

City of Bates City
Minutes of Board of Aldermen Meeting

Thursday January 8, 2026

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City Hall

203 N Second Street

Bates City, MO 64011

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderwoman Hilbrenner led the Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor, Darren Hilbrenner

Roll Call: Present: Diana Rickey- Alderwoman

Jo Hilbrenner- Alderwoman

Mike Brown- Alderman

Absent: Emmitt Rickey- Alderman

A quorum was present

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Charity Eaton; City Collector/Court Clerk, Darlene Jones; Chief MacKay; Officer Samborski, Officer Goble, James Newell City Attorney.

Others Present: Ken & Jane Beal; Emma Jones, *The Odessan*; Dave Eaton

Public Comments: No comments

Announcements: Mayor Hilbrenner reminded attendees that City Hall would be closed January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Congratulations to Chief MacKay for six years of service, Officer Goble for 2 years of service, and Sergeant Hannsz for 16 years of service.

Happy Birthday to Alderwoman Rickey

Consent Agenda: Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the December 11, 2025 Regular Session and Closed Session.

December financials and bills paid were reviewed.

Alderwoman Hilbrenner made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Alderman Brown seconding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderwoman Rickey	Aye	Alderwoman Hilbrenner	Aye
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Alderman Brown	Aye		
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Consent Agenda approved 3-0

Old Business:

None

New Business:

FIRST reading and discussion of Bill No. 2026-01 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATES CITY, MISSOURI FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO (2) ALDERMEN, EACH FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM.**

Alderman Brown moved to approve the FIRST reading of Bill No. 2026-01 with Alderwoman Hilbrenner seconding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderwoman Rickey	Aye	Alderwoman Hilbrenner	Aye
Alderman Brown	Aye		

Motion approved 3-0

SECOND reading and discussion of Bill No. 2026-01 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATES CITY, MISSOURI FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO (2) ALDERMEN, EACH FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM.**

Alderwoman Hilbrenner moved to approve the SECOND reading of Bill No. 2026-01 with Alderman Brown seconding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderwoman Rickey	Aye	Alderwoman Hilbrenner	Aye
Alderman Brown	Aye		

Motion approved 3-0, Bill No. 2026-01 becomes Ordinance 5175

Board members reviewed the six-month financial report for the period of July 2025 to December 2025.

Clerk Eaton explained that the report was required to be published in the newspaper by the end of January.

During her bank reconciliations for December she discovered a \$47.60 refund that had not been reflected in the report. She advised board members that the correction had been made to the report. However, the copies in their packet had been printed before the correction was made so they would see slightly different numbers in the report submitted to the paper compared to their copies.

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Staff Reports:

City Clerk- included in packet

City Collector & Court Administrator- included in packet

Water & Sewer- included in packet

Streets- Mr. Eaton reported that the street name sign from the corner of Second Street and 40 Highway had fallen off. He had picked it up and had it at his shop. He will try to get it reposted soon. Chief MacKay offered to contact MODOT to assist with re-attaching the sign since the road signage is their responsibility along those two roads.

Police- included in packet

With all public business complete a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to the following provisions:

610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; and/or

610.021(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and/or

610.021(13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees

was made by Alderman Brown with Alderwoman Hilbrenner seconding the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderwoman Rickey Aye Alderwoman Hilbrenner Aye

Alderman Brown Aye

Motion approved 3-0

Board members entered closed session at 7:39 p.m.

At the conclusion of the closed session business a motion to return to open session was made by Alderwoman Hilbrenner and seconded by Alderman Brown.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderman Brown	Aye	Alderman Brown	Aye
Alderman Brown	Aye	Alderman Brown	Aye

Motion approved 3-0

Board returned to open session at 8:47 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026- this is one week earlier than usual due to a scheduling conflict

Adjournment

With all City business completed, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Rickey with Alderwoman Hilbrenner seconding the motion.

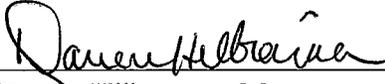
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderman Brown	Aye	Alderman Brown	Aye
Alderman Brown	Aye	Alderman Brown	Aye

Motion approved 3-0.

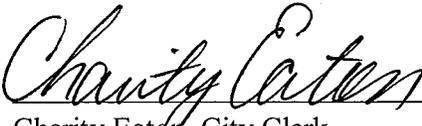
Meeting adjourned 8:51 p.m.

APPROVED:


Darren Hilbrenner, Mayor

2/5/2026
Date

ATTEST:


Charity Eaton, City Clerk

2/5/2026
Date