



## CITY OF WARD

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### Council Meeting Minutes December 16, 2025 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, Robin Hefner, and Casey Brooke. Council member Rob Ruble was absent. We have a quorum. Mayor Charles Gastineau, City Clerk Krystal Rummel, and City Attorney Chris Lacy were also in attendance.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the November 18, 2025 city council minutes, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the December 1, 2025 city council minutes, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for November 2025, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Presented by Chairman Erin Mixon. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the final plat for Copper Moon, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** no action taken.
- VII. **Old Business:** None
- VIII. **New Business:**
  - A. **RESOLUTION 2025-55: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO RENEW CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT WITH BANK OZK** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2025-55, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

**B. RESOLUTION 2025-56: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HARRY "BUTCH" PRICE TO THE CITY OF WARD PLANNING COMMISSION** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R-2025-56, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

**C. RESOLUTION 2025-57: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R-2025-57, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

**D. RESOLUTION 2025-58: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R-2025-58, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

**E. RESOLUTION 2025-59: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE SEVERAL PUMPS FOR VARIOUS WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2025-59, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 4-1 voice vote. Council member Brooke opposed.

**F. ORDINANCE 2025-31: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO AUTHORIZE DAVID GIBSON TO PERFORM REPAIRS AND MINOR CONSTRUCTION TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) CREW QUARTERS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-31 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, and Brooke-no. Motion carries with a 4-1 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 4-2 voice vote. Council members Hefner and Brooke opposed, and the mayor voting in the affirmative. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2025-31, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, and Hall-yes. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative. Motion carries with a 4-2 vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to enact the emergency clause, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Hall-yes, and Chapman-yes. Motion failed for lack of majority and will go into effect in 30 days.

**G. ORDINANCE 2026-01 – CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE O-2025-01; ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE WARD CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; (READ AHEAD ONLY)** No action taken.

VIII. **Mayor's Report:** no action taken.

IX. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** none

X. **Council Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Council member Brooke made a motion to allow the sale of old tablets, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

XI. **Announcements**

- Planning Commission Meeting: December 22 at 6:30pm
- City Offices Closed: December 25/26 for Christmas
- City Offices Closed: January 1, 2026
- City Offices Closed: January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- City Council Meeting: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30pm

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm with a motion by Council Member Brooke, seconded by Council Member Hefner. 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, December 16, 2025 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 1-20-2026

  
MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

Krystal Rummel  
CITY CLERK KRISTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

