

Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

August 17, 2026

Mayor Ferguson opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, and Mike Duval. Leonard Woehler was absent.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer

Public: Angela Selby, Mike Shirley, Linda Brunckhorst, Mark Curry, Corry Seitz, Brian Engle, Christina Bowden, Aaron Freed, and Brian Williams

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting and August 10, 2026, Budget Work Meeting, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Corry Seitz, Brian Engle, and Brian Williams from Vitality Partners asked the Council for permission to install a trial decorative solar light in the old City Hall parking lot. It would be temporary so they can see how they work and get feedback from the community. Councilmembers asked questions and held a discussion about the possible solar light trial. Public Comment: Mike Shirley wants to know how long the trial is for and what is the criteria is of whether it fails or not. He also would like to know the manufacturer and model of the lights. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the trial solar light on city property for Vitality Partners near the bench on 3rd Avenue and McLeod Street for nine months starting on September 1, 2026, and coordinate with Kris Novotny on the light placement, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor Ferguson presented information from Lloyd Rue about the possibility of curb extensions at the corner of 1st Avenue and McLeod Street. Councilman Duval doesn't see a benefit of putting it in. He and Councilman Davis both feel that it would be difficult for semi-trucks and horse trailers to make the turn onto McLeod Street. Councilwoman Baird disagrees and believes it will help with pedestrian safety: Brian Engle stated that if a semi-truck is parked by Key Insurance you have to creep out in order to be able to turn. He suggested no parking zones along the intersection. Mayor Ferguson added that snow removal could be difficult and it's also difficult for the mine buses to make the turn.

Mayor Ferguson presented the second reading of Ordinance 497: An Ordinance Establishing Section 72.025 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding parking along the intersection of 1st Avenue and McLeod Street. Councilman Duval made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 497, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor Ferguson read Resolution 1055: A Resolution to Place Past Due Utility Accounts as a Special Levy. Public Comment: Brian Engle stated that he doesn't understand why a resolution has to be passed each year to do the levy. He stated the Council should just do one permanent resolution and be done with it.

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Councilman Baird, made a motion to approve Resolution 1055, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor Ferguson presented the contract for the pool liner project. The cost of the project is \$68,365. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the pool liner project, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor Ferguson showed the Council an estimate from Bluebird Roofing to replace the roof of the park shelter that was damaged in the wind storm this past winter. The estimated cost is \$4706.11. Councilmembers would like to get another estimate before making a decision. Councilman Duval made a motion to approve the roof replacement of the park shelter by spending \$4706.11 pending a second estimate and pulling the necessary funds from the city hall building fund, seconded by Councilman Davis. Public Comment: Linda Brunckhorst appreciates the council getting another quote or two. She also drove by the city park to see the missing shingles, but we need to look at do we absolutely have to do that this year, especially when we are building a new City Hall. Motion failed by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor Ferguson stated he received an offer from Stenberg Construction and Supplies for the city to purchase a finished Connex building for \$22,000. This building would be used as the animal control office. The Council would like to look at the Connex before making a decision. Councilman Davis made a motion to table Stenberg Construction's offer for the Connex to use as an animal control building, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Mayor Ferguson asked the Council if they would like to take the discounted amount of the Triangle Capital Credits. Councilman Duval made a motion to reject the Triangle Capital Credits, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the claims for the second half of July 2026, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Public Comment: Linda Brunckhorst stated there is a tree on the 8th Street side of Lions Club Park and the metal cage is growing into the tree. It needs to be removed. She said there needs to be more attention to the weeds and mowing at the park. It looks shaggy. She also stated that \$20,000 was approved for the purchase of an animal control vehicle and wanted an update on the status of that. Mike Shirley asked who inspected everything on the animal control vehicle before it was purchased. Mayor Ferguson stated it came from Archie Cochran Ford and he doesn't know what kind of inspection was done. Brian Williams asked who takes care of the weeds in the public right-of-way in the roads. Mark Curry stated that the new City Hall building will not benefit anyone. He doesn't think the city should build one this year. He would like to see money spent on curbs and sidewalks. He also stated that the west end of town looks terrible. Mike Shirley added that every town has a City Hall.

Council Concerns: Councilman Davis stated that he had quite a few concerned citizens worried that we are raising taxes to build a new city hall. They would like to see it used for streets, water, sewer, etc. Councilwoman Baird would like to know if the building committee should move forward or not on the new City Hall building. She is concerned about spending money if the council is having second thoughts on a new building.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilwoman Baird made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Ferguson", written over a horizontal line.

Justin Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer