



July 20, 2026

7:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
525 E. Spring Street
Boonville MO 65233**

I. Call to order – Pledge and Prayer

A. Evan Melkersman

The Boonville City Council met in Regular Session on July 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 525 East Spring Street, Boonville, Missouri. The following officers were present: Randy Ayers, Sergeant at Arms; Mike Conway, Mayor; Kate Fjell, City Administrator. Amber Davis, City Clerk, and Brad Wooldridge, City Attorney. The meeting was called to order. Evan Melkersman led the prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

The following council representatives were present: Hallie Thompson, Tanner Bechtel, Evan Melkersman, Andrew Cowherd, Sy Harvell, Barry Elbert, and Drew Davis. Council Member Whitney Venable was absent.

III. Hearing of Citizens' Comments

Bill Lang came before the council and expressed concerns about overhanging limbs along the sidewalks and asked if the city could trim them. Mr. Lang also stated he thinks that the gaming money that the city shares with other entities should be reevaluated.

Mary Pat Abele came before the council and gave an update on the library. Ms. Abele stated that they have begun moving to the new library building. Ms. Abele stated that the library committee is planning to do a bookworm on July 30th to move the last of the books from the old building to the new one. Ms. Abele invited all to attend the bookworm, and afterward there would be an ice cream social.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. July 6, 2026

The minutes stand as submitted

V. Consent Items

None

VI. Presentation of Accounts and Claims

A. Appropriations

Ms. Davis read the ordinance appropriating money in its entirety and a second time by title only, since a copy of the ordinance had been made available prior to the meeting. Mr. Cowherd moved, and Mr. Bechtel seconded a motion to approve the ordinance appropriating money. Roll Call was taken: Ayes: Melkersman, Cowherd, Harvell, Elbert, Davis, Bechtel and Thompson; Opposed: None. Absent: Venable. Motion Carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Second Reading of Bill No. 2026-012 Amending Chapter 17 and Approving a Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Cowherd stated that before the plan could be passed, the planning and zoning commission needed to hold a public hearing. Mr. Cowherd moved to table the bill until after that hearing. Ms. Fjell stated that the city has just received clarification that the plan was done incorrectly and does not comply with state law; the plan will need to be redone. Mr. Bechtel seconded the motion to table the bill. Roll Call was taken: Ayes: Melkersman, Cowherd, Harvell, Elbert, Davis, Bechtel, and Thompson; Opposed: None. Absent: Venable. Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Homecoming Parade

Boonville High School requested that High Street, Water Street, and Main Street be closed on September 25 for the homecoming parade.

Mr. Cowherd moved, and Mr. Melkersman seconded, the motion to approve the street closures. Roll Call was taken: Ayes: Thompson, Melkersman, Cowherd, Harvell, Elbert, Davis, Bechtel; Opposed: None. Absent: Venable. Motion Carried.

IX. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Tourism Committee (Hallie Thompson)

The minutes are in the packet

B. Police Board Meeting (07/13/2026)

The minutes are in the packet

X. Reports of City Officials

A. Mayor

None

B. City Administrator

Ms. Fjell apologized that the last meeting was not streamed on YouTube. This meeting will be on YouTube, but it may take some time to get on there.

C. City Clerk

None

D. City Counselor

None

XI. Miscellaneous

A. Public Works Monthly Report June 2026

XII. Closed Session

- Closed Session Pursuant to 610.021 (2) Real Estate

With no further discussion, Mr. Cowherd moved, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion to go into closed session at 7:33 p.m. Roll Call was taken: Ayes: Thompson, Melkersman, Cowherd, Harvell, Elbert, Davis, Bechtel; Opposed: None. Absent: Venable. Motion carried.

XIII. Adjourn

Mr. Davis moved, and Mr. Bechtel seconded the motion to go back into open session and adjourn at 7:43 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous.