

City of Baldwin City
Minutes
Tuesday, August 4th, 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; Kevin Watts-Assistant Public Works Director; Chief Baker-Fire Department; and Chief Patrick-Police Department.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes 7.21.2026
2. Scheduled Claims List
3. Special Event-Baker University-Street Closure

D. Public Comment

E. Special Reports or Presentations

F. Old Business

G. New Business

H. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance - Scott Lauridsen/Peter Wentz
Next meeting 8/21/2026 at 9:00am, second floor of City Hall
2. Community Development - Cory Venable/Peter Wentz

- Pat Toth told the committee all of the things he has been working on.
 - Beginning steps to working on grants
 - Interest in small development of 3 acre lot east of town
 - Interest in Pizza Hut location, and other possible uses for that area
 - Discussed ordinances on Baldwin City development and subdivision policies
 - Had discussion on future of Baldwin City and residential development

Next meeting 8/24/2026 at 4:00pm, second floor of City Hall

3. Public Safety - Jay King/Cory Venable

- Concerns over e-scooters and e-bikes, working on an ordinance

Next meeting will be 8/20/2026 at 9:00am, second floor of City Hall

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

Next meeting 8/13/2026 at 8:30am, 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 8/18/2026 at 6:00pm, Executive Room at the Community Center

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments

J. Council & Mayor Comments

City Attorney Jessica said that there will be a couple of articles with changes on e-scooters and e-bikes. She has article 13 ready to go, and she just finished article 14, so they will be sent out to the council soon.

K. Executive Session

Julie Constantinescu moved and Jay King seconded to recess into executive session with the mayor, city administrator, and city attorney to discuss a privileged and confidential legal matter of the city. The open meeting will resume in this room 15 minutes, at 7:25. Motion passes 5-0.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 7:25.

Mayor Cullumber nominated Casey Simoneau to be the interim judge pursuant to 1-313 of Baldwin City code.

Cory Venable moved and Scott Lauridsen seconded to approve Casey Simoneau as interim judge pursuant to 1-313 of Baldwin City code. Motion passes 5-0.

L. Adjourn

Julie Constantinescu moved and Cory Venable seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion passes 5-0. Time: 7:26 p.m.

Attest:

Amara M. Packard
City Clerk