

**CITY OF ASSUMPTION**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall by Alderperson Donny Walden who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Ricky Bradshaw, Jr, Gary Nelsen, Herb Palmer, Kim Porter and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor William Herbord, Police Chief Kevin Hughes, Water Employee Dana Owens, Street Supt Darin Damery, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Joe Walker and Ben Thompson.

Absent was Water Supt Jack Duncan and Travis Sullivan.

**Public Comments:**

A member of the public addressed the council about a concern for a possible adjustment on his water bill.

**Under New Business:**

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, Palmer, Porter and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

**NPDES Permit:**

Water Supt was working on today.

**Engineer Update:**

No report.

**Water by Dana Owens:**

The doors on the old Water Plant need to be repaired. The front door needs to be repaired first. The cost is \$2,500.00 for the front door. Council agreed to put both doors on the agenda for \$5,000.00.

The Engineer was to have an update on the floor. The floor will be resurfaced and additional layer of epoxy at no charge.

### **Water Collector update by Tanya Rhoades:**

Water Collector informed the member of the public they need to wait the leak is fixed before anything can be decided on a bill.

### **Streets by Darin Damery:**

There are 2 more railroads to be repaired.

The quotes for a generator for the Street Shed was presented. Atchison Electric was \$15,500 for a Generac 28 KW Generator with a 200 amp transfer switch. GDS Enterprises was \$12,193.00 for a Kohler 26KW standby generator. The council agreed to place on the agenda.

The cost of the garage door for the Street Shed will be \$3,500 for the entire door. The council had previously talked about replaced 2 panels of the door but the other part will need replaced soon.

The fence was damaged by a trailer and will need to be fixed. Street Supt will find a company to repair the fence.

The Street Supt truck has a dent on the front fender from a branch that happened last year.

The cost of insurance and when to turn items into the insurance was discussed by the council.

The Motor Fuel Tax will be \$80,000.00. A resolution will be placed on the agenda for approval.

\$5,000 will be added to the Street Supt budget for 2026-2027.

Summer help was discussed.

Mowing at the subdivision was discussed. A rotary mower for the mini construction tractor will be approximately \$8,000.00. An additional mower to be purchased was also discussed. Moweaqua has a 6 footer that will be for sale in the near future. Mayor also is waiting on a quote from a mowing service. Other places such as JFL practice field or sewer ponds was questioned if the city could mow them. Council agreed to not let the subdivision go so long before being mowed.

### **Police by Chief Kevin Hughes:**

Chief Hughes is working on getting everything switched to his name in the office.

The radar will get certified in the near future.

Dynographics has measured the squad car. The decals will be done soon.

Chief Hughes and the treasurer will talk after the meeting about the budget.

Chief Hughes is registered for training.

The Axon body cams was discussed and there is another company that may be more cost effective.

It was questioned if a cross walk can be done at the Business 51 and East Illinois.

An estimate for the Police Station was reviewed. Part of the damaged roof was \$3,945.70. The entire roof was \$7,650.75. The council asked to get a quote on a metal roof.

Chief Hughes asked the council about hiring 2 part time Officers and what the pay would be. Council was thinking around \$23 or \$25 an hour.

The Chief salary and retroactive pay will be placed on the agenda.

The school board will meet in April regarding the School Resource Officer proposal.

### **Parks by Dana Owens:**

Bathrooms are now open for the summer.

### **Subdivision:**

Grass has been seeded at the subdivision.

### **Finance:**

Treasurer Palmer informed the council of the 2 loan payments that are due in May. \$71,815.04 and \$101,190.87 for the Wastewater projects.

Treasurer Palmer has issues with the attorney bill regarding duplicate billing and people contacting the attorney. She wants the Mayor to step up.

Mayor Herbord, Alderperson Porter and Treasurer Palmer will meet on Saturday, March 28, 2026 to prepare the 2026-2027 budget. The plan is to put the Budget Ordinance on the April agenda.

The camera at City Hall was discussed. 2 options are to buy a replacement or install security camera. It was discussed on whether to spend \$90 or \$2,500.00. Tanya would like the camera just so she can see who is coming in. She also noted there is also a doorbell and plus the clerk is full time so she knows when someone is in there.

The tornado siren was also discussed and whether everyone will be able to hear the new siren.

It was questioned if the audio from the February 17, 2026 meeting was released to anyone and why it wasn't on the FOIA.

**Health and Safety:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Other:**

The ACPA is not interested in assisting with Summer Recreation at this time. The City will have to decide if they want to move forward with Summer Recreation.

**Public Comments:**

No comments.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Palmer, made the **motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Porter, Palmer, Nelsen and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays. Sullivan was absent.

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

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