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R. Mund  
J. Bodily

# City Council Meeting

Meeting minutes

January 22, 2026

## Council Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. City Council Room

### Elected Officials

Mayor Travis Mote  
Councilmember Jordan Hulsey  
Councilmember Rex Christensen  
Councilmember Jacob Bodily  
Councilmember Rod Mund  
Councilmember Mike Braegger

### Others Present

Jeremy Kimpton, City Manger  
Amy Hugie, City Attorney  
Diana Mund, Interim City Recorder  
Chief Theron Fielding, Police Chief  
Fire Chief, Van Mund  
Payden Vine, Public Works Director

### Public

Diana Baker  
Doug Younger  
Carl & Rebecca Dilg  
Alex Owens  
Austin Jenkins  
Ashlee Crawley  
Mark & Lynn Murphy  
Chad Braegger  
Pat Burns  
Steve Spencer

## 1. Call to Order

The Willard City Council meeting of January 22, 2026. was called to order.

### a. Invocation

Councilmember Mund led the invocation.

### b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Braegger.

### c. Conflict of interest declaration

No conflicts of interest were declared by council members.

## 2. Public Presentation

Three residents addressed the council during the public comment period:

Diana Baker of 276 West Center Street expressed concerns about inconsistencies in subdivision approvals and changing standards. She described several situations where subdivision rules appeared to be selectively applied, including changes to the number of houses allowed in subdivisions (from 20 to 25 and now 30), issues with emergency exit roads, and requirements for street development. She noted that some developers seemed to get approval despite not meeting criteria, while others were turned down. Ms. Baker stated that residents were frustrated with these perceived inconsistencies, which was why many no longer attended meetings.

Steve Spencer of 124 West 370 South raised concerns about the chip seal on 370 South. He explained that loose rocks from the road surface were damaging his vehicle's paint and creating potential safety hazards for motorcyclists. Mr. Spencer noted that despite inquiries to have the road swept, including promises that it would be addressed last spring, the situation remained unresolved after nearly two years. The mayor acknowledged the issue and mentioned that a routine sweeping plan was being developed.

Warren Murphy of 80 West 100 South expressed concerns about not being able to address items that are on the agenda during public comment. He suggested the council should develop a system to allow public input on agenda items. The Mayor and City Attorney Amy Hugie explained that this would violate open meetings law requirements for proper noticing, and suggested citizens contact council members directly with concerns before meetings.

## 3. Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission member Diana Baker reported on recent Planning Commission activities, noting discussions about ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units), building heights, and efforts to standardize ordinances. She also mentioned that Terry Ross's barber shop ordinance had expired after 10 years, requiring him to build an actual building for his business.

## 4. Items Tabled from January 8, 2026, meeting

### a. Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance 2026-01

Council discussed the boundary line adjustment between Perry and Willard. The mayor explained that Perry had requested no action be taken tonight. Council members expressed concerns about the benefit to Willard City in this boundary adjustment, with Councilmember Bodily noting that he didn't see any advantage to Willard in the proposal.

Several council members expressed support for removing Fred Barker's property from the proposed adjustment at the property owner's request. The council requested to see a wider view map showing the entire boundary adjustment and how it relates to other important areas like the inland port and railroad tracks.

Motion: Councilmember Mund moved to table the item until the next meeting. Councilmember Bodily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## b. Discussion with Republic Garbage representatives

Ashley Crawley and Austin Jenkins from Republic Services addressed the Council regarding damaged garbage cans and service complaints. Mr. Jenkins explained their policy on missed garbage pickups, stating they never refuse to return for a missed can regardless of whether it was the resident's or driver's fault.

The representatives discussed damaged can issues, noting they were working to adjust their truck grabbers to be gentler on cans. They explained that certain can manufacturers had design issues that made them more susceptible to damage, particularly around the lid connection points. They confirmed that garbage cans typically come with 10-year warranties, though some brands offer only 5-year coverage.

The representatives discussed options for Willard City to purchase cans through Republic at a significant discount (approximately \$70-80 per can versus \$130-150 retail). They also offered to help with can management, including collection of damaged cans for recycling and handling resident complaints directly.

## c. Discussion regarding ownership of garbage cans and proposed ordinance amendments

City Manager Kimpton presented a draft garbage can ordinance for discussion. Key points included:

- The city would own and maintain garbage cans
- Provisions requiring a minimum 6-month commitment for additional containers
- An initial fee for new service was discussed but not yet included in the draft

Council members discussed adding a startup fee for new garbage service to help offset costs. There was also discussion about reducing the penalties in the ordinance from a Class B to a Class C misdemeanor, as some council members felt the proposed penalties were excessive.

The council directed staff to make revisions to the ordinance and schedule a public hearing for the next meeting. The revisions would include adding an initial service fee and reducing the penalty provisions to Class C misdemeanors focused specifically on prohibited activities rather than all provisions of the ordinance.

## 5. New Business

### a. Re-appointment of Sewer Board Members Councilmen Mund and Christensen

Motion: Councilmember Braegger moved to appoint Councilmen Rodney Mund and Rex Christensen to the Sewer Board as council representatives. Councilmember Bodily seconded. The motion passed with all members voting in favor during a roll call vote.

### b. Annual Open and Public Meetings Act Training - Amy Hugie City Attorney

City Attorney Amy Hugie provided the required annual training on the Open and Public Meetings Act. Key points covered included:

- All meetings of public bodies must be open to the public unless specifically allowed to be closed
- Requirements for public notice (24 hours minimum)
- Minutes and recordings requirements
- Proper procedures for closed meetings
- Prohibitions against electronic discussions (text/email) of city business between council members
- Criminal penalties for violations (Class B misdemeanor)

Council members asked questions about public comments on agenda items, with Councilmember Hulsey expressing concern about limitations on public input. City Attorney Hugie explained the legal requirements and potential liability issues, particularly with land use decisions.

## 6. Next Meeting Agenda – February 12, 2026

Councilmember Hulsey requested that the student citizenship awards be included on the February meeting agenda. The principal of the local school had requested to recognize 3-4 students per grade (approximately 6 students total) at the first council meeting of each month.

## 7. Upcoming events

No upcoming events were discussed.

## 8. Minutes

### a. Approval of December 11, 2025, minutes

Motion: Councilmember Braegger moved to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes. Councilmember Bodily seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### b. Approval of January 8, 2026, minutes

Motion: Councilmember Christensen moved to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes. Councilmember Bodily seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Staff Reports

### a. Public Works

The mayor mentioned plans were being developed for street sweeping.

### b. Police Department

It was reported that the Toyota Tundra was up for auction again after not meeting its previous reserve price. The auction was closing the following day with a slightly reduced reserve price.

### c. Fire Department

No report was provided

### d. City Manager

No report was provided.

### e. City Planner

City Manager Kimpton noted there were many planning projects underway but none that required council action at this time.

### f. City Attorney

No report was provided.

### g. City Recorder

No report was provided.

## 11. Council Member Reports

a. Jacob Bodily

No report was provided.

b. Rod Mund

No report was provided.

c. Mike Braegger

Councilmember Braegger asked for clarification about Perry's request to delay action on the boundary adjustment. The City Attorney Hugie explained it related to timing requirements for submitting documentation to the Lieutenant Governor's office within 30 days of approval.

d. Rex Christensen

No report was provided.

e. Jordan Hulseley

Councilmember Hulseley reported on conversations with the school principal regarding the student citizenship awards program, which would begin at the February meeting.

## 12. Mayor's General Correspondence and Information

The mayor discussed an issue with pre-application consultation meetings. He explained that some developers were requesting multiple meetings with city staff, engineers, and attorneys without submitting formal applications, creating a drain on city resources. The Mayor and City Manager proposed limiting extensive consultations until after an application is submitted, which would allow the city to bill applicants for professional services.

Council members expressed support for this approach, noting that developers should be prepared to invest in their own engineering and legal services as part of the cost of doing business.

## 13. Consideration of Motion to Enter a Closed Session

Motion: Councilmember Bodily moved to enter a closed session to discuss: (a) the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; (c) strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and (f) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems. Councilmember Hulseley seconded. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

The Council entered closed session.

## 14. Motion to close the meeting

Motion: Councilmember Bodily moved to close the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mund

The meeting was adjourned