



**City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
January 12, 2026
Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Crawford-Graham called the council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Holmes (W1)	present	Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present
Councilman Hoskins (W3)	present	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present
Councilman Hindleah (W5)	present	Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham	
Mayor Crawford-Graham	present	Quorum established.	

Chief Linhardt, Attorney Boyd, Major Runge, Interim Finance Director Nelson, Public Works Secretary Campbell and City Clerk Jones were present.

Approval of the Minutes:

After a discussion about clarifying a motion during the 12-17-25 meeting, Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to approve the 12-01-25 regular meeting minutes and the 12-17-25 special meeting minutes with corrections. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Nay, Anthony-Aye, Hindleah-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-1) Motion passed. The motion to change in the 12-17-25 minutes: Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindleah seconded the motion recommending the council will be the committee to interview and hire the applicants for the Police Chief, HR Director, and City Manager. The motion is changed to: Motion that the City Manager will provide documentation for the positions of Police Chief, HR Director, and City Manager.

Councilman Hoskins requested that the minutes show that he is challenging the vote of the motion changing what he states was his motion. Mayor Crawford-Graham states that the motion is illegal.

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hindleah seconded the motion to hold a closed session for personnel at the end of the meeting. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindleah-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilman Hoskins motioned for a five minutes break for the clerk to find a certain set of minutes, that died due to not having a second.

Councilwoman Anthony left the meeting at 7:30pm.

Public Hearings:

Request for Rezoning, Special Use Permits, Re-subdivision:

Case 25-13: Request for Special Use Permit Renewal for 9500 Natural Bridge Rd – AT&T Auto Repair

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to approve the special use permit renewal for 9500 Natural Bridge as stated in Case 25-13. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindleah-Aye and Mayor Crawford-Graham (Aye-5) motion passed.

Resolutions:

#3725: A Resolution to Reimburse such Councilperson for Expenses Specifically Incurred by them for the Month of December 2025 (W5 Hindleah)

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3725. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindleah-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Citizens Hearing:

Concerns: Bringing back Animal Control. (The subject will be addressed during the next budget.) * Request for help retrieving business sign/material from 8624 Frost.

Councilman Hindleah moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to close the citizens hearing portion of the meeting. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindleah-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

- a. Judge Duffy gave an update of the court status. Requested additional personnel for the court department. Gave complements to the new prosecuting attorney and the police department for working so well with the courts. The Judge will give the next report at the May meeting.
- b. Judge Duffy reintroduced Judge Robinson as a provisional judge candidate for approval.

Introduction of Bills:

Bill #5106: An Ordinance Amending Section 605.080 of the City of Berkeley, MO, Municipal Code, Pertaining to Business License Fees (Assistant City Manager)

The City Clerk read Bill #5106 by title only for the introduction.

New Business:

Appointments to Board and Commissions – None

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to cancel the Jan 20th hearing. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to appoint James Linhardt and Keith White as Acting City Managers. After a brief discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

Councilman Hoskins request that the County be contacted about the street repair spots that need additional fixing.

Councilman Hoskins request that the process be restarted in reference to taking over Washington Park Cemetery.

Mayor Crawford-Graham had request and concerns for the Police Department: * CALEA: request the current status and reports; timeline for the standards update; list of standards and compliance * Update of the records room records * Update of court records and fines * Description of hiring process when an application is received

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion for promotions to be frozen at the police department until the new police chief is hired. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Abstein, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeleh-Nay, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-3, Nay-1, Abstein-1) motion passed.

Discussion about the organizational structure for the police department.

Communications:

The clerk read a letter from property manager of Frostwood Strip Mall canceling the business transactions with the applicants in reference to Case PZ25-09 and Resolution #3723 for location 8363 Frost Ave. This action removed the items from the agenda.

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

Reports from the Clerk:

Reports from the City Attorney:

Add legal to the close session.

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:

Reports from the Council:

Ward 3: Concerns: *Directors not living in the city * Reducing the mileage usage and the revising the policy for the take home vehicles.

Audience Participation (Limited to Subjects Addressed During the Meeting):

Ex-employee who is a resident concerned about personnel record.

Adjourn:

Councilwoman Holmes moved, Councilman Hindeloh seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Closed Session:

Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to open the closed session for personnel and legal at 8:52 pm. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeloh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed. Quorum established. Chief Linhardt, Attorney Boyd and City Clerk Jones were also present.

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeloh seconded the motion to hire Curtis, Heinz, Garrett, and O'Keefe firm for Civil Service Board hearings. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeloh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilwoman Williams left the meeting at 9:29pm.

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to make the Major acting Police Chief with a freeze on hiring / promotions / disciplinary actions unless the disciplinary involves safety actions. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Absent, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeloh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4) motion passed.

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion that the fire and police chiefs will be acting in the role as the city manager. Due to the hiring freeze, the Police Chief will bring all hiring/firing/promotions to the Fire Chief, who will consult with the council. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Absent, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeloh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4) motion passed.

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved, Councilwoman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the closed session of the meeting at 10:07 pm.

Approved: This _____ day of 2026

Attest:

Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk