

**UNAPPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 14, 2025

Present: Mayor Donald Derickson, Councilmen: Paul Reynolds, Cole Tippet, Tommy Roberts, and Kevin Buckallew; Candy Tallman City Clerk, George Reindel and Jimmy McNary-Water and Sewer, James Berry Police

Guests: Jr. Buckallew and Chuck Tallman

The Mayor called the council meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

A motion was made by **Kevin Buckallew** and seconded by **Paul Reynolds** to approve the agenda. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

A motion was made by **Paul Reynolds** and seconded by **Cole Tippet** to approve the June 14, 2025 regular minutes and June 23 special meeting minutes. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

A motion was made by **Kevin Buckallew** and seconded by **Tommy Roberts** for the approval of the monthly bills and financial reports presented by the City Clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
Vote 4-0.

Public Comment – None

Police – Issued a citation for animal at large to G. Baker for dogs running loose. Cuculich has moved trailer out and is building a tiny house in replace of it. He will be addressing 4 or 5 people about parking on the sidewalks on Route D and explaining that there is an ordinance on parking there and they have to be moved or will be issued a citation in the future.

Fire – Nothing

George – Had a Bacti sample not pass and had to retake along with an up and down stream test. Randy Montgomery with DNR has contacted us about starting meeting for the sewer project. Had to order a new pump for one of the sewer meter that is going bad.

Jimmy – Put up the volleyball net and worked the court. Also found some basketball nets and put them up till new ones come.

Candy – Followed up on the audit, Jeff will have his stuff to Gillum by the end of July to move forward from there. Reminded the council that I would be gone the last week of July.

Cole – Had residents' comment on the Firework display, really thought we did a wonderful job this year. Had a conversation with Derrick Weber from Regional Planning about the lot that was for sale, as he said he was obligated to sell to the other individuals. So, we will not be purchasing the lot. Put a hold on the TAP grant for the lighting for now. Ran out of time, will look into its next cycle.

Kevin – Will be off the week of the 14th to help work on streets and work on Lindsey Gravett's ditch.

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Paul – Park is looking good, keep up the good work.

Tommy – Something to think about for next year's firework display, it will be on Saturday and look into doing a cornhole tournament, hotdogs, and other things for the day. Could even look into seeing if a group wants to do it for a fundraiser.

Old Business:

DEMO Grant: Kevin Buckallew, Candy Tallman, and Batina Dodge did the inspection of the properties on July 11 and approved all sites. Candy is working on getting all property owner's signatures and the contractor will be sending all necessary documents to Batina and Candy for the final stage. Once everything is completed payment will be issued. Also, Candy asked about putting feelers out to start another DEMO in the future. Council agreed with this and we will start looking into it.

Backhoe: Kevin Buckallew found a backhoe: 2014 580SN for \$45,000.00 and told the council that he went and looked at it. He had them to change the bucket on it as we did not need a 4 in 1 bucket. They put a new standard bucket on, put it in the shop and had new filters, alternator, and belts put on. They delivered it for no extra charge.

New Business:

Courthouse Bill/Meter: Candy Tallman presented the water bill for the courthouse and told the council that it had been being estimated for quite a while. After much discussion on the matter, a **motion** was made by **Kevin Buckallew** and seconded by **Cole Tippet** to reduce the June water bill from \$3128.00 to \$1564.00. The Mayor called for a vote, Vote 2 – 2 Nays were Paul Reynolds and Tommy Roberts. Donald Derickson broke tie with an Yay vote. Motion passed.

Employee Handbook: A **motion** was made by **Cole Tippet** and seconded by **Kevin Buckallew** to add Truman's Birthday to the Handbook and add ½ day of Christmas Eve to the ordinance so both have the same information. The Mayor called for a vote, all in favor. Vote 4 – 0

A motion was made by **Kevin Buckallew** and seconded by **Cole Tippet** to change the handbook to read "a city employee is defined as an employee whom averages 36 hours per week in one fiscal year," and to add vacation time starts after 6 months not 1 year in the ordinance. The Mayor called for a vote, all in favor. 3 – 1, Paul Reynolds voted Nay. Motion passed.

The next regular council meeting will be held August 11, 2025 unless otherwise posted, in City Hall at 209 Washington St, Lancaster MO, at 7:00 pm.

As there is no further business, a motion was made by **Cole Tippet** and seconded by **Kevin Buckallew** to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

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Mayor Derickson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm

Minutes taken by Candy Tallman, City Clerk.

Candy Tallman

Donald Derickson, Mayor

Donald Derickson

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Date approved: August 11, 2025