

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

February 24, 2026

7:00 PM

City Hall



CITY OF MILLS
EST. 1921

Mayor:

Leah Juarez

Council President:

Brad Neumiller

Council Members:

Cherie Butcher

Sara McCarthy

Tim Sutherland

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Juarez
Council Sutherland
Council McCarthy
Council Butcher

Excused Absent

President Neumiller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

1. Council Meeting Minutes 2-10-26

City Licenses

2. New / Renewal Business / Contractor Licenses and Home Occupation Permits

Financial Approvals

3. Financial Breakdown - Check Register & Future ACH/EFT Transactions
4. PAID ACH / EFT Transactions - *NONE*
5. Regular / Police Payroll 1-26-26 to 2-8-26
6. Fire Payroll 2-2-26 to 2-13-26
7. Transmittal Transactions

Motion made by Council Member Butcher, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland,
Voting Yea: Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council Member Sutherland, and Council Member
Butcher, motion passes

OPEN DISCUSSION

Scott Clamp shared several comments with the Council. He suggested that open discussion be moved back to the end of the meeting, noting that in the past it allowed residents to comment on items that arose during the meeting.

He also expressed concern that ordinances are sometimes listed only by number on agendas, without a description, which makes it difficult for residents to understand what Council is considering. He recommended including a brief summary of the ordinance.

Mr. Clamp also spoke about the Service & Sacrifice Park project, asking whether the City had considered acquiring the vacant property across Platte Street (formerly associated with the Burton family/Rainbow Cleaners) to potentially expand the park and create a larger focal point for the community.

Finally, Mr. Clamp shared historical information about the former Mills water tower that once stood near the park and suggested exploring the possibility of bringing it back or incorporating it as a historical feature.

Mr. Clamp concluded his comments and thanked the Council.

Mayor Juarez responded to Mr. Clamp's comments regarding meeting procedures and other topics.

The Mayor explained that open discussion was intentionally moved to the beginning of the meeting so that residents have an opportunity to provide input before the Council takes action or votes on items. She noted that many municipalities structure their meetings differently, and in Mills much of the Council's discussion occurs during the work session held one hour prior to the council meeting, which is open to the public so residents can hear how Council arrives at decisions.

Regarding ordinances listed on agendas, Mayor Juarez stated that additional information is available to the public. Ordinances are posted online and available at City Hall for anyone who wishes to review them, and copies can be printed upon request.

Mayor Juarez also addressed the comments regarding additional land near the Service & Sacrifice Park, noting that the City had previously reached out about acquiring the property but was given a definitive refusal. She stated the City may attempt to inquire again in the future.

Mr. Clamp provided additional historical context about property development, contamination issues, and floodplain changes related to nearby properties. Mayor Juarez thanked Mr. Clamp for sharing his historical knowledge and input with the Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8. ORDINANCE NO. 834 - THIRD AND FINAL READING

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ASSERTING LIENS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES WHICH HAVE DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Motion made by Council Member McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland,
Voting Yea: Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council Member Sutherland, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

9. ORDINANCE NO. 835 - THIRD AND FINAL READING

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENT OF CERTAIN WATER BILLS

Motion made by Council Member Butcher, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland,
Voting Yea: Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council Member Sutherland, and Council Member
Butcher, motion passes

Council Approvals

*A memorandum of understanding regarding the provision of mutual aid in the form of an ambulance on
a temporary basis*

Motion made by Council Member McCarthy, Seconded by Council Member Butcher,
Voting Yea: Council Member McCarthy, Mayor Juarez, Council Member Sutherland, and Council Member
Butcher, motion passes

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Juarez asked for a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:13pm. Council Member Butcher made a motion to
adjourn; Council Member Sutherland seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Council Member McCarthy, Mayor
Juarez, Council Member Sutherland, and Council Member Butcher, motion passes

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

NEXT MEETING - March 10, 2026 at 7:00pm / March 24, 2026 at 7:00pm

NEXT WORK SESSION - March 9, 2026 at 9:00am / March 10, 2026 at 6:00pm

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

City Clerk, Sarah Osborn