

ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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 Gary Nelsen, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor William Herbord, Attorney Andrew Jarmer, Police Chief Kevin Hughes, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Daniel Luca from Chastain's & Associates, Renee Oldham from the Knotty Pine Bar and Grill, Dan Davis, Jennifer Moore, Donnie Moore with their twin daughters, Donna Ohl and Ben Thompson.

Absent were Alderpersons Ricky Bradshaw Jr, Herb Palmer and Kim Porter.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2026 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting and 0 nays. Alderpersons absent were Bradshaw, Palmer and Porter.

Approval of Bills:

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

Public Comments:

A member of the public is having some issues with a tree contractor and wanted to inform the council.

There was a question on the proposed budget until the TIF section.

The public questioned about if there will be summer recreation and would like an explanation on why there is no money in the budget for it.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Herbord informed the council that Lot 7 sold and Lot 9 will be closed on next week.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Attorney Jarmer updated the council on the Ordinance Court Case. The case will continue to the next step since the property has not been cleaned up by April 30, 2026 unless the council doesn't want to move forward.

Communications from the Treasurer:

Nothing to report.

Communications from the Alderpersons:

No discussion.

Under New Business:

A preliminary resolution was presented to the council. The resolution is for use of the municipal tax for debt repayment plan for Water and Wastewater Projects. Council member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, **made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-2 for Debt repayment for Water and Wastewater Projects.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Walden and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Porter, Bradshaw and Palmer.

A preliminary resolution was presented for the general savings account to be used on expenditures related to the General Fund. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve Resolution 2026-3 Authorizing the Use of a Savings Account for Expenditures related to the city's General Revenue Fund.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Porter, Bradshaw and Palmer.

A preliminary budget was presented for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Treasurer Angel Palmer would like it noted she does not agree with the budgets this year and wants it noted in the minutes. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Ordinance 843 approving the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Annual Tax Appropriation.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Walden and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Palmer, Porter and Bradshaw.

Engineer Daniel Luka gave an update on the projects.

The Water Treatment Plant is working on a program communicating with the wells. There have been some delays and should be moving forward.

The last lead service was finished but are waiting on the weather to do the final grading and seeding.

The flooring will be repaired at the end of the project and the whole floor will be redone.

Motion to approve Invoice for Water Treatment Plant:

Burdick Heating and Plumbing Pay App	\$516,589.99
Chastain Invoice	\$10,873.66
Total:	\$527,463.85

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Burdick disbursement for \$516,589.99 and Chastain pay request for \$10,873.66 for a total of \$527,463.85.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Porter, Palmer and Bradshaw.

The change order is for the nitrate tank to be moved. It is also to tie in the piping to the new plant. \$7,800 for the moving of the nitrate plant to the new Water Plant, \$19,177 for the field tile repair, and the rest for the cost of the skids for the nitrate tank. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Nelsen, made the **motion to approve the change order addition for \$34,200.26.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Palmer, Porter and Bradshaw.

Mayor Herbord would like to appoint Ross Workman to the Zoning Board. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve the appointment of Ross Workman to the Zoning Board.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Bradshaw, Palmer and Porter.

The Farmer's Market will be held on June 13, July 11, September 12 and October 10, 2026 on Chestnut Street. Chestnut Street will need to be closed during Farmer's Market. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the Closure of Chestnut Street on June 13, July 11, September 12 and October 10.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Walden and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Porter, Bradshaw and Palmer.

The owner of Knotty Pine Bar and Grill informed the council there will be 2 Jeep runs on Saturday, May 16. They would like to close the street for the runs. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made the **motion to approve the closure of West Second Street and Chestnut Street for the Jeep run.** Motion

carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan and Bradshaw voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Porter, Palmer and Bradshaw.

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Walden, made **the motion for the July 3, 2024, September 4, 2024, November 6, 2024 and the March 18, 2025 Closed Session Minutes to be approved for release.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Porter, Palmer and Bradshaw.

The council would like to hire 2 part time Police Officers at \$25.00 an hour. Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to hire 2 part time officers at \$25.00 an hour.** The officers are Josh Ekiss and Craig Robertson. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Alderpersons absent were Porter, Palmer and Bradshaw.

The council reviewed a preliminary Independent Contract with David Hebert to mow the Baxmeyer Subdivision approximately every 60 days. Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Independent Contract with David Hebert.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Nelsen, and Walden voting aye and 0 nays. Absent were Palmer, Porter and Bradshaw.

Treasurer Palmer informed the council with the budgets and the spending that we are getting low in the general accounts. It was also noted that this month she will have to take money from savings to pay the payroll and monthly bills. There was an ordinance in effect from December of 2021. Ordinance 774 spending limits for the City Superintendents was reviewed. There has to be prior approval from the City Chairman for the specified amount over \$250.00 up to \$500.00. Anything over \$500.00 requires Committee Chairman and Mayor approval. Also, multiple quotes should be obtained for expenditures above \$2,500.00. Treasurer Palmer noted the ordinance has not been followed.

The committee chairman's have been updated.

Adjournment:

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan and Nelsen aye and 0 nays. Absent were Bradshaw, Porter and Palmer.

William Herbord
Mayor

Janet Waller
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to approve the May 6, 2026 City Council Minutes at the June 3, 2026 City Council Meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Bradshaw, Nelsen, palmer, Porter, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.