

Public Works & Park Board Minutes
Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
New Date
City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ken Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and moved Roll Call before Elect Chair.

3. ROLL CALL - Roll call was taken: Chad Johnson, Council Member – present, Laura Kronenberger, Council Member – present, Cliff Adel - present, Paul Anderson – present, Ken Carpenter – present, Steve Nordin – present, Becky Youngmark – absent
Also present: Public Works Director Jed Petersen, Utility Clerk Ellen Hartman, Council Member Diane Johnson, TJ Austin

2. ELECT CHAIR

Carpenter volunteered to be Chair.

Action - ***Anderson made a motion to elect Carpenter as Chair, seconded by Johnson, passing unanimously.***

4. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Action – ***Motion by Adel, second by Nordin, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.***

5. MINUTES

Action – ***Motion by Anderson, second by Nordin, to approve the December 4, 2025 Public Works & Park Board minutes, passing unanimously.***

6. PUBLIC INPUT

TJ Austin requested better communication about ice rink, and volunteered to organize community members to help with the rink. Petersen acknowledged that the rink needs improvements and stated that the current base of the rink does not make good, sustainable ice. PW&PB members directed Petersen to research ways to improve the rink.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. John Burch Park Donor Recognition Sign

John Burch Park (JBP) Board of Directors requested approval to install a donor recognition sign on the south wall of the existing restroom building at JBP. This sign would be a permanent legacy, recognizing donors who have supported improvements and programming at the park. Gemini has offered to donate the sign.

Action – ***Motion by Johnson, second by Anderson, to recommend the Council allow installation of new donor recognition sign at JBP, passing unanimously.***

8. REPORTS

A. Staff: Petersen: Two plow trucks ordered in 2023 should arrive by March; brush pile was burned.

B. Commissioners: Nordin questioned the amount of water allotted for data centers, and a chlorine smell in the City water; Petersen made assurances on both issues.

9. NEXT MEETING February 5, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action – ***Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. by Adel, second by Johnson, passing unanimously.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Hartman, Utility Clerk

-Minutes approved at the March 5, 2026 PW&PB meeting-