



June 15, 2026

7:00 PM

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

I. Call to order – Pledge and Prayer

A. Tanner Bechtel

The Boonville City Council met in Regular Session on June 15, 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; Amber Davis, City Clerk; and Brad Wooldridge, City Counselor. Kate Fjell, City Administrator, was absent. The meeting was called to order. Mayor Mike Conway led the prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Hearing of Citizens' Comments

Lydia Stange came before the council and expressed her concerns about the management of animals within the city of Boonville, specifically animal abuse, neglect, and leash laws,

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. June 1 Council Minutes

The minutes stand as submitted

V. Consent Items

A. Consider change order No. 5 in the amount of \$43,421.16 to C.L. Richardson for Water and Sewer Improvements 2025.

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

- B.** Consider Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$68,876.35 to C.L. Richardson Construction for Water and Sewer Improvements 2025

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

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

VII. Unfinished Business

None

VIII. New Business

- A.** First Reading of Bill No. 2026-011 Approving a Final Site Plan for Foursquare Church at 601 West Ashley Road

Ms. Davis read, by title only, a copy of the bill

IX. Reports of Standing Committees

- A.** Planning and Zoning Commission (Sy Harvell)

The minutes are in the packet

- B.** Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes May 28th, 2026

The minutes are in the packet

X. Reports of City Officials

- A.** Mayor

None

- B.** City Administrator

None

- C.** City Clerk

None

- D.** City Counselor

Mr. Wooldridge stated that he would be open to having a discussion in miscellaneous about Lydia's concerns about animal ordinances within the city.

XI. Miscellaneous

Mr. Cowherd asked Ms. Stange for her street address.

Ms. Thompson asked Mr. Wooldridge for an overview of the current ordinances regarding animal abuse, neglect, and leash laws.

Mr. Wooldridge stated he is in two different roles within the city, as the attorney and the prosecutor. Mr. Wooldridge drafts and/or revises new and existing ordinances, but also has to enforce them when law enforcement tickets someone or writes up a report about animals at large or abuse and neglect. Mr. Woolridge stated that law enforcement does a good job of enforcing the leash law because he does not usually get tickets for animals at large.

Mr. Wooldridge stated that when tickets come in front of him for prosecution, he looks at them, and if it is a first-time offense, he gives more of a warning and explains to the owner what could happen if they get cited again.

Mr. Wooldrigde stated there are a lot of moving parts in the animal control ordinances, and he is open to having conversation about the ordinances.

A. Public Works Monthly Report May 2026

XII. Adjourn

With no further discussion, Mr. Venable moved, and Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., and the voice vote was unanimous.