



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
June 16, 2025
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Crawford-Graham called the council meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Acting City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie, Chief Jackson, Chief Linhardt, Interim Finance Director Nelson, Network Admin Decker, Street Supervisor White, Interim Parks & Rec Director Gai, Garage Supervisor Chisholm, Facility Maintenance Supervisor Hibbler, Code Enforcement Supervisor Burton, Court Supervisor Proebsting, ED Coordinator Taylor and City Clerk Jones were present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried approving the minutes for the 06-02-25 regular meeting with corrections and 06-09-2025 special meeting. Motion passed.

Public Hearings:

FY 2025-2026 Budget

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the Public Hearing for the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Finance Director Nelson discussed the budget and answered all questions and concerns. If the income comes in above the budgeted amount the council will consider increasing the budget line for the Judge and City Attorney. Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to close the budget public hearing. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Case PZ 25-05: Shall a request for a Special Use Permit be granted to Jazmin Rodriques for Jaxel's Café a Mexican-American Restaurant to include liquor sales at 9650 Natural Bridge?

Mayor Crawford-Graham opened the Public Hearing for Case PZ 25-05. Jaxel's Café representatives spoke about their business and answered all questions and concerns. Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to close Case PZ25-05 public hearing. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

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

Resolutions:

Amended #3651 – **A Resolution Authorizing Jazmin Rodriguez a Special Use Permit to Operate a Mexican/American Restaurant Business with Liquor License Located at 9650 Natural Bridge, in the City of Berkeley, St. Louis County, Missouri** (Mayor Crawford-Graham)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to adopt amended Resolution #3651. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Citizens Hearing:

Concerns discussed: Homes on demolition list; Dollar Home Program; the presentation of Berkeley needing to be better, presentation from ARK Contracting about people buying homes in Berkeley under their program.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to close the citizens hearing section of the meeting. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – Credit Card Statements (Mayor Crawford-Graham)

The council discussed concerns of certain charges on the credit cards.

Bill #5081 – An Ordinance Approving the Budget of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025 and Concluding June 30, 2026; Appropriating the Sums therein or the Purposes or the Purposes and Objects therein (City Present) – 2nd & 3rd Reading

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion for the 2nd reading, by title only, of Bill #5081. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion for the 3rd reading, by title only, and adoption of Bill #5081. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. *Ordinance #4901.*

Introduction of Bills:

Bill #5082 – An Ordinance Creating the Code of Conduct Policy for the Employee Handbook of Personnel Rules and Regulations, Policies, and Benefits (City Manager)

City Clerk Jones read Bill #5082 by title only.

Bill #5083 – An Ordinance Establishing Regulation and Fees for the Use of City-Owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the City of Berkeley, Missouri (City Manager)

City Clerk Jones read Bill #5083 by title only.

New Business:

Appointments to Board and Commissions - None

Communications:

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

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

Employee Handbook – The City Manager and City Attorney are working on revising policies in the employee handbook.

Safe Built Contract – The City Manager discussed the revisions submitted to Safe Built for a new contract.

Dollar Home Program – ED Coordinator Taylor is working on a revised Dollar Home Program, that will be reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Reports from the Clerk:

Reports from the City Attorney:

Addressed in closed session.

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:

Reports from the Council:

Ward 1:

- None

Ward 2:

- None

Ward 3:

- Concerned why the mutual agreement with Kinloch was stopped without the council's knowledge. Request the City Manager to follow-up with the concern.

Ward 4:

- None

Ward 5:

- Speed hump on Harold towards Natural Bridge was removed and the resident is grateful.
- Concerned about boarded up home that has had multiply break-ins in the 9200 block of Guthrie.

Mayor:

- None

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

Adjourn:

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Closed Session:

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to open the closed session for litigation and personnel at 9:42 pm. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. Quorum established. City Manager Walton, Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie and City Clerk Jones were also present for portions of the session.

Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie left the meeting for the council discussion. After the discussion, Mayor Crawford-Graham made a motion and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to choose a candidate for the city attorney services. Roll Call: Holmes-Abstain, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Nay, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-1) motion passed.

Acting City Manager Walton left the meeting and Interim City Attorney Ezell-Gillespie returned for the council discussion. The council confirmed the agreement amount of \$100,000 approved during the closed session of the 05-19-2025 meeting will stay the same. The City Attorney was asked to move forward with the next steps to settle the matter.

With no further business, Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilman Hindeleh seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm.

Approved: This 14th day of July 2025

Attest:

Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk