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City of Boonville

May 19, 2026

7:00 PM

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

I. Call to order – Pledge and Prayer

A. Whitney Venable

The Boonville City Council met in Regular Session on May 19, 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; Kate Fjell, City Administrator; Mike Conway, Mayor; Amber Davis, City Clerk; and Brad Wooldridge, City Counselor. The meeting was called to order. Barry Elbert led the prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Hearing of Citizens' Comments

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. April 20 Council Minutes

The minutes stand as submitted

V. Consent Items

A. Consider Pay App No. 1 in the amount of \$72,292.50 to Spectrum Environmental for Fire Station Mold Removal

Mr. Davis moved, and Mr. Cowherd seconded a motion to approve the consent items. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Davis, Bechtel, Thompson, Cowherd, Harvell, and Elbert. Opposed: None. Absent: Venable and Melkersman. Motion carried.

VI. Presentation of Accounts and Claims

A. May 4th 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. Davis moved, and Mr. Bechtel seconded the motion to approve the ordinance appropriating money. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Davis, Bechtel, Thompson, Cowherd, Harvell, and Elbert. Opposed: None. Absent: Venable and Melkersman. Motion carried.

B. May 18 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. Davis moved, and Mr. Bechtel seconded the motion to approve the ordinance appropriating money. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Davis, Bechtel, Thompson, Cowherd, Harvell, and Elbert. Opposed: None. Absent: Venable and Melkersman. Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

None

VIII. New Business

A. Consider Resolution R2026-011 Authorizing an Application to Missouri Department of Natural Resources for Lead Line Replacement

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

B. Consider Resolution R2026-012 Authorizing and Approving an Agreement between Musco and the City of Boonville for new lights at Lions Park tennis courts

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

C. Consider Resolution R2026-013 Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan 2027

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

IX. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Board of Public Works

The minutes are in the packet

X. Reports of City Officials

A. Mayor

Committee appointments

Mayor Conway had several committee appointments that needed approval.

See attached for appointments.

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

Mayor Conway thanked the council for their participation on the committees and their patience through May.

B. City Administrator

Ms. Fjell stated that the Heritage Days street closure that was on the April 20th Agenda needs to be voted on.

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

C. City Clerk

None

D. City Counselor

None

E. Economic Developer

Mr. Gann came before the council and presented his April Economic Developers Report.

XI. Miscellaneous

Mr. Elbert stated the curbs on Maple Street need to be repaired, and Mr. Elbert is hopeful of having the repairs in next year's budget.

Mr. Harvell stated he has received several complaints about the water rates and the cost of people's monthly bills.

Mr. Cowherd stated he would like the council to work together to try to find a solution to lower water rates for the constituents of Boonville.

Mr. Davis stated local agency funding applications are due at City Hall by May 29th.

XII. Adjourn

With no further discussion, Mr. Cowherd moved, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., and the voice vote was unanimous.