

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 1, 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 Kevin Hughes, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Daniel Luca from Chastain's & Associates, Janis Herbord, Ben Thompson and Lynn Zuber.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2026 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting and 0 nays.

## **Approval of Bills:**

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as they appear on the Warrant Sheets**. The Waste Management check will be redone for an additional \$20.00. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

## **Public Comments:**

## **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Herbord noted the cost of a company to mow the Baxmeyer Subdivision will be \$400.00 per mowing. The council will discuss later on the agenda.

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

Attorney Hedinger updated the council on 101 N Chestnut. The owner appeared in court but there is no deed yet. The owner has promised to send the deed. If not there will be another court date.

The time limit for the owner at 213 Sarah Street has passed. The City is allowed to go into the house and fumigate. The cost to fumigate the house will be put on a lien with any other expenditures the City may need to do. The City must document all expenditures.

Attorney Hedinger will be stepping back some will transition Attorney Andrew Jarmer will be taking over.

Attorney Hedinger explained the concerns from the COW Meeting. He explained the billing concerns. The main concern is the multiple FOIA requests received. Policies must be in place to prevent litigation from the FOIA.

## **Communications from the Treasurer:**

Nothing to report.

## **Communications from the Alderpersons:**

The tornado siren should be installed and operational by the end of the month.

Leafland and Locust Street there is chunks of asphalt coming out.

Green house on Poplar Street was condemned and someone from Florida bought it. The new owners are supposed to fix it up.

**Under New Business:**

Engineer Update by Daniel Luka from Chastain and Associates:

Phase 2 Lead will be closed. Final grading and seeding is being completed.

The Water Treatment Plant building is 90 percent complete. The fence will be installed in the near future. On the inside it is 86 percent complete. There has been manufacturing delays. A change order will be needed to extend the project to the end of July 2026 to make it a fully functional plant. The nitrate plant in the old plant will be moved to the new plant.

The floor has taken on damage from equipment and will need resurfaced and fix the other spots. The Engineer is working with the contractor to address the issues.

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

Burdick Heating and Plumbing Pay App	\$360,654.00
Chastain Invoice	\$15,369.29
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$376,023.29</b>

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Porter, made a **motion to approve the Burdick disbursement for \$360,654.00 and Chastain pay request for \$15,369.29 for a total of \$376,023.29.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Palmer, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

A time extension to July 31, 2026 has been requested for the Water Plant. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, made a **motion to approve a time extension until July 31, 2026 for the Water Plant Project for the IEPA contract.** Motion approved with Alderpersons Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The old Water Plant doors need to be repaired. The cost of 2 doors will be \$5,000.00. Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the cost of \$5,000.00 to repair the doors on the Water Plant.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Sullivan, Walden, Nelsen, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

A preliminary ordinance for authorization of City Expenditures pending adoption of an annual appropriation ordinance was reviewed by the council. Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve Ordinance 842 authorizing City Expenditures pending adoption of an annual appropriation ordinance.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed the Chief of Police Salary of \$70,000.00 and will make it retroactive to March 4, 2026. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the Chief of Police Salary for \$70,000.00 for Chief Kevin Hughes and also to make it retroactive to March 4, 2026.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

The roof at the Police Station needs repaired or replaced. The cost to replace the entire roof is \$7,650.75 for shingles or \$8,944.74 for a metal roof. Other council members said a metal roof will last longer. The price is double the life for a metal roof. The cost is cheaper for a shingled roof. Alderperson Porter would like it noted she would like a regular roof. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to approve \$8,944.74 for a metal roof for the Police Station.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan, Walden, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and Porter voting nay.

The cost of the Garwood Lease for the water wells is \$2,200.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve \$2,200.00**

**for the Garwood Lease for the water wells.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Palmer, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution for 2026 is \$80,000.00. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made **the motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-1 for the Motor Fuel Tax for 2026 of \$80,000.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost to replace the door at the Street Shed is \$3,500.00. Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made **the motion to approve a door for the Street Shed not to exceed \$3,500.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Sullivan, Walden, Nelsen, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a generator for the Street Shed is \$12,193.00 for a Kohler 26 KW or a 28 KW for \$15,500.00. The council discussed and decided on the \$12,193.00 Kohler generator. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a motion to approve the purchase of a generator for \$15,500.000 from Atchison Electric for the Street Shed. Motion failed with Alderpersons Porter voting aye and Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Sullivan and Walden voting no. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to approve the purchase of a generator for \$12,193.00 from GDS Enterprise for the Street Shed.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The council discussed the cost and options for mowing the Baxmeyer Subdivision. The council tabled the motions for mowers for the Baxmeyer Subdivision. Grass seed has been planted. Other discussion included costs of new mowers and if they will mow other City properties. It was noted about the complaints of the grass growing up last year and residents are required to mow their yards. There was an idea from the public about baling the grass and donating.

The council discussed the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and if the City has plans to do anything.

Aldersperson thanked everyone for all they do.

**Adjournment:**

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the April 1, 2026 City Council Minutes at the May 6, 2026 City Council Meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Bradshaw, Palmer and Porter

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William Herbord  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk