



Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday June 1, 2026, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: Joyce Hake, Harry Colburn, John Bisnette, John Cordill. Council not present: Heather Hancock. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Brady Pound, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Minutes

Harry moved, John B. seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from May 18, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Staff Reports

Code Enforcement Harry Colburn reported that Ron Schlaefli will be starting demolition at 1001 Blunt Street. Colburn will follow up with the property owner at 919 Railroad Street after the house fire concerning clean up.

City Attorney Bruce Berkley reported he drafted an ordinance for changing water deposits to connection fees. No decision was made. Discussion was held also about a noise ordinance to be drafted.

In the water report, Brady Pound mentioned that there was a major leak by the old Talk of the Town building on Morgan Ave. The leak was on the south side, on Commercial Street. Colburn stated the leak was at the main, it's now closed off.

In the sewer report, Colburn stated that the last sewer sample passed testing at Meridian Analytical Labs.

City Superintendent Brady Pound mentioned that he and Bruce attended the KDOT CCLIP meeting for the geometric project repaving Morgan Ave. from Osborne Street south. The crew picked up a downed tree on College Street Saturday evening after the storm. Bathroom at the roadside park will be attended to as much as possible during the ball season.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson gave council a purchasing policy for review, as this was an item on the list to complete for the auditors. Joyce moved, Harry seconded, to approve the purchasing policy per auditor recommendations. Motion carried with 4 ayes. Robinson reported she received an email concerning an exception to the dog ordinance, council decided not to give an exception.

Robinson stated the revenue for May was \$53,876.99 and expenses for May were \$87,533.81. So far this year the pool revenue was \$6,620.95 which includes free swim Saturday sponsors.

Council asked previously to get examples of ordinances concerning camper and boat parking on streets. Discussion was held on the examples provided and council would like the city attorney to draft ordinance for the next meeting.

Permits

Joyce moved, John C. seconded, to approve special use permits: 26-59 to 26-61. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

John C. moved, John B. seconded, to approve building permit: 26-17. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Old Business

Harry moved, John B. seconded, to hire Wilson and Co. to do the Preliminary Engineering Report for the sewer lagoon project. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Council & Mayor Reports

The mayor thanked David Hardy and city crew for the hard work on the cemetery.

Vouchers & Payroll

John C. moved, John B. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried with 4 ayes. With no further business, Harry moved, Joyce seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Vienna Janis

Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Robinson

Miranda Robinson, City Clerk



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