

CITY OF ASSUMPTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Ricky Bradshaw, Jr. 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, Police Chief Seath Hubbs, Water Employee Dana Owens, Street Supt Darin Damery and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Bob Bantner arrived 6:40 pm.

Absent were Water Supt Jack Duncan and Water Collector Tanya Rhoades.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Under New Business:

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

NPDES Permit:

Water Supt not present – no update

Engineer Update:

No report.

Water by Dana Owens:

An issue with the new floor at the Water Plant was discussed and will need to be addressed on how the council would like to proceed. Options were discussed on whether to correct the floor or leave it or seek further options.

Water Collector update by Tanya Rhoades:

No report.

Streets by Darin Damery:

The 2025 MFT is complete.

Plans for the 2026 MFT are to address drainage along Business 51.

Mayor Herbord talked to the railroad about the crossing and should be fixed in the Spring.

Street Supt is getting quotes for a generator at the Street Shed. Council agreed to place on the agenda.

Poplar and Leafland Street was discussed and the county is responsible for the drainage issue.

Aldersperson Bradshaw was approached by Bob Bantner for reimbursement for a 50/50 sidewalk.

Street Supt noted there is an ordinance to be followed for 50/50 sidewalks and it has to be preapproved. The other sidewalk done was not preapproved either as work was already started on it.

Downtown is the main focus for the sidewalks at this time.

The concrete at the dump was discussed.

Treasurer Palmer noted a problem with the sidewalk on Second Street.

Street Supt would like to redo an ordinance for no planting on City easements.

Police by Chief Seath Hubbs:

The new squad vehicle will be done towards the end of the week and then decals will be done.

Chief Hubbs has reached out to the School Superintendent about the School Resource Officer and matching the other School Resource Officer agreement. Chief Hubbs would like a council member to reach out to the Superintendent.

Parks by Dana Owens:

Park bathrooms will not be opened yet until the Spring.

Skateboard equipment has been received from the City of Effingham. Signs will be placed that we are not responsible for injuries.

The lights at the Pavilion have a locked cover on them so they shouldn't be on at night.

Subdivision:

The council discussed that Lot 7 has possibly been sold and construction should start approximately the end of March 2026.

The council discussed options on mowing the grass at the subdivision. Options are to hire a contractor or the Street Supt suggested the City buy a used mower and mow it. After discussion the council agreed to place the cost of a used mower or on the agenda for \$10,000.00.

Finance:

There was discussion regarding the name of the savings fund and if it is an equipment fund or general savings fund and what the account is to be used for.

There was \$2,400 left in the Baxmeyer fund and it was transferred to the TIF fund.

Treasurer informed council she was not asked any financials on the subdivision loan and not sure how the loan was done without her input. She questioned if the bank is leaking out information and if we need to change banks.

Budgets were given out for review. There were some questions and the treasurer was going to look into the accounts and update the council later.

Health and Safety:

There are windows out at the old Bond Elementary School that is privately owned. Also, a pile of tree limbs was discussed and they are on private property.

Other:

The status of 101 N Chestnut was discussed. City does not own it and someone else is buying it from the previous owner. It was questioned about the adjoining walls and who is responsible for them as the City does not own it.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made the **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays.

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes for February 17, 2026 at the March 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter, and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.