

City of Kinmundy
Regular Council Meeting

May 08, 2025

Call to order

The regular May 2025 meeting was called to order by Mayor Angie Diss. The pledge to allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present were members Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis and Gary Cooper. Donna Smith was absent. Mayor Diss advised Councilman, Curt Jones, would arrive late. City Clerk, Cindy Garrett, was also absent. Notes were initially taken by City Secretary, Teresa Hanks, and later taken over by newly appointed City Clerk, Jane Middleton.

Motion was made by Council person, Amy Davis, to accept the bills and minutes for the April 10, 2025 regular meeting and seconded by Council Person, Emily Hassebrock.

Emily Hassebrock-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Donna Smith-absent

Curt Jones-absent

Corey Thompson-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Council Person, Emily Hassebrock, to approve the minutes of the special public meeting held on April 26, 2025 and concerning the park renovations. Council person Corey Thompson seconded the motion.

Emily Hassebrock-yes

Amy Davis-abstained

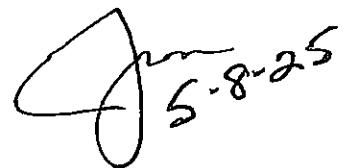
Donna Smith-absent

Curt Jones-absent

Corey Thompson-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "5-8-25". The signature appears to be "Jane Middleton".

Newly elected council person, Paul Eatherton, was sworn into office by Mayor Diss. He took the seat of departing council person, Emily Hassebrock. Ms. Hassebrock thanked the council and was appreciative of her time on the council.

Matt Gura was appointed by Mayor Diss to fill the empty seat in ward one. Motion was made by Council person, Amy Davis, to appoint Matt Gura to the empty council position in Ward 1. Motion was seconded by council person, Corey Thompson. Voting was as follows:

Paul Eatherton-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Curt Jones-absent

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Matt Gura was sworn into office by Mayor Diss.

Mayor Diss advised elected City Clerk, Cindy Garrett, resigned from her City Clerk position. Council person, Amy Davis, made the motion to accept Garrett's resignation from the City Clerk position. Motion was seconded by Council Person, Paul Eatherton.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Cory Thompson-yes

Curt Jones-absent

Amy Davis-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Diss advised she would like to appoint Cindy Garrett, to the vacant position of City Treasurer. Council Person, Corey Thompson, made the motion to appoint Cindy Garrett to the vacant position of City Treasurer. Council Person, Amy Davis, seconded the motion.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Cory Thompson-yes

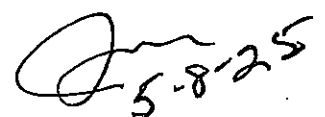
Curt Jones-absent

Amy Davis-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Diss and Cindy Garrett had earlier been sworn into their elected positions by each other.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "5-8-25". The signature appears to be "Jim" or similar, written in a cursive style.

Mayor Diss advised she would like to appoint, Jane Middleton, to the now vacant position of City Clerk. Paul Eatherton made the motion to appoint Jane Middleton to the position of City Clerk. Motion was seconded by Matt Gura.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Cory Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-absent

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Jane Middleton was sworn into office by Mayor Diss.

Clerk Middleton took over the taking of council minutes from City Secretary, Teresa Hanks.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Prior to the beginning of Public Recognition, Mayor Diss advised each person would be held to a five minute time for their presentations to the City Council

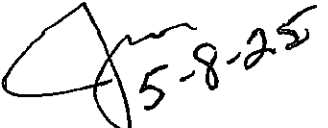
Jim Koehler

Mr. Koehler advised it was the 100th anniversary of the Scopes Monkey trial of Williams Jennings Bryan. He was requesting to place signs around town to alert the community to the celebration of the anniversary of the Scopes Monkey trial. The celebration will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 12th, 2025, in Bryan Memorial Park, in Salem, Illinois. A live reenactment of the trial will take place at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the park on July 12th, 2025. Displays, booths and food and drink will be available. The event is free to the public through generous sponsorships of Salem businesses and the Salem Tourism Council.

Mayor Diss and Council Person Amy Davis granted Koehler permission to place signs in their private yards.

David Gibbons

Mr. Gibbons lives on the south west corner of 5th and South Jefferson streets. The Gibbons home has been damaged by fire. He requested permission from the council to live in a camper, furnished by his insurance, until such time as the home can be repaired and livable.

 5-8-25

Motion was made by Gary Cooper to allow Gibbons to reside in the camper at 109 E. 5th, until the end of November, 2025. Motion was seconded by Corey Thompson.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Cory Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-absent

Gary Cooper-yes

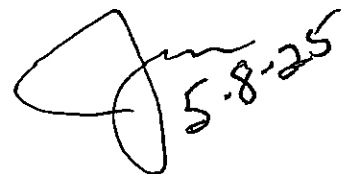
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Gibbons also requested the abatement notice he had received for his yard be rescinded. Mayor Diss advised Gibbons and his mother-in-law, the abatement notice would be discussed later in the meeting. It was later decided by the Council not to rescind the abatement notice. Mayor Diss validated his cell number as 618-367-9685. Gibbons was also advised if he needed more time to reside in the camper past the end of November 2025, to make sure he came ahead of time to request an extension from the council as regular meetings are only held the first Thursday of each month.

Gary Lane

Mr. Lane requested to know where we stood on road repairs, had the city workers been told how to repair roads, grants, was the City paying any late fees, baseball diamond maintenance and utilities, why couldn't young adults play on the diamond at Lions Field, cleaning of ditches, snow and ice removal, and will the City be paying the utilities at Webster Field.

Mayor Diss advised the road repairs would commence as soon as summer help was hired and the weather permitted. There were grants now being pursued by the City for sewer and park repairs. Mayor Diss advised Lane there were very few free grants available to the City and none for streets. We have to pay engineering fees on grants that could cost thousands of dollars. The City does not have unlimited funds. Mayor Diss double checked with Secretary Hanks if the City was paying any late fees. Hanks advised no. Mayor Diss advised that Curt Jones was in charge of the baseball diamond maintenance at Lions Field on his personal time. The City has been paying the utilities at Lions Field since 1979 when the council voted on paying those utilities. Diss also advised that as far as she knew young adults could play on Lions Field. Council person Cory Thompson advised he lives by the park and young adults frequently use the park. Lane was advised by Mayor Diss the utilities at Webster Field were not paid by the City and did not see us doing so in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "5-8-25". The signature is stylized and appears to be "Jim".

She also advised Lane Webster Field had requested they City pay Webster Field's utilities. The City decided not to pay the utilities, but allowed Webster Fields to pay their utilities at the City's cost. We keep the ditches as clean as we can.

The City has no building to store salt or the money to purchase salt. Clerk Middleton called Lane's time was up.

Council person Curt Jones arrived at the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

JESSEE FITWATER

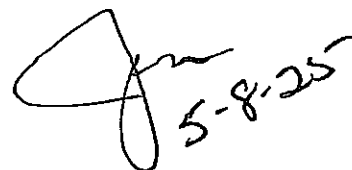
Mr. Fitzwater was concerned his fines of \$975 for his dog running at large, on 4 citations, was higher than anyone else who had been given citations for the same offense in the same time period. Fitzwater had received the citation information through a FOIA request to the City. He advised the dog had gotten loose from his young children. Fitzwater also advised the problem of his dog running at large had been remedied. Mayor Diss advised the City had received numerous complaints of his dog running loose and harassing other people's pets and chickens. It was the discretion of the City Police Officer on the amount of fine charged and the fine increased with each violation. Mayor Diss advised they would discuss the matter later in executive session.

JOURDAN HAARMANN

Haarmann arrived to discuss the contract the City had with Homefield Energy through 12/2028.

Haarmann advised the cost of 9.1 cents per kw/hr. would expire as of the end of June 2025. The cost from July 1, 2025 through 2026 will be 11.789 cents per kw/hr. He was inquiring if the City would like to lock in the rate for the citizens of Kinmundy. Mayor Diss advised we got many complaint calls from the City citizens as they were automatically switched to Homefield Energy and had to opt out to remain with Ameren. Haarmann advised the cost is adjusting annually and this was not for the City accounts, but for the citizens of the City cost.

No motion to update the Homefield Energy contract was made.

A handwritten signature, possibly "J. Jones", followed by the date "5-8-25".

LIBRARY REPORT

See attached library report.

Mayor Diss read a resignation letter from the City Library Board from Jane Middleton.

Motion was made by Corey Thompson to accept the resignation of Jane Middleton from the Kinmundy Library Board. The motion was seconded by Amy Davis.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Diss read a resignation letter from the Kinmundy Library Board from Paul Eatherton.

Motion was made by Matt Gura to accept the letter for resignation from the Kinmundy Library Board from Paul Eatherton. Motion was seconded by Amy Davis.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Diss advised Amy Davis will be coming off the Kinmundy Library Board and Matt Gura will stay and become the City Council representative on the Library Board.

Paul Eatherton made the motion to remove Amy Davis from the Library board. Motion was seconded by Matt Gura.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-abstained

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Jim
5-8-25

Mayor Diss advised she would like to appoint Jennifer Scheer to the Kinmundy Library Board.

Motion was made by Amy Davis to appoint Jennifer Scheer to the Kinmundy Library Board.

Motion was seconded by Paul Eatherton.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Diss advised she would like to appoint Diane Lane to the Kinmundy Library Board.

Motion was made by Matt Gura to appoint Diane Lane to the Kinmundy Library Board. Motion was seconded by Corey Thompson.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Diss advised she would like to appoint Annie Mount to the Kinmundy Library Board.

Corey Thompson made the motion to appoint Annie Mount to the Kinmundy Library Board.

Motion was seconded by Amy Davis.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Part time police Officer Jeremy Howell resigned by furnishing a verbal resignation to Mayor Diss. See attached police report.

Jim 8-25

WATER REPORT

Travis Potter advised on obtaining a water tower mixer. E.J. Water has a Powermix water tower mixer they used for only one month. They quit using the mixer because the stand pipe of the water tower was damaged. There is nothing wrong with the mixer. The cost of the used mixer was \$7400 with an installation fee of \$4800. The quote for a new mixer IXOM Watercare from MEC, Municipal Equipment Company, was furnished by Rex Gower of Milano and Grunloh Engineers and was at a cost of \$13,840.34. This price did not include installation. SEE ATTACHED BID. Council person Jones advised he had a lot of confidence in Rex Gower.

Motion was made by Corey Thompson to purchase the used Powermix storage tank mixing system from E.J. Water for \$7400 and provide and installation fee of up to \$5000. The money is to be taken from savings. Motion was seconded by Amy Davis.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

STREET REPORT

Luke Smith advised the mulberry tree in the park must come down. He received a bid from, Lee Logue of, Odds and Ends Tree and Bucket Service, for \$1000. The work would be done in the middle of summer and if the City wanted it done now it would cost an additional \$400.

Above and Beyond tree service from Vandalia bid \$1200 and will also be cutting up a tree at the old lake that is too big for our equipment. Work to be done immediately.

Motion was made by Paul Eatherton to accept the bid from Above and Beyond tree service to cut down the Mulberry tree in the park for \$1200. Motion was seconded by Matt Gura.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

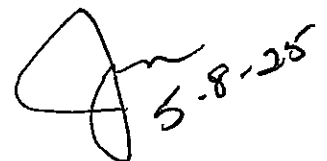
Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature, possibly "J. Smith", followed by the date "5-8-25".

Mayor Diss observed that Tom Mulvane could be contacted to remove the stumps in the park.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Applications for summer help were from Luke and Garrett Shumate \$15/ hour. Work hours will be 21 hours, three, seven hour days.

Motion was made by Paul Eatherton to hire Garrett Shumate at \$15/hour with three seven hour days to be worked for a total of 21 hours per week. Motion was seconded by Curt Jones.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Amy Davis to hire Luke Shumate at \$15/hour with three seven hour days to be worked for a total of 21 hours per week. Motion was seconded by Matt Gura.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

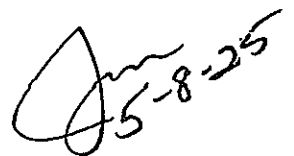
Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION PASSED

WATER PAPERLESS BILLING

Mayor Diss advised our water program has a paperless billing option. An email is sent to the email on file for the monthly bill. Bills are being lost in the mail. Bills are always due on the 10th of each month and everyone knows when they are due. The City has not been charging late fees due to the poor postal service of delivering our water bills. Diss suggested we offer \$1 off each month for people to go paperless. This would be cheaper than putting the bills in envelopes and paying the current rate of postage. The City will start charging late fees in July 2025.

 5-8-25

Motion was made by Amy Davis the City give a \$1 credit each month to those who receive paperless billing beginning with the June 2025 bill. Motion was seconded by Matt Gura.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION PASSED

The information on how to receive paperless billing and the \$1 incentive will be included in the News Letter which goes out, Monday, May13th, and will be put on the City's Facebook page, website, and the sign in the park.

Mayor Diss advised she would remain as the representative on the Gateway Board and would like Travis Potter to be appointed as the alternate.

Motion was made by Curt Jones to appoint Mayor Diss as the representative of the City on the Gateway Water Board and Travis Potter as the alternate. Motion was seconded by Amy Davis.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

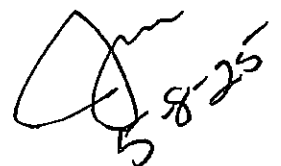
Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature, possibly "Amy Davis", followed by the date "5-8-25".

DOWNTOWN BUILDING FINANCIALS

See handout.

Mayor Diss went over the downtown building financials with the council. The building has been losing money. As of May 8, 2025 the City has lost \$2,314.10 for the past partial year. The City attorney stressed the City must be fiscally responsible. Water has been free. The food pantry is paying \$200 a month for rent and will pay their utilities with the exception of the water bill. The north office spaces and the food pantry are on the same water meter. They would need to split the water bill. The Historical Museum is not paying rent or any utilities. What does the City council want to do? Property taxes were discussed. The Mayor talked to someone in charge of the museum. They advised they would move if charged rent.

They could possible pay their own utilities. The Historical Society is not willing to get a grant to help in construction to provide a space for the museum. Council Person Gura questioned about adding onto the library for the museum. Mayor Diss advised the attorney said we would still have to charge them rent unless they pay for the addition. The Attorney said it is a bad idea to put them at another City building. It was discussed by Council Person Amy Davis she thought \$440 would be fair rent for the museum as it would be in line with the amount payed by the other spaces that are rented.

Motion was made by Amy Davis to charge the historical museum \$300/month and they pay their utilities beginning July 1st, 2025. Motion was seconded by Paul Eatherton.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

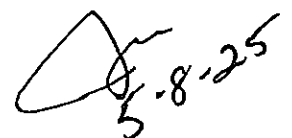
Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-abstained

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "5-8-25".

Motion was made by Corey Thompson to keep the Food Pantry rent at \$200 and require them to pay half of the water bill with the north rental unit. Motion was seconded by Paul Eatherton.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-abstained

MOTION CARRIED.

Home Town Friends are not doing the maintenance at the park across from the bank as they agreed upon. We do all the maintenance including replacing the flag. The Mayor will contact Brenda Altadonna to discuss the Home Town Friends agreement at the small park.

The Methodist Church has donated \$8000 to beautify downtown Kinmundy.

Motion was made by Corey Thompson to spend up to \$8000 in grant money from the Kinmundy Methodist Church in beautifying the downtown area. Motion was seconded by Curt Jones.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

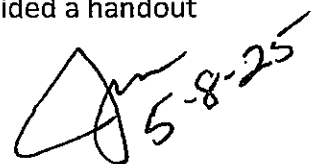
Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

CITY FEES

The City is not charging after hour fees for our City workers when called out. The City workers get paid for two hour minimum for each call out. If there is a water break at a private residence during the week, and they decide not to fix until the weekend, it is four hours minimum the City pays. The City workers are called to turn off and on water multiple times and each time is a minimum of two hours pay. Teresa Hanks will call around to other towns to see what if any fees they charge for call outs of City personnel. Charging fees for call outs was tabled for next month.

Our liquor licenses are too low compared to surrounding towns. Mayor Diss provided a handout of our charges on City fees. It will be further discussed next month.

 5-8-25

The City is able to charge a fee per unit for the gambling machines. Council person Davis thought maybe we could charge a \$1000 fee across the board for the machines. Mayor Diss said the fees were usually covered by the owner of the machines. The gaming fees and liquor licenses will be discussed next month.

PARK DEEDS

Mayor Diss advised there was a section of the park where the parking lot and the bathrooms are located that does not show an owner on the deeds. This area used to be owned by Charles and Constance Mayer. Mayor Diss called T. K. Title, previously Larimer's title. They advised the cost would probably not exceed \$500. This title must be straightened out in order to the grant for the park.

FINDINGS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Diss advised the City attorney said it is not illegal to pay the electric at Lions Field.

The City workers using a tractor or finish mower on different areas is entirely a management decision.

The City mowing the Blomberg lots in exchange for storage space for our rock is not illegal. She suggested a lease agreement between the City and Blomberg's to formally cover the deal. The lease has been given to Ed Blomberg to review.

Motion was made by Curt Jones to enter into a lease agreement with Ed Blomberg to mow the Blomberg properties of parcel 03-22-208-042 and 03-22-400-001 in exchange for rock storage. Motion was seconded by Corey Thompson.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

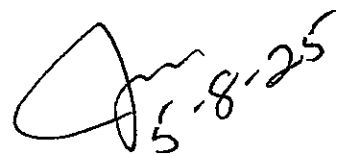
Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED



Motion was made by Amy Davis to enter into executive session for Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(C) section 2(c)(1), and purchase or lease of real estate- section 2(c)(5) ;(c)(6). Motion was seconded by Paul Eatherton.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED

Return from executive session.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE

Motion was made by Paul Eatherton to lower Jesse Fitzwater's fines to \$400 for the citations of dog running at large. Motion was seconded by Corey Thompson.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-abstained

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made to adjourn by Corey Thompson, seconded by Amy Davis.

Paul Eatherton-yes

Matt Gura-yes

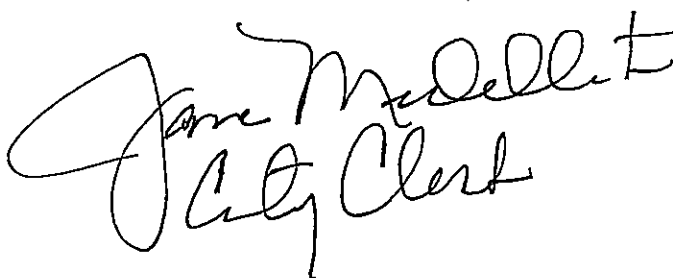
Corey Thompson-yes

Amy Davis-yes

Curt Jones-yes

Gary Cooper-yes

MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED 9:57PM



Jane McDell
City Clerk

February Library Summary

General Attendance: **100** Attendants and **44** Computer Users
 = **144** total patrons


Circulations: Sent out: **359**
 Received: **174**

Deposits: **\$392.05** in total. (\$265 was made in the Valentine's Bake Sale)

*There were no attendants present for the planned Kid's Reading Program for February.

Upcoming Announcements:

- The Windsor Storm Library Director, Stacy Stremming, plans to host a meeting at her library on April 4th at 10:00am for a group she is working on; called the Micro-Library Group. I have been invited to participate, since it is specifically for libraries in smaller communities, with populations below 1,000.
- Proposal to make the Kinmundy Library a UPS drop-off location


5-8-25
MINUTES

City Fees / Expenses

Lake

** Used for rock, port a potty & lake pmt

* 2025 - \$4,710.00 / Year to Date Combined

Boat Sticker - Resident \$40.00

* 2024 - \$9,295.00 / Year Combined

Boat Sticker - Non Resident \$60.00

* 2023 - 5,835.00/ Year Combined

Dock Rent \$509.50

* \$509.50/yr - 4 docks

Port A Potty Cost \$955.00

* May - October

Miscellaneous

Golf Cart/ Side By Side \$40.00

* 2024 - \$920.00 (23 Stickers)

* 2023 - \$320.00 (16 Stickers)

* 2025 - \$760.00 (19 Stickers)

Returned Check Fee \$25.00

Liquor License - Package & Pour \$1,000.00

cancel

Liquor License - Restaurant \$150.00

Dining car

Liquor License - Event \$25.00

Gaming Fee \$0.00

Trash Pickup - 1st Can \$12.75

* No additional markup

Trash Pickup - Additional Cans \$5.00

* No additional markup

Water/Sewer

Water Base Rate - In City Limits \$24.50

Water Usage - In City Limits \$10.64

Per 1000 gallons

Water Base Rate - Out of City Limits \$28.50

Water Usage - Out of City Limits \$11.64

Per 1000 gallons

Sewer Base Rate \$5.00

Sewer Usage \$4.11

Per 1000 gallons

Water Reconnect Fee \$50.00

Jan
5-8.25
Agenda