

City Council Minutes

May 11, 2026

The Public Hearing for the property located at 115 South Park St was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mitch Brenner. Council members present include President Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, George Lucas, and Jonathan Unruh. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Christina Redger.

Visiting was Mike Schmaderer.

Cordes reported to the Governing Body that the property owner requested the Hearing be postponed beforehand. The request was denied, and the Hearing continued as planned. Cordes presented pictures of the structure in question, and Council discussed the requirements for repair and deadline for completion. Cordes to follow up with Resolution for next meeting. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Brenner called the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council to order at 7:10 p.m.

Cordes introduced electrical engineer Mike Schmaderer of KMEA/Mid-States. Schmaderer was invited to give his expertise on the purchase of new or used engines for the Power Plant. Discussion involved types of engines and their fuel requirements, costs to expect for the engine and its installation or modification, location of placement at the Power Plant or North Substation, engine dealers and ease of software support, concerns regarding step-up transformers, the pros and cons of a box unit as opposed to a building, how well newer engines will work with existing older engines, and the knowledge gained from working with other cities and their power production. Council discussed funding, timeline for purchase and installation, and possible rate increase for residents. Council decided to move forward on finding engines to purchase, Cordes to follow up.

Minutes of the April 27, 2026, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to approve the Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$331,098.40. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes updated Council on the water line replacement project. Pennick began work end of the week prior to the meeting, and they could not fit in the extra line at the Southwest corner of Carthage and Fowler. Council requested it be addressed next year, Cordes to follow up.

Cordes reminded Council that the next meeting scheduled was for Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day). Council decided to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Cordes presented the appointments for 2026. Open positions include one 4-year term on the Planning Committee, one 4-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and one 4-year term on the Library Board. Motion by Lucas, second by Kroth to approve the City of Meade Appointments for 2026. Motion carried with all in favor.

Redger presented the Library Budget. Council wanted to compare with 2026 and will table for next meeting. Redger to follow up.

Redger requested thoughts on how City Wide Cleanup 2026 went. Cordes stated that the process normally takes 3 weeks, and creating a centralized location at the City Shop and Power Plant cut the timeline down to one week. There was discussion around providing more roll-off containers, better communication and signs for items not allowed, and other possible locations around town. Council discussed possible purchase of roll-off container to have year round for City waste.

Redger requested thoughts on pictures of Council and Mayor posted in office and on the website. Council agreed that it would be a good idea for the public to recognize their representatives. Redger to follow up.

Mayor Brenner requested an update on the curb at Ace Hardware on West Carthage St. Cordes to follow up.

Mayor Brenner and Council President DeLissa requested an update on the decision surrounding updates to the disc golf course at the City Park. Cordes to follow up.

Councilman Kroth requested a purchase of a skid loader machine so City can use for various maintenance and repair projects. The aid of the machine at the recent water main break cut a significant amount of time off dig and haul away time.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss land acquisition, to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Back in regular session, no action was taken.

Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel, to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Back in regular session, no action was taken.

Motion by Unruh, second by Holguin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mitch Brenner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Redger, City Clerk

See attached approved City of Meade Appointments for 2026 on page 999 of volume "R" of the Record of Proceedings for the City of Meade.