

CITY COUNCIL

January 2, 2026

The January 2, 2026 City Council meeting, as provided for in the Municipal Charter for the purpose of organizing, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, and John Walker.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time Mayor McColly administered the Oath of Office to reelected City Council members Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Mrs. Niederkohr announced nominations for President of City Council were opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr for President of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte to nominate Mrs. Lemire for President of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, to close the nominations for President of City Council. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows on the nominations for President of City Council:

Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Niederkohr
Mr. Karcher	-	Mrs. Lemire
Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Lemire
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mrs. Lemire
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mrs. Lemire
Mr. Walker	-	Mrs. Niederkohr

The President declared the motion carried by a 4-2 vote in favor of Mrs. Lemire for President of City Council.

Mrs. Lemire announced nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council were opened.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr for President Pro-Tem of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to close the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted in favor of the nomination of Mrs. Niederkohr for President Pro-Tem of City Council. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lemire announced nominations for City Council’s representative on the Park Board (2 year term) were opened.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr to serve as City Council’s representative on the Park Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to close the nominations for City Council’s representative on the Park Board (2 year term). Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, on the motion to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr to serve as City Council's representative on the Park Board (2 year term), all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lemire announced nominations for City Council's representative on the Planning Commission (Council term) were opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to nominate Mr. Karcher to serve as City Council's representative on the Planning Commission. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an appointment by City Council to the Income Tax Board of Review (2 year term). Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Daniel Barth, whose term ended on December 31, 2025, contacted him last year indicating that he was no longer interested in serving on this board. City Council members agreed to consider this appointment and discuss it again at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor McColly presented his appointments to standing committees as follows: Safety Committee - Aaron Korte (4 years) and Scott Moore (2 years); Service Committee - Kate Niederkohr (2 years); Park Board - Cathy Browne (5 years); Tree Commission - Judi Lambrite (3 years) and Vincent Donnersbach (3 years); Downtown Committee – Tom Karcher (4 years), Marc Mays (4 years), and Zach Morral (4 years); Board of Zoning Appeals – Terri Baker (4 years) and Kenneth McMillan (4 years); and Records Commission – Kenneth Wessler (2 years).

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Korte, to approve the Mayor's appointments to standing committees as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly indicated that he still has two (2) appointments to standing committees that need to be filled and he will present those appointments in the near future including an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals and an appointment to the Income Tax Board of Review.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President