



**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 2025 – 4:00 PM  
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Lori Pfister, Mayor  
Bob Grenier, Vice Mayor  
Sandy Gamble, Council Member  
Doug Keown, Council Member  
Walter Price, Council Member**

**STAFF PRESENT**

**John Drury, City Administrator  
Lindsay Holt, City Attorney  
Susie Novack, City Clerk  
Antonio Fabre, Community Development Director  
Scott Aldrich, Community Services Director  
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director  
Lori Houghton, Finance Director  
Richard Keith, Fire Chief  
Crissy Bublitz, Human Resources Director  
James Dillon, Public Works Director  
Mark O'Keefe, Support Services Director  
Sarah Coursey, Police Chief  
Brian Dykes, Utilities Director**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pfister called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. She asked those who wished to speak on an agenda item to complete and submit a Request to Speak form.

**II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Tab 1. Father Hank Sargado, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Mt. Dora**

Father Hank Sargado, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Mt. Dora, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pfister asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Drury said the staff had no changes.

**MOTION**

**Walter Price moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

Attorney Holt stated the two Ordinances at second reading were legislative in nature, and no quasi-judicial matters were before the Council for consideration.

**VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD**

Ms. Novack read the following ordinances by title only:

**ORDINANCE 2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10.5, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV ENTITLED GARAGE SALE REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 10-15-152, NO PERMIT REQUIRED; AND SECTION 10.5-156, PENALTY; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**ORDINANCE 2025-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF TAVARES LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 21 SIGN REGULATIONS, SECTION 21-17 MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. There were no requests.

### MOTION

Walter Price moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 2. Approval of the December 3, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes], seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### Tab 3. Approval of the December 3, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

*Approved on the Consent Agenda.*

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

## IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

### First Reading

### Second Reading

### Tab 3. Ordinance 2025-10 – Amending Code of Ordinances, Article IV – Garage Sale Regulations, Section 10-15-152 and Section 10.5-156

Mr. Fabre made the following presentation:

*On July 2, 2025, the Police Department formally requested that City Council consider amending the existing Garage Sale regulations within the City's Code of Ordinances. The primary objective of the proposed amendment is to establish a permit requirement for garage sales and to define penalties for violations. This initiative addresses the ongoing challenge of monitoring the current limit of four (4) garage sales per property per calendar year.*

*Under the proposed ordinance, residents would be required to obtain a no-fee permit prior to holding a garage sale, with a maximum of four permits allowed annually per property. Enforcement provisions include an initial warning for first-time violations, followed by a \$150 fine for a second offense and \$250 for any subsequent offenses.*

*Following review, City Council directed staff to proceed with drafting the ordinance to incorporate these changes. Ordinance 2025-10, which amends Chapter 10.5, Article IV — Garage Sales Regulations, specifically Sections 10.5-152 and 10.5-156, is attached for your review and formal action. Please note, the attached Ordinance establishes an effective date of thirty (30) days following adoption. This implementation period is intended to ensure adequate preparation*

*of the permitting process for residents and to provide sufficient time for public service announcements regarding the new requirements.*

*On November 20, 2025, the Planning & Zoning Advisory Board met and formally recommended approval (5-0) of Ordinance 2025-10. Discussion ensued on topics of displaying of permits, HOA authorized yard sales, yard-sales versus state-sales definitions, and notifying the public and HOAs on the new ordinance if adopted. All the concerns were addressed at the public hearing.*

*Staff recommended Option 1, that the City Council move to approve Ordinance 2025-10.*

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Gamble stated that he wanted to ensure the ordinance did not negatively affect churches and confirmed with Mr. McCormick that churches operating under established business activities would not be impacted. Council Member Gamble asked whether the ordinance provided sufficient enforcement, and Mr. McCormick confirmed that it authorized tracking permits and the issuance of monetary penalties for violations. Council Member Gamble also sought clarification regarding the provision that three consecutive days constituted a single yard sale, which Mr. McCormick confirmed.

Council Member Keown commented that the ability to apply for permits online would make the process easier for residents and eliminate the need for them to come into City offices.

Council Member Price asked whether permits would be required to be displayed during yard sales. Mr. McCormick stated that if a permit were not displayed, he would speak with the property owner and verify permit issuance through City records. He further stated that if a permit were displayed, he would not stop. Council Member Price also asked how the ordinance would apply to community-wide yard sales, and Mr. McCormick said that each participating residence would be required to obtain its own permit.

Vice Mayor Grenier raised concerns about situations in which residents held yard sales over multiple days and then left items or junk in their yards after the sale concluded. He asked whether this would constitute a violation if no yard sale signage remained. Mr. McCormick stated that such conditions could constitute either a storage of junk violation under Section 12-23 or a nuisance violation under Section 12-13 of the Code. He said that if items remained beyond three days, staff would document the condition, issue a notice to the property owner, and allow 21 days for compliance before proceeding to a hearing. Vice Mayor Grenier stated that he did not support junk remaining in yards and commented that the ordinance would help address those situations. He also expressed concern about enforcement capacity, noting that Mr. McCormick was the City's sole Code Enforcement Officer, and asked how violations would be monitored, particularly if individuals attempted to conduct additional yard sales without permits.

Mr. Drury stated that police officers on duty had access to permit information and could issue warnings if they observed potential violations. He explained that officers could verify whether a permit had been issued and address the matter accordingly. Mr. McCormick added that most issues were expected to occur on weekends and stated that approximately 90 percent of City residents never held yard sales, and enforcement could be managed effectively.

Vice Mayor Grenier stated that the primary concern involved individuals who repeatedly abused yard sales, effectively turning them into ongoing businesses that negatively affected neighboring properties. He stated that he did not object to occasional yard sales and supported reasonable enforcement to protect neighborhood conditions.

Council Member Gamble asked how the ordinance would apply to mobile home parks that often conducted yard sales at a clubhouse or common area. Mr. McCormick said that if a yard sale occurred at a single centralized location, only one permit would be required. If yard sales were conducted at multiple individual homes, each home would be required to obtain a permit. He further clarified that in centralized situations, the park owner would be responsible for obtaining the permit.

## **MOTION**

**Doug Keown moved to approve [Ordinance 2025-10], seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## **Tab 4. Ordinance 2025-11 – Amending the Land Development Regulations, Chapter 21 Sign Regulations, Sections 21-17 Miscellaneous Signs**

Mr. Fabre made the following presentation:

*On September 17, 2025, during the Audience to be Heard portion of the City Council meeting (see attached), a resident from Lake Francis Estates submitted a request to allow six (6) flagpoles for a proposed Veterans Memorial.*

*Following discussion, City Council directed staff to prepare a text amendment to the Land Development Regulations to allow up to seven (7) flagpoles on parcels of land that are designated, owned, and maintained by a HOA. The proposed amendment ordinance would allow for this request.*

*Attached for your review and formal recommendation is the revised language in Chapter 21 – Sign Regulations, specifically Section 21-17: Miscellaneous Signs.*

*On November 20, 2025, the Planning & Zoning Advisory Board met and formally recommended approval (5-0) of Ordinance 2025-11. Discussion ensued on topics of pole construction, size of flag, pole placement. All the concerns were addressed at the public hearing.*

*Staff recommended Option 1, that the City Council move to approve Ordinance 2025-11.*

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council. There were none.

## **MOTION**

**Sandy Gamble moved to approve [Ordinance 2025-11], seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## **X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Tab 5. Police Pension Board Appointment**

Mayor Pfister made the following presentation:

*The Police Officers' Pension Trust Fund is administered by a five-member Board of Trustees. One trustee serves as the Mutual Appointment, Fifth Trustee, a position that is jointly selected by the existing Board members and presented to the City Council for ministerial approval. The Police Pension Board has recommended the reappointment of Dana Scola to continue serving in this role for a two-year term ending November 2027.*

*Staff recommended Option 1, for the Council to approve the reappointment of Dana Scola as the Mutual Appointment, Fifth Trustee to the Police Pension Board, for a two-year term ending November 2027.*

Mayor Pfister said she would like to reappoint Dana Scola as the Mutual Appointment, Fifth Trustee to the Police Pension Plan Board, for a two-year term ending November 2027.

## **MOTION**

**Sandy Gamble moved to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

### **Tab 6. Citizen Outreach**

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

*At the previous meeting, Council Member Doug Keown introduced the idea of holding informal meetings with citizens outside the regularly scheduled City Council meetings. He described these gatherings as opportunities for residents to meet with Council Members, with no formal agenda, to ask questions or discuss any City-related topic.*

*During the discussion, it was noted that the City already conducts similar outreach when specific workshops are held. For example, the recent workshop on the Master Plan for the Regional Park.*

*Council discussion focused on the potential costs of hosting additional meetings and the need to comply with Florida's open public meeting requirements, including proper advertising, minute-taking, recording by the City Clerk, and appropriate security from the Police Department. IT staff would also be utilized to record the meeting. Following the discussion, the Council directed the City Administrator to agendize the concept and present options at the next meeting.*

- 1. Formally Scheduled Public Meeting at the Civic Center - Establish a regularly scheduled meeting at the Civic Center. The City Clerk would advertise the meeting and prepare minutes; the I.T. Department would record the meeting; the Police Chief would assign an officer for security; and Public Works would provide setup. A two-hour meeting would incur costs associated with staff time for setup, advertising, minute preparation, recording, and police presence.*
- 2. Council Member Office Hours at City Hall - Designate a regularly scheduled day and time (e.g., first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m.) when a Council Member may meet with citizens in the first-floor conference room at City Hall. As this setting does not constitute a formal public meeting, no staff support would be required for advertising, minutes, recording, or police presence, resulting in no additional cost.*
- 3. Coffee With a Council Member - A Council Member may host informal "Coffee With a City Council Member" gatherings at a local coffee shop on a regularly scheduled day and time (e.g., first Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m.). As these are informal, off-site interactions, no staff support or costs would be required.*
- 4. Phone calls, email and text with a Council member: This option is always available and if necessary has and continues to lead to a one on one meeting usually at city hall.*

*Staff recommended Options 2, 3, and 4.*

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

The Council discussed proposed options related to Council–constituent communication and outreach. Council Member Gamble stated that he supported Options 2, 3, and 4 and commented that Council members were already utilizing these practices. He indicated that formalizing the existing approach was acceptable, although he did not see a need for substantive changes.

Council Member Price stated that Council members' phone numbers and email addresses were posted on the City's website and that he regularly received emails, text messages, and phone calls from constituents. He noted that he frequently met with constituents in informal settings such as breakfast or coffee meetings and did not believe a change was necessary. Council Member Price expressed support for continuing current practices and preferred Option 4.

Vice Mayor Grenier stated that Options 2, 3, and 4 reflected how Council members already interacted with constituents. He noted that many residents met with him at the Research Center, where he regularly engaged with the public. He said that formalizing the existing approach would not significantly change how Council members currently operated.

Council Member Keown stated that he supported Option 2 and expressed interest in establishing a set time to meet with constituents in a City conference room. He stated that this approach would allow residents to know when and where he would be available for face-to-face discussions, would not cost the City, and would supplement existing communication methods such as phone calls and emails.

Mayor Pfister stated that she did not wish to change current practices and commented that meetings were already scheduled through City Hall when residents requested appointments. She noted that some residents lacked internet access and suggested that Council contact information could be included in City newsletters or bulletins on occasion. Mayor Pfister stated that the existing process had worked well and expressed a preference for continuing current practices.

Mr. Drury stated that staff would work with any Council member who wished to establish a scheduled meeting time by coordinating room availability and logistics. He clarified that Option 2 would apply only to individual Council members who chose to participate and would not require all Council members to establish designated meeting times. Council Member Gamble reiterated that historically, meeting space had been made available upon request and that he did not believe a fixed monthly schedule was necessary.

## **MOTION**

**Doug Keown moved to approve Options 2, 3, and 4, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## **Tab 7. Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days 2026**

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

*The Florida League of Cities will host its annual Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee on January 26–28, 2026. This event provides municipal officials with opportunities to meet directly with state legislators, discuss upcoming legislation,*

*and advocate for issues affecting the City and local government. The City of Tavares works diligently to maintain engagement with its legislative delegation to ensure representation in its advocacy efforts.*

*Council direction is requested regarding which Council Member(s) wish to attend the 2026 Legislative Action Days.*

*Staff recommended Option 1, for the City Council to select one or more Council Member(s) to attend the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days 2026.*

Mr. Drury said the City works diligently to maintain engagement with its legislative delegation to represent the City in its advocacy efforts.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Council Members Keown, Gamble, and Price said they were available and would like to attend. Council Member Price noted his ongoing working relationship with members of the legislative delegation.

Mayor Pfister stated that she was interested in attending an alternate date to conduct focused discussions and preferred to schedule a separate meeting to address the golf cart crossing near the hospital.

Mr. Drury confirmed that Council Member Price, Council Member Keown, and Council Member Gamble would be scheduled to attend the upcoming legislative session on behalf of the City.

Council Member Price noted that participating cities were typically grouped together based on shared legislative interests and noted that during the prior year, the Cities of Eustis, Tavares, and Groveland were grouped together due to overlapping legislative delegation representation, which had proven effective.

Mr. Drury further stated that a separate meeting would be scheduled with Mayor Pfister and the Secretary of Transportation to address the golf cart crossing issue specifically.

## **MOTION**

**Sandy Gamble moved to send three (3) Council Members to represent the City at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days, seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

## **Tab 8. Update on the Washington DC Infrastructure Utilities Corridor & Rails to Trails Grant Meetings**

Mr. Dillon provided an update on the Washington, DC Infrastructure Utilities Corridor and Rails-to-Trails grant meetings held on December 3, 2025. He stated that

representatives from Lake County, the City of Tavares, and the City of Mount Dora traveled to Washington, DC, to seek federal support for a \$25 million dollar BUILD grant application. Mr. Dillon described the trip as a significant milestone that demonstrated regional unity, project readiness, and strong collaboration among partner agencies. He explained that the delegation met with members of Florida's congressional delegation and senior officials at the United States Department of Transportation to secure guidance and letters of support. Mr. Dillon noted that the project emphasized safety, regional mobility, expanded public utilities, and economic growth, and that the USDOT had already recognized the prior application as a project of merit. He stated that strategic coordination with Continental Strategy enabled the delegation to hold multiple high-level meetings, resulting in strong support and optimism for the project's competitiveness for federal funding.

Council Member Price stated that he believed the Washington, DC trip was very successful and that the delegation provided strong representation through the participation of elected officials, engineers, staff, and professional consultants. He commented that all members of Congress and Senators were supportive of the project and that such unified backing was meaningful. Council Member Price said satisfaction was expressed as the project would serve as a major utilities corridor and include significant matching funds exceeding the amount requested. He stated that the delegation was well prepared, referencing the extensive application materials already developed, and remarked that the trip was worthwhile. Council Member Price concluded by stating that the City likely had the strongest opportunity in approximately twenty years to secure this funding.

Mr. Drury stated that a Notice of Funding Opportunity had been issued and that the City would have approximately 60 to 90 days to complete the updated application. He noted that the application requirements had been substantially revised and stated that Mr. Dillon and the project partners would have approximately 1.5 months to incorporate the new criteria. Mr. Drury said that the project had been in development for approximately six years in coordination with Lake County, Mount Dora, the Trust for Public Land, and railroad partners, and that the application was now more competitive than at any previous point. He stated that the City anticipated an announcement regarding grant awards in November and expressed optimism that Tavares could be among a limited number of cities in Florida to receive this significant funding.

Council Member Keown commended Mr. Dillon and Council Member Price for their efforts and leadership in advancing the project.

Council Member Gamble recognized the professional team retained by the City, stating that their assistance was instrumental in securing access to key meetings and advancing the application process.

At the request of Council Member Gamble, Mr. Dillon provided an additional update regarding recent correspondence related to State Road 19 and County Road 561. Mr. Dillon stated that the City had received authorization from the Florida Department of

Transportation for signal improvements at the intersection of State Road 19 and County Road 561. He explained that the project would include a new traffic signal and pedestrian crossing, particularly addressing the southbound left-turn movement onto County Road 561, which had been challenging for motorists. Mr. Dillon stated that construction was expected to take approximately 160 days and that work would begin in late December.

Mr. Drury added that the left-turn signal installation represented the culmination of approximately five years of coordination efforts and expressed appreciation that the project was moving forward.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

**XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

Gary Santoro, Royal Harbor, Tavares, stated that the information and updates regularly received from the Council were consistently positive and beneficial to residents. He commented that Mr. Dillon played an integral role in City projects alongside Mr. Drury and stated that residents should be pleased with the progress being made throughout the City. Mr. Santoro acknowledged that some projects took several years to come to fruition and expressed appreciation for the continued efforts of the Mayor, Council, and staff. He concluded by thanking the Council and extended wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

Maribel Blanco, Ruby Street, and Director of the Research Center, Tavares, presented Christmas ornaments to Mayor Pfister, Council Member Keown, and Mr. Drury to place on the holiday tree. She invited the Mayor, Council, staff, and community to attend an open house at the Research Center scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. She concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Debi Weinert, Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Lake County, provided an update on the program. She stated that she began the program a little over two (2) years prior with two (2) participating children and reported that as of September 2025, the program had grown to serve approximately 1,270 children. She noted that the program had expanded to five (five) additional cities and was now serving approximately 1,350 children. Ms. Weinert stated that families and community members continued to support and fund the free book program and commented that the program would have a profound impact on Lake County by helping children enter kindergarten with reading skills that allowed teachers to focus more effectively on instruction. She thanked the Council for their time and extended holiday greetings.

Mayor Pfister expressed appreciation to Ms. Weinert and thanked her for her dedication and hard work in supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

## **XIV. REPORTS**

### **Tab 9. City Administrator Report**

Mr. Drury opened his report by wishing the Mayor, Council, staff, and attendees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He congratulated Mr. Brian Dykes on his appointment as the City's new Utilities Director and thanked him for taking on the role.

Chief Coursey provided a brief departmental recognition report at the request of Vice Mayor Grenier. She said Captain John Hall received a 25-year service award and Police Records Coordinator Michelle Taylor a 10-year service award.

Mr. Aldrich thanked the Mayor and City Council for participating in the Christmas parade as judges or participants. He expressed appreciation to Council Member Keown for serving as Santa at the library during a recent event.

Mr. Aldrich announced the Winter Solstice Concert scheduled to be held at the library, and invited the Council and public to attend Cookies with Santa at the Public Works Operations Center.

### **Tab 10. City Council Member Reports**

Council Member Keown opened his remarks by commending the Parks and Recreation Department and all staff who assisted with the Christmas parade. He provided the following additional comments:

- He stated that he enjoyed attending the library's Christmas event and appreciated the opportunity to serve as Santa.
- He referenced the City employee luncheon held the previous day and thanked those who helped organize the event.
- He extended birthday wishes to Mayor Pfister.
- He commented on meetings with department directors and staff, noting their professionalism, knowledge, and the enjoyable nature of the discussions.

Council Member Price began by congratulating Mr. Brian Dykes on his accomplishments and promotion. He provided the following additional comments:

- He praised the Parks and Recreation Department for hosting a successful Christmas parade with a large turnout despite inclement weather.
- He noted his attendance at a blue-ribbon cutting ceremony for AdventHealth.
- He spoke positively about the City's employee Christmas party and the recognition of employees receiving 30-year service awards.
- He extended holiday greetings, including Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

Council Member Gamble opened by congratulating Mr. Brian Dykes and Mr. Dillon on their continued success. He provided the following additional comments:

- He stated that pursuing grant funding benefited taxpayers, noting that funds would otherwise be awarded to other jurisdictions.
- He recognized Ms. Bublitz and Mr. Sherrard for their efforts during the employee holiday luncheon.
- He thanked City employees for their dedication, acknowledging their availability during evenings, weekends, and holidays and the sacrifices made to serve the community.
- He commented on the increased attendance at the Christmas parade compared to the prior year, despite rain.
- He extended Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes.

Vice Mayor Grenier began by stating that Fire Division Chief Willis did an excellent job supporting the Christmas parade. He provided the following additional comments:

- He announced an upcoming event at the Research Center featuring karaoke, snacks, food, and entertainment.
- He expressed appreciation to Mr. Drury for keeping the Council informed and stated that the strength of Team Tavares reflected effective leadership and communication.
- He congratulated Mr. Dykes.
- He discussed departmental realignments, including Event Services Manager Carrie Petroski assuming additional responsibilities, including overseeing a newly established Events Services division and the Pavilion staff.
- He noted that Event Services Assistant Manager Amy England remained assigned to the Pavilion and that a new service staff position had been created.
- He thanked Council Member Keown for filling in as Santa at the library.
- He referenced Mayor Pfister's comments regarding the expansion of the City's golf cart community along State Road 19 toward Publix.
- He concluded with holiday greetings.

Mayor Pfister opened by apologizing for missing an event the previous day due to work obligations. She provided the following additional comments.

- She complimented Ms. Bublitz for consistently doing an excellent job.
- She congratulated Mr. Dykes for his recent promotion.
- She stated that illness prevented her attendance at the Rails-to-Trails event and expressed full confidence in Mr. Dillon's leadership.
- She praised the Christmas parade and thanked those who assisted with transportation and logistics.
- She expressed appreciation to City staff and Council members for another successful year.
- She described Mr. Drury as a strong motivator whose leadership contributed to the City's success and positive workplace culture.

- She stated her appreciation for the Council, advisory boards, and community organizations, including the History Center.
- She expressed optimism for 2026 and confidence in breaking ground on the railroad trail project.

All those present wished each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business, and Mayor Pfister adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully,

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Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM  
City Clerk