the deed to be mailed to the new owner and filed. Once the new owner has the deed and filed the case can be dismissed.

213 Sarah Street has a court order for publications and may have a court date soon.

### **Communications from the Treasurer:**

No report.

### **Communications from the Alderpersons**

Alderperson Palmer presented an incident form to the council for employees to fill out when there is an accident to have a paper trail. Also, the employees should have identification cards showing they are employed by the City of Assumption.

**Old Business:**

None

**Under New Business:**

Engineer Daniel Luca from Chastain and Associates updated the council on the following projects.

The Sewer Project is going into final review and should be done soon after the final walk thru inspections.

The Lead Service Project will have 8 total lead services as soon as the contractor has a date for his crew to return to this area.

The Water Treatment Plant will have equipment delivered in the near future. Interior finishes are about 70 percent complete.

The council questioned about the road repairs from the Sewer Project.

**Motion to approve invoice for Water Treatment Plant:**

Burdick Heating and Plumbing Disbursement	\$1,069,528.96
Chastain Invoice	\$25,801.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,095,330.46</b>

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve the Burdick disbursement for \$1,069,528.96 and Chastain pay request for \$25,801.50 for a total of \$1,095,330.46**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

**Motion to approve Invoice for Sewer**

Petersburg Plumbing Pay App	\$352,103.96
Chastain Inv	\$10,422.90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$362,526.86</b>

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the Petersburg Plumbing Pay disbursement of \$352,103.96 and the Chastain Invoice for \$10,422.90 for a total of \$362,526.86**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Palmer, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

A change order for the unused quantities is a deduct of \$49,034.60. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the change order of \$-49,034.60**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Sullivan, Walden, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of rock for the oiling program for the streets will be \$10,000.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made the **motion to approve \$10,000 for rock**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

The City would like to retire the TIF obligation to the General Fund for \$45,890.00 or the full amount owed. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve to retire TIF obligation of the full amount owed to the General Fund**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a Civil Defense System (Tornado Siren) will be \$34,000.00. Alderperson reviewed the information for the new tornado siren. It should be installed and operational by April 1, 2026. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Bradshaw, made the **motion to approve the purchase of a Civil Defense System (Tornado Siren)**.

Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Sullivan, Walden, Nelsen, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

The Brinkoetter realtor contract was discussed for the Baxmeyer Subdivision. Council agreed to extend the contract for 1 year. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to approve 1 year contract extension with Brinkoetter for the Baxmeyer Subdivision.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed an issue with residential trash and will table the discussion until the January 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The part time Officer Justin McElroy has turned in his resignation.

Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) at 7:43 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, made the **motion to go back into the Council Meeting at 8:28 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

No action taken.

The leaf vac program is over. Information will be posted. Also burn days are Tuesday and Saturday from 6 am to 6 pm. Dumpsters are available thru the week for items to be disposed of by residents.

**Adjournment:**

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

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William Herbord  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve the City Council Minutes of January 7, 2026 at the February 4, 2026 City Council Meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Alderperson Bradshaw was absent.