

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bromwell Lodge by Mayor William Herbord who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Ricky Bradshaw Jr, Gary Nelsen, Herb Palmer, Kim Porter, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor William Herbord, Attorney Andrew Jarmer, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades and City Clerk Janet Waller. Treasurer Angel Palmer was absent.

Present in the audience were Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's & Associates, Janis Herbord, Ben Thompson and Dan Davis.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made a **motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2025 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Approval of Bills:

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as they appear on the Warrant Sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

Public Comments:

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Herbord updated the council on 101 N Chestnut.

The City has started paperwork to condemn 116 N Poplar.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Jarmer updated the council on Ordinance Court. The next court date is December 17, 2025.

An affidavit of non-service has been done on the 213 Sarah Street.

Communications from the Treasurer:

No report.

Communications from the Alderpersons

Alderperson Nelsen reported on the information for a new Tornado Siren and how to pay for a new siren. The siren will be discussed again at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 16, 2025.

Old Business:

None

Under New Business:

Engineer Ron Legener from Chastain and Associates reported the Sanitary Sewer Project is complete.

There is an agenda item to extend the Lead Service Project for 8 more lines. This project is 100% forgiveness. They would like to extend it until the end of May 2026.

The Water Treatment Project has completed the parking lot and heating has been installed.

The additional cost of the Engineering contract with Chastain & Associates is \$6,000.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 due to the multiple extensions of the project. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made **the motion to approve the additional cost of \$6,000.00 for the Engineering contract with Chastain and Associates for the Sanitary Sewer Phase 2.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Walden, Nelsen, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and Porter voting nay.

A change order to extend the Lead Service Project until May 2026 will be needed for the additional replacement of 8 lead lines. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the extension of the Lead Service Project until May 2026.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Palmer, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

The additional cost of the Chastain and Associates Engineering Contract for the Water Treatment Plant due to the additional administration setbacks is \$86,000.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the \$86,000.00 for the additional costs of the Chastain and Associates Engineering contract for the Water Treatment Plant.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve invoice for Water Treatment Plant:

Burdick Heating and Plumbing Disbursement	\$534,352.63
Chastain Invoice	\$20,623.17
Total	\$554,975.80

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made a **motion to approve the Burdick disbursement for \$534,352.63 and Chastain pay request for \$20,623.17 for a total of \$554,975.80.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of a new pump for the Water Department will be \$18,997.00 plus the cost of installation of the new pump. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made **the motion to approve the purchase of a new pump plus the cost of installation not to exceed \$24,000.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan, Walden, Bradshaw, Porter and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Herbord discussed the Street Department would like to purchase the 1993 dump truck from the Village of Moweaqua. The truck comes with a leaf vac and a plow. The cost is \$16,000.00. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the purchase of a 1993 dump truck for \$16,000.00.** Motion carried with Palmer, Bradshaw, Nelsen, Porter, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

The preliminary 2025-2026 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented. The rate is the same as last year (4.9%). Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Palmer, made the **motion to approve Ordinance 841 the 2025-2026 Tax Levy Ordinance.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of fireworks for 2026 will be \$11,040.00. The increase of 32% is due to the tariffs but J&M Displays is splitting the cost of increase with their customers. The City's cost will be a 15% increase. Council Member Palmer, seconded by Nelsen, made the **motion to approve the 2026 fireworks for \$11,040.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Sullivan, Walden, Nelsen, Bradshaw and Palmer voting aye and 0 nays.

Adjournment:

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Porter, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

William Herbord
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Palmer, made the **motion to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.