City of Baldwin City
Minutes
Tuesday, November 3rd 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 Director; and Officer Rideaux-Police Department.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Consent Agenda

Cory Venable moved and Julie Constantinescu seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passes 4-0.

1. Minutes 10.06.2026
2. Scheduled Claims List

A special event needs to be added to the consent agenda for a church event downtown at Sullivan Square. This will spill out onto 8th Street so there is a request for a road closure. There will not be any alcohol consumption, so there will not be any common consumption area. The church can use their vehicles to block the street.

Jay King moves and Julie Constantinescu seconded to approve the amended consent agenda to include the fall fest street closure and event. Motion passes 5-0.

D. Public Comment

Niki Manbeck-1097 N 400 Rd-Niki explained to the council that she was unable to attend the last council meeting but had watched the recorded meeting and saw that they had discussed city buildings. She would like the opportunity to purchase the building, and/or rent month to month from the city until it is decided what they will do with the building.

E. Special Reports or Presentations

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Special Event-Ugly Sweater Fun Run

   This is under new business as it does ask for the common consumption area.

   Cory Venable moved and Jay King seconded to approve the special event Ugly Sweater Fun Run and that this is going to be a common consumption event. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Ordinance 1542 - Code Update

   This is the second reading.

   Peter Wentz moved and Jay King seconded to approve ordinance 1542 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.

   Roll Call: Jay King-yes, Peter Wentz-yes, Cory Venable-yes, Scott Lauridsen-yes, and Julie Constantinescu-yes

   Niki Manbeck asked about the common consumption event that was approved. Cory Venable explained how common consumption events work. Council discussed how to help the community understand it better.

3. City Properties

   Mayor Cullumber said the city needs to look at the strategic plan along with this and prioritize things that need to be worked on.

   Council members discussed the options that had been previously discussed and how to go about narrowing down the discussion, and how to involve the citizens.

   Russ Harding told the council that he has had a couple people interested in renting the building for the fair market value plus paying property taxes.

   Council reminded Niki that she signed an agreement that terminated her lease on December 31st, 2026, and that there were no more extensions allowed past that date.

H. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance - Scott Lauridsen/Peter Wentz
   Next meeting 11/06/2026 at 9:00am, second floor of City Hall

2. Community Development - Cory Venable/Peter Wentz
   Next meeting 11/19/2026 at 9:00am, second floor of City Hall

3. Public Safety - Jay King/Cory Venable
   Next meeting will be 11/19/2026 at 10:00am, second floor of City Hall

4. Public Works and Utilities - Julie Constantinescu/Jay King
   Next meeting 11/13/2026 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 11/17/2026 at 6:00pm, Executive Room at the Community Center

I. City Administrator and Staff Comments

J. Council & Mayor Comments

Mayor Cullumber congratulated the school district for winning $30,000 from the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights.

Remember Veteran's Day next week, and remember the sacrifices they have made for our freedom.

K. Executive Session

L. Adjourn

Julie Constantinescu moved and Jay King seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion passes 5-0. Time: 8:17 p.m.

Attest:

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Amara M. Packard
City Clerk