

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER/CITY HALL**

OFFICER PRESENT: TODD

COUNCIL PRESENT: PRIOR, MAPEL, SPARROW, TOMPKINS, HARRIS

PUBLIC HEARING-FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET-5:30pm

Public hearing opened by Mayor. Mayor and Council reviewed the narrative provided by City Clerk Edwards. Following the review with no one in the audience and nothing received by City Hall a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Prior, second by Tompkins. Prior-yes, Mapel-yes, Sparrow-yes, Tompkins-yes, Harris-yes. Approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Regular meeting opened by the Mayor-5:31pm

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims. Tobacco permit, Dollar General; liquor license, Economart; building permits Roger Smith and Mario Jasso. Amended minutes written by mayor. Motion to approve consent agenda by Prior, second by Tompkins. Prior-yes, Mapel-yes, Sparrow-yes, Tompkins-yes, Harris-yes. Approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERN-Ridge Road resident Adam Wright came to meeting to report sewer backing up in his basement. This was the second time this had happened to them. He has concern that sewer line needs fixed which the city had previous issues with Wayne Finke and Mark Love over easement to fix sewer line a few years ago. Wright emailed report and video they had done, showing his line is clear. Mayor Todd said he would contact the city's insurance company. Wayne Finke and Mark Love also commented on getting that sewer line fixed.

RESOLUTION #042226-ADOPTION OF BUDGET & CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES- Motion by Harris, second by Prior to approve the resolution #042226 to adopt the FY27 Budget & Certification. Prior-yes, Mapel-yes, Sparrow-yes, Tompkins-yes, Harris-yes. Approved.

RESOLUTION 042226A ADOPT 2% SALARY INCREASE AS OF JULY 1ST, 2026- Motion was made by Mapel to accept 2% salary increase. Harris second the motion. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

LULAC-MICHAEL REYES-Michael Reyes, from LULAC Council 10, discussed with council on future of Araceli Vazquez and LULAC using Community Development office. He discussed that Araceli has done a lot for our community, food pantries, diaper drives, vaccine clinics, training, citizenship classes. They would like to continue using office and they have enough grant money for her to work through December. The city would like to keep doing these projects as well as adding housing inspections to the job. Katie Sparrow feels the city really needs an inspector to make sure places are up to codes for tenant as well as helping landlords with tenants that destroy rentals. The city hopes to be able to contract someone for 30 hours a week. They hope to find a group to help contract the rest of the hours.

Reyes asked questions about safety in doing the inspections, which the city could provide someone to go along with her.

GOOGLE GRANT-Mayor Todd and Public Works would like to apply for this grant to help with areas that flood. If they would receive the grant it could help with Monkey Run parks and replace flood pump down by Casey's. Harris thought it was a good thing to apply for and made the motion, Sparrow second. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

1ST READING AMENDING POTHOLING ORDINANCE-
135.09 Excavations

12. No boring, horizontal direction drilling, directional boring, horizontal auger boring, or jack and boring, is allowed inside city limits until start and end points have been hydroexcavated and any known city waterlines have been hydroexcavated. The city acknowledges that not all utilities may be marked or accurately located. All costs and expenses related to any damage to public utilities is borne by the permit holder/and or the property owner. The permit holder and owner shall indemnify the city from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by such excavation.

Harris made the motion to approve 1st reading and to wave the second and third. Prior second the motion. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

APPOINTMENT TERM FOR POLICE CHIEF-Mayor Todd suggested the possibility of making the Police Chief an appointed term. He thought if there were issues with the person hired this would be a way to limit their employment with the city. Prior made the motion to make it a 2 year term, Sparrow second the motion. This will have to be an amendment to the ordinance. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved to amend ordinance next meeting.

KINETIC PERMITS-With the council amending potholing ordinance, they agreed to sign the permits for Kinetic. Motion made by Sparrow, second by Harris. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved. *Clerk will send them a copy of amended ordinance.*

FARM TO MARKET ROAD REQUEST-Mayor Todd would like to request the county to request the state to remove Colton, Gamble, Springer, 2nd, Maple and Main Streets from Farm to Market roads. This would put a weight limit on these roads. Local deliveries would be allowed. Motion by Prior to talk with the county, Sparrow second the motion. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

ADDED AMBULANCE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO VIEW ONLY ON BANK ACCOUNT-They would like to have access to get information on the account such as deposits and balances. Motion by Harris, second by Prior. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

SELL JACOBSON MOWER AND JOHN DEERE MOWER ON PURPLE WAVE-City would like to sell both mowers on Purple Wave. They have not used them to mow for a few years. They are up and running. Mapel made motion to sell on Purple Wave, Tompkins second the motion. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

SELL PUMPS ON PURPLE WAVE-Public works found 2 older pumps in shed at park, would like to sell on Purple Wave and possibly buy new pump. Sparrow made motion to sell, Prior second the motion. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities-None

Streets & Sidewalks-Mapel thanked public works for patching holes and putting up speed signs on Hilltop. He also talked about how we need to look at our ordinance on ditches and follow what we have and not make it different for each resident. Would like to make residents take care of their driveway tubes and ditches if they become plugged. Maybe require a permit if you want to fill in your ditch and inspect it.

Public Safety-None

Finance-Health insurance is going up 11.40%, may need to check into other options.

Library Report-None

Employee Safety & Health-None

Ambulance- None

MAYOR'S REPORT-Need to talk about projects that could be done with Roundy Funds, work on Board of Adjustments and also overtime policy.

Motion to adjourn by Harris, second by Mapel. Meeting adjourned by Mayor.-6:20

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk