



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by Council member Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: Steve Hall, Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, Casey Brooke and Rob Ruble. We have a quorum. Mayor Charles Gastineau and City Clerk Krystal Rummel were also in attendance. Council member Robin Hefner was absent.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026 city council minutes, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the department reports for January 2026, seconded by council member McMinn. January 2026 financials will be added to next month. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission report given by chairperson Jack Boles. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the Moonlight Meadow Final Plat, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** no action taken.
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. **UPDATE ON POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE – SPENCE PROPERTY:** Council member Ruble made a motion to allow Mayor to enter into an agreement on the Spence land purchase, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member McMinn recused herself from voting.
 - B. **UPDATE ON POSSIBLE LAND SALE/SWAP – HESTER- NO ACTION**
- VIII. **New Business:**

A. RESOLUTION 2026-08: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR THE CITY WARD IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 843 OF 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2026-08, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION 2026-09: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL DISCONNECT FEES IMPOSED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF WARD WATER BILLS, AND TO SUSPEND DISCONNECTING WATER ACCOUNTS FOR NON-PAYMENT DUE TO WINTER STORM FERN was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve R-2026-09, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

C. RESOLUTION 2026-10: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR NATION'S 250TH BIRTHDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2026-10, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 2026-11: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2026 DODGE RAM 2500 4X4 FROM LANDERS AUTO GROUP was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. After discussion, this item was tabled until next month. Council member Ruble made a motion to authorize Mayor to go out for bids, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

E. RESOLUTION 2026-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WDD ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN ADA IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY HALL was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2026-12, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

F. DISCUSSION ON HWY 38/319 INTERSECTION – No action taken.

G. DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (COUNCIL MEMBER CHAPMAN) Council member Hall made a motion to establish an Economic Development Committee with Council member Chapman as chairman, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

H. SETTING DATE FOR SPRING CLEAN UP

- **MAY 2 (SUGGESTED)**

Council member Brooke made a motion to approve May 2nd as the Spring Clean-up date, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor's Report: no action taken.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none

X. Council Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none

XI. Announcements

- Early Voting Begins: February 17th from 8am to 6pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: February 23rd at 6:30pm
- Election Day: March 3rd from 7:30am to 7:30pm
- City Council Meeting: March 17th at 6:30pm

XII. Adjournment

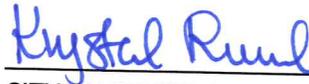
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm with a motion by Council Member Hall, seconded by Council Member Brooke. Motion to adjourn passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk for the City of Ward, do hereby verify the foregoing to be true and correct record of proceedings of the City of Ward Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 3-17-26


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

