CITY OF GREENFIELD

MAYOR *Brock Meyer* ***WARD 1*** */Jenny Hoots*

CITY CLERK *Debbie Hunt* ***WARD II*** *John Thien/Blake Ross*

CITY TREASURER *Cathy Schirz* ***WARD III*** *Terry Plogger / Jeremy Conrad*

City Council Meeting ***Agenda*** *August 13, 2026* *7:00 P.M.*

I. Recognize Visitors - Ken Loy, Richard Waldron

II. Minutes

III. Treasurers Report

IV. Bills

V. Police / Water / Street Dept. Reports

VI. Old Business
- ***A. PD Grant Progress***
- ***B. Internet Service***
- ***C. Bids for Gator***
- ***D. Waste Water Contract***
- ***E. Volleyball Court***

VII. New Business
- ***A. Appointment Ward I***
- ***B. Richard Waldron – Property Set-backs***
- ***C. Carlson Dog Kennel***
- ***D. Pumpkin Patch (PD event)***
- ***E. Camping Revenue from SE Weekends***
- ***F. Solar Panels at the Pavilion***
- ***G. Lake Property Surveillance***
- ***H. Ditch from Brookley to Walnut and Storm Sewer by 406 Station Street***
- ***I. Audit Report***
- ***J. Full time PD Opening/Power Testing***
- ***K. Chief Conference***
- ***L. Bidding Requirements***
- ***M. Lawson Employment Review***

VIII. R&M Miscellaneous Expenses – All Departments – Approval for Expenses

IX. Benevolence – approval of any donations

X. Correspondence

XI. Round Table

XII. Executive Session

CLERKS NOTES 08/13/26

I have added a couple of "permanent" orders of business to the agenda. If this is not acceptable, I will remove those items, but they are topics that are discussed ALMOST every month. I have moved the New Business item for approving miscellaneous expenses presented at the meeting, as item VIII, and also added IX. Benevolence for requests received for donations. Since these two topics are consistent orders of business, it just seems easiest to have them listed as a monthly topic, the same as minutes, department reports, correspondence, etc.

PD Grant Progress – self explanatory

Internet Service – I am working on getting a final cost to have the fiber optic service at all necessary sites (PD, street, water).

Bids for Gator – I did not receive any sealed bids for the purchase of the gator as of the writing of these notes.

Waste water contracts – Water Works will include signing off on the waste water at no additional cost.

Volleyball Court – It was decided that revamping the court will be in the Spring of 2027 – left the topic on the agenda in case the special events committee is going to use it as a mud volleyball for the fall festival (BBQ). If that is still a possibility, then the street department will need to add that to their list. It was discussed that all sand would need to be removed, lawn staples and weed barrier removed, and new dirt filled and watered down for a mud pit.

Appointment Ward I – Mayor Meyer will be presenting Lauren Bowman for the vacancy.

Richard Waldron – Property Set-backs. Richard Waldron is at the final phase of moving in a modular home at 707 Prairie. City ordinance states 25 feet set back from the front lot line, 10 feet from the side lot lines, and 10 feet from the rear lot line. All units shall be 15 feet from the existing building. His new home will not allow for 10 feet from the side lot lines and it will be a tight fit on the 10 feet rear lot line. He be attending the meeting to request the approval of an exception from the council, which is allowable according to ordinance.

Carlson Dog Kennel – I have been in contact with our insurance carrier. This was the reply:
We would be able to add the location to your general liability. If there would be an injury to an animal there would be not coverage unless a suit were to be filed and the City was held liable for something. There would be no coverage if an animal got sick naturally. Any City employee would have coverage under your workers compensation coverage.

Pumpkin Patch – this is the event (yet to be formally "named") that Nate would like to coordinate on the square for a pumpkin "painting" event. He and Jenny have discussed this and if possible, would like to add this community event this October. I have Halloween at the Lake (camper trick or treat) on the 24th (Saturday) at the pavilion, organized by Sherry White. The council has yet to select trick or treat dates but Halloween falls on Saturday this year.

Camping Revenue from special event weekends – it has been requested that consideration be given to letting the Special Events Committee have the camping revenue from the two annual events currently hosted by the special events committee.

Solar Panels at the pavilion – Terry Plogger will be bringing information about cost and return of placing solar panels on the roof of the pavilion, to possibly add power to the camping sites.

Lake Property Surveillance – the vandalism at the lake is needing to be controlled as discussed last month. Ideas need to be discussed and implemented since the destruction of property seems to be getting more costly.

Ditch from Brookley to Walnut and the Storm drain at 406 Station. I asked for the city to take action on this ditch that runs across several properties. The silt has filled this ditch in to the point that flooding is occurring more often and required less heavy rains to cause the problem. Weeds growing in this ditch are tall enough that it would warrant an ordinance violation if on private property. The storm drain by the locker continues to flow slow and just as with the ditch, it takes less rain to create an issue. The locker entry has been flooded several times this spring and this storm drain needs to be fixed.

Audit Report – Ken Loy will present the annual audit for review, questions, and approval.

Full Time PD opening – With Lawson on administrative leave, we have one full time officer (Nate) and he is scrambling to fill shifts with the part time roster. Alderfer will present his plan to post and select a new candidate for the academy. The deadline to register for the academy is 11/30/26, the academy will commence on 1/4/27.

Chief conference – Alderfer would like to attend the annual Chief of Police conference, held April 28-30, 2027. Registration for the conference is $329.00. This does not cover lodging or meals. Alderfer has wanted to attend this conference for a couple of years for the training opportunities and would like for the council to consider/approve his attendance in 2027. He has a commitment to cover his duties for the week if approval is given to attend.

Bidding Requirements – Conrad would like to review and discuss the bidding requirements for city projects.

Lawson Employment Review – self explanatory

There are two requests for benevolence received for consideration as of this writing:
Greene-Calhoun CEO program. Last year the city contributed $250 to this cause.
Boyd Memorial Foundation is requesting sponsorship for Tee-Up for a Great Cause golf outing. I do not recall this event from past years but they are offering $500, $250, and $150 sponsor opportunities.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT OFF YOUR POLICE REPORT FROM YOUR EMAIL!

IF THERE ARE CHANGES NEEDED TO THE MINUTES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY THURSDAY, SO I CAN CORRECT THEM BEFORE THE MEETING. THANK YOU

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 9, 2026

The Greenfield City Council met on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Brock Meyer, Clerk Debbie Hunt, and Treasurer Cathy Schirz were present along with Aldermen Plogger, Thien, Conrad and Alderwoman Hoots.

Water Superintendent Todd Custer, Street Superintendent Michael Easley, and Police Chief Nate Alderfer were present for their departments.

Wendy Albrecht, Bev Goode, and Dan Armold were guests.

Mayor Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wendy Albrecht was recognized. She was present to confirm the pageant date of August 8, 2026 and 7:00 pm on the square. They would like to request that the North side of the square be closed to traffic beginning at 3:00 pm for the safety of the contestants crossing from the dressing room, for additional trash cans and picnic tables. The homecoming committee will be selling food and will need to have a certificate of coverage for the city. They will have porta-potties set up, and would like to accept VENMO as a payment method. Schirz did not feel this would be a problem. Bev Goode was also in attendance representing the pageant.

Dan Armold was recognized and was requesting that the city might partner with Charity Southern Baptist Church in a memorial fishing event in honor of Kyle Cox, for children 15 and under on Saturday August 1st from 9:30-11:30 a.m. They would like to make this an annual event if there is interest from the community. The church will serve food. Insurance will need to be checked in to. The pavilion date is open and now reserved for the event. The council agreed that this could be a worthwhile event and the city will be happy to assist in any way possible.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June council meeting by Conrad, seconded by Hoots. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Conrad, seconded by Plogger. Schirz informed the council that tax dollars have not yet been received from the state, therefore funds will need to be moved from the money market account to cover the payroll and warrant list. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made to pay the bills on the warrant list by Conrad, seconded by Hoots. Schirz requested confirmation of the amount to be paid to WtrWrx and Killion. This was the amount agreed to by the council last month. A few bills were added. The fireworks were in the red this year. Motion carried all voting aye.

Alderfer was recognized for the police department. He presented the resignation of both Elliott and Goode from the roster. He has started implementing a monthly vehicle inspection to try to curtail any surprise expenses with the squad cars. He has received 3 applications for the academy. Two of the applicants have failed the power test, one still needs to be tested. There has been extensive vandalism at the bathhouse at the lake. There was discussion about possible solutions, including the installation of cameras. Alderfer has talked with the Carlson family and they would be willing to rent their building to the city for housing stray animals until claimed. This will be researched with the city's insurance to make sure that everyone would be covered

from any liability that could result. All violations are currently paid. He still has no delivery date for the new squad car. With the unlikely hiring of a third full time officer that is budgeted for, he would like to propose an increase in the part time salary in an effort to more easily fill the hours. The last raise was in September 2023; the city is in the ballpark with neighboring communities but Aldferfer feels he will have a better response if he can offer more. The approved budget for the police department will cover this increase since the third officer is not going to materialize in this fiscal year.

Custer was recognized for the water department. He reported problems with the turbidity meters, those are now fixed. He needs to get a boat trailer, the current trailer has a bent spindle. A lot of time has been spent on the pump house, the copper sulfate pump is being installed. There are three meters in the ditch across from the old vet clinic that need to be buried and insulated before winter sets in. He would like to install concrete block barricade to create a "retaining wall" that would hold the dirt cover around the meters. He is planning to install a flusher on the line that runs west down the Wrights blacktop, to keep the water quality fresher on that leg of service.

Easley reported for the street department. His crew has been spending time on corrections needed from the sewer project. He told the council that the proposed camping host site needs to be reconsidered due to the slope of the land, where the septic tanks in the bath house sit higher than site 28. He is moving the site to sit south of the bathhouse, next to the light pole. His new proposal would be under the approved budget for the project, at around $2500.00 total (this includes a 300 gallon tank, pad, completed project) compared to the $3200 original estimate for building on site 28. There will not be any cost for electrical or need to build a retaining wall, and less concrete will be needed. The new side by side broke down after 2 hours of use. He returned to Lamb's and they replaced a sensor. Check engine light is now on and back at Lambs for additional service. Tuesday July 14th the crew will be oiling and chipping the east side of town. He has not been able to make contact with the neighbor, the hold up on starting the Taylor drainage project. He told the council that he put 24 tons of sand in the volleyball court last year. There is not enough activity to keep the court in good shape.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Shed Roof/Progress on Building Projects

All bids are in. Meyers will get the paperwork sent in for the $50,000 grant, which will cover the four proposed improvements: Street Shed Roof, City Hall Roof, repair overhang at the Police Department, and Bathhouse roof. Conrad made a motion to rescind the previous motion to split the work between two contractors, seconded by Hoots. Motion to rescind carried, all voting aye. A motion was made by Conrad to hire Henson for all four projects, seconded by Thien. Motion carried all voting aye.

B. Internet

Hunt asked what service would be needed at each location. 1 GB speed is needed for each. After department feed back, it was decided tat 1 GB speed is needed for each location. Tabled.

C. Fireworks

There was a loss of revenue on the event this year. Plogger told the council that the bounce house company left deep ruts in the area when they were removing the bounce house.

D. Police Department Building/Grant Opportunity
A meeting is scheduled with Nicole Mason for Monday July 20 at 1:00 pm at city hall to discuss the grant ($394,000) that the city was awarded several years ago. This money is still available. A floor plan needs to be decided. The city cannot use the grant funds for the demolition of the old building, but can research other sources of revenue to assist with that cost.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Add McMillen to the Part Time Roster
After brief discussion, it was decided that this must be an agenda item in order for the vote to be valid. A motion was made to add McMillen to the part time police roster by Conrad, seconded by Hoots. Motion carried with the following vote: Hoots, aye; Conrad, aye; Thien, no; Plogger, aye. Alderfer can now add McMillen to the roster and put him on the schedule for shifts.

B. Jamie Loftis – Pavilion Use of YNOT Camp
Hunt told the council that this is the annual fishing outing for their summer camp. It was decided that this will once again be a goodwill act, and there will not be any charge for the use of the pavilion.

C. Notary
With the resignation of Kari Varble, the city is once again without a Notary. Hoots would like to complete the required sessions, and become the on-staff notary. This will be paid for by the city.

D. Sale of Gator
There has been some interest in the gator that the city has replaced. Any city property that is sold, must be published for sale for 30 days. After discussion, it was decided to broadcast this on social media; the mayor posting pictures on the mayoral fb page, and on the city website. Sealed bids will be accepted through and including August 13th for the gator, a minimum bid set at $1500.00 and those bids will be opened at the council meeting on the 13th.

E. Police Department Part Time Wages
Alderfer explained that his current budget covers 3 full time officers and three health stipends. He does not foresee having more than 2 full time on the payroll, and the stipend will only be utilized for himself for the year, and one half year for Lawson (beginning in October after probation period ends). With being under budget, he would like to ask the council to consider a raise in the pay for part time officers. The part time has been at $22.00 since September 2023. Other departments in Greene County are: Carrollton is at $20/hr; White Hall and Roodhouse are at $23.00. County is at $22-23. After discussion, a motion was made by Thien to raise the part time police wage to $24.00/hour, seconded by Plogger, effective with the next pay period (7/11/26-7/24/26). Lawson will be given consideration of an increase once his probation is completed. Motion carried all voting aye.

F. Ordinance-Sleeping in Motor Vehicles on Public Streets
Mayor Meyer explained a problem that is occurring where people are sleeping or passed out in vehicles. This type of activity can contribute to drug activity. This is also happening at the campgrounds. It would act as a deterrent to undesirable activities, it would not necessarily apply

to someone that needed to pull over to rest during an extensive travel. It is not to create income, and a warning would be the first step in the enforcement process. Conrad made a motion to pass ordinance # 2026-29-7 titled An Ordinance Prohibiting Sleeping in Motor Vehicles on Public Streets and in the Public View within the city of Greenfield., seconded by Hoots, motion carried all voting aye.

G. Wastewater Contract
Tabled

H. Volleyball Court Maintenance
After discussion, it was decided that a rehab at this time would be a waste with activities slowing going into fall; a complete rehab should begin in the spring. There was discussion about getting the court fit for a mud volleyball for the BBQ at the Lake event, which would require to clean out the sand and staples and then fill with dirt/water. There was some discussion about insurance liability. One net has been discarded, the other has been stored.

I. Sludge Permit
A bid was received from Benton Engineering in the amount of $3500. This renews every five years. The last fee was $1500.00. A motion was made to hire Benton Engineering to prepare and renew the city's sludge permit by Conrad, seconded by Plogger. Motion carried all voting aye.

J. R&M Miscellaneous – All departments
Nothing was presented. There was some discussion regarding the retaining wall blocks that Custer needs to create a barrier for the meters that are in the ditch.

CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence

ROUNDTABLE
It was decided to co-sponsor the Fishing Event at the Lake, asking the Special Events for the donation. There was discussion regarding the vandalism at the lake. Security options were considered, including camera surveillance. Mayor Meyers will call Bob Lamb/s about the side by side. Plogger would like to research solar panels on the pavilion to increase the amperage of the camp sites. The ice machine at the lake appears to be a successful venture, breaking even after covering the cost of the pad and set up, with remaining inventory. Custer will get the ice he needs for samples from the lake site. Suggestions were discussed for the Pride of Greenfield for July-August. It will be awarded to Tim Pfleger. Alderfer would like to plan some type of pumpkin carving event on the square this year for the kids. Hoots will get with him to see what can be planned. Hunt asked about the water rate ordinance that will go into effect in October. Meyer will get this taken care of. Hunt asked Hoots about a form for the city wide yard sales. Hoots will create the form. She also relayed a request about having flags flying at boy scout point. She asked the city to clean up the ditch that runs north and south from the blacktop. Conrad will investigate the ditch

A motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss employees by Plogger, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Plogger to exit executive session, seconded by Hoots. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Kari Varble from Ward I by Conrad, seconded by Plogger. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hoots to adjourn.