

City of Baldwin City
Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Regular Council Meeting

A. Call to Order

The Baldwin City Council was called to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin City Community Center, 712 Chapel Street, with Mayor Gerald Cullumber presiding.

Present were Council Members: Jay King, Peter Wentz, Cory Venable, Scott Lauridsen and Julie Constantinescu.

Also, attending: Russ Harding-City Administrator; Amara Packard-City Clerk; City Attorney-Jessica Wortham; Pat Toth-Community Development; and Officer Sharp-Police Department.

B. Approval of Agenda

Cory Venable moved and Jay King seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passes 5-0.

C. Consent Agenda

Cory Venable moved and Peter Wentz seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passes 5-0.

1. Minutes 6.02.2026
2. Scheduled Claims List
3. Special Event-Homecoming Parade

D. Public Comment

Jeff Flory-Baldwin Power Wash-219 E HWY 56-Mr. Flory brought before the council the request for regulated commercial water wells. He detailed how it would benefit his business as well as other businesses, along with outlining how it can help the city foster business growth, preserve utility infrastructure, and protect the public water grid. Jeff asked the city to start looking at drafting a managed well ordinance.

Scott Lauridsen said he would like different committees to look at this such as Public Work and Budget and Finance and give their pros and cons.

E. Special Reports or Presentations

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Recreation Commission Board Appointment

The group that interviewed applicants recommended Andrew Markley to be appointed to the

board.

Mayor Cullumber said he was a remarkable young man, has a family, and might even have an interest in the council some day.

Julie Constantinescu said that he was her first choice and stood out to her the way he presented himself.

Julie Constantinescu moved and Peter Wentz seconded to approve Mr. Markley for the recreation commission board appointment. Motion passes 5-0.

H. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance - Scott Lauridsen/Peter Wentz

Next meeting 6/18/2026 at 8:30am, second floor of City Hall

2. Community Development - Cory Venable/Peter Wentz

Next meeting TBD at 4:00pm, second floor of City Hall

3. Public Safety - Jay King/Cory Venable

- Food Truck Ordinance

Next meeting will be TBD at 9:00am, second floor of City Hall

4. Public Works and Utilities - Julie Constantinescu/Jay King

- Trees in the median at 8th and 56 Hwy have been removed and in the process to repair the damage to the median.
- Lost a phase at the pool the weekend of the 6th. It went unnoticed for too long and caused damage to the pump. Working with Douglas Pump to get it back on line. Got a quote on the 10th of \$4,867 to rebuild the motor with a 7-10 day turn around. New pump around \$5000. The plan is to order a new one to have a spare.
- Had an early morning call in due to downed trees blocking roadways caused by the storm. Broken pole at 4th and High. Gardner loaned Baldwin their back yard machine and was able to replace the pole without any outages. Kept guys busy for 2 days picking up brush.
- 183 non reads this month.
- The fiber company submitted a quote and will be scheduling a date to have fiber connected to the new substation. Components have a lead time of 6 weeks.
- Pat's crew continue to work on lines running from 6th and Orange to the new substation and conduits coming out of the new substation building.
- Catalyst compliance testing will be tested on units 7 and 8 to prove CO reduction requirements are still being met. This is done every 5 years.

- The city wide clean up was another huge success. Filled 9 dumpsters for trash and 6 dumpsters of metal. Won't know the cost until the recycling company figures up the cost on metal.

Next meeting 7/07/2026 at 9:00am, Public Works Conference Room

5. Strategic Planning-Scott Lauridsen/Julie Constantinescu
Next meeting TBD at 10:00am, second floor of City Hall

6. Lake Advisory Committee-Jay King/Julie Constantinescu
Next meeting 7/7/2026 at 6:00pm, Executive Room at the Community Center

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments

J. Council & Mayor Comments

Mayor Cullumber thanked Pat Toth along with other city staff that were working at city wide clean up day. He participated alongside staff for a couple of hours and got to talk to staff while helping, and enjoyed getting to know their thoughts and feelings of working for the city.

July 18th at 8:30am, there will be a meet and greet at the Community Center with city government, county government, and council, if they would like to attend.

Mayor Cullumber would like to see the Police Chief work on an ordinance on e-bikes and scooters.

Mayor Cullumber reminded everyone that June 27th is the fireworks display at the golf course, he would love to see lots of the public show up.

K. Executive Session

L. Adjourn

Julie Constantinescu moved and Cory Venable seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion passes 5-0. Time: 7:18 p.m.

Attest:

Amara M. Packard
City Clerk