

CITY OF VAN BUREN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 8, 2026
Van Buren City Hall – 1401 Main Street

The City Council of the City of Van Buren met in special session on Monday June 8, 2026, at the City Hall. Mayor John Bailiff presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll call by the City Clerk, with the following members present: Mayor John Bailiff, Aldermen Bobby Barnes, Heath Grassham, Vince Holt and Jon Hughes

Others present: City Clerk Cori Pogue and City Supervisor Randall Jenkins. Visitors: Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission (OFRPC)-Raamin Burrell, Pulliam Survey LLC: Joe Pulliam and Marty Pulliam.

The council scored the RFP proposal submitted for the Ballfield Improvement Project. Two proposals were submitted. One from OFRPC and one from Jonsie LLC. OFRPC scored 595 and Jonsie scored 365.

No architectural proposals were received in the initial RFQ process, necessitating a re-conduct of the procurement. This will be sent out and begin June 11, 2026.

Mr. Pulliam

- Pulliam Survey presented Replat #3 and Replat #4 for the Logan subdivision.
 - Replat Number Three (Jason Avenue): The "Chase Ave" area within the replat, originally proposed as a city street, will be redesignated as a private drive exclusively for utilities and private drive purposes, prohibiting construction of lots or houses.
 - The owner certification will specify "Jason" as a public utility use and private drive for lot owners, who will be responsible for its maintenance. The city's acceptance of the subdivision will explicitly state no responsibility for maintenance or other liabilities for the "Chase Ave" area.
 - City responsibility for Jason Avenue maintenance will be limited to the "flat" area along the existing street, with issues beyond the "steep driveway" falling to the landowner.

1. MOTION by Barnes, seconded by Grassham, TO ACCEPT THE REPLAT #3 FOR LOGAN SUBDIVISION.

All in favor, motion passed.

2. MOTION by Grassham, seconded by Holt, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM OFRPC FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR THE BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

All in favor, motion passed.

3. MOTION by Barnes, seconded by Holt, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION @ 6:02 P.M

All in favor, motion passed.

4. MOTION by Holt, seconded by Hughes, TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION @6:06 P.M

All in favor, motion passed

5. MOTION by Barnes, seconded by Hughes, abstained by Holt TO RELEASE CURRENT ATTORNEY ZANE PRIVETTE AND PRIVETTE LAW FROM DUTES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026.

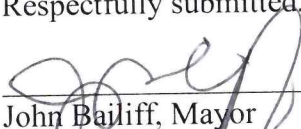
3 in favor, 1 abstained , motion passed

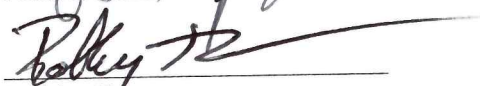
6. MOTION by Barnes, seconded by Grassham, abstained by Hughes TO HIRE MICHAEL HACKWORTH AT HACKWORTH LAW AS THE NEW CITY ATTORNEY

3 in favor, 1 abstained, motion passed

7. MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Holt, TO ADJORN MEETING @6:11 P.M

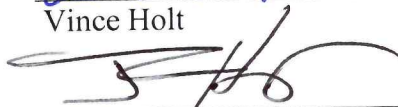
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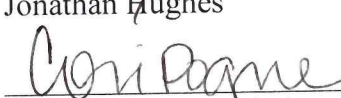

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Bobby Barnes


Heath Grassham


Vince Holt


Jonathan Hughes


Cori Pogue, City Clerk



CITY OF VAN BUREN
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June 15, 2026

Van Buren City Hall – 1401 Main Street

The City Council of the City of Van Buren met in regular session on Monday June 13, 2026, at the City Hall. Mayor John Bailiff presided and called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Roll call by the City Clerk, with the following members present: Mayor John Bailiff, Aldermen Bobby Barnes and Vince Holt, and Jonathan Hughes. Alderman Heath Grassham not present

Others present: City Clerk Cori Pogue, City Supervisor Randall Jenkins, Police Chief Bradwell.

Visitors present: David Hedspeth, Roger Hart, Erik McSpadden

David Hedspeth

Mr. Hedspeth spoke on behalf of the Baptist Assembly Camp. There has been significant, ongoing water leaks in the yard, not connected to the sewer system. They have found and repaired multiple leaks in the yard and recently discovered and repaired a sizeable leak near the gazebo. Leaks are difficult to detect and monitor during camping season which results in higher bills. He requested an adjustment on the bill since the water does not seem to be entering the sewer system and is not being treated. They will continue to look for leaks and possibly replace the main line in the future.

Roger Hart

Mr. Hart spoke on concerns over property damage due to the water system upgrade. Rocks have been left in the yard, causing damage to lawnmowers. The drainage altered by the dirt pile near the meter base is causing water to pool where a downspout previously drained. Large Holes have appeared in the yard after heavy rain. He also had a monumented peg or certified corner tag that is missing after digging. When the project is done he would like yards put back the way they were and would like a new marker replaced. The council sympathized and told him that the cleanup is coming but will be one of the last things to be completed when the project is finished. Mr. Hart suggested for future projects: Complete work in sections (dig, hook up, finish yard, seed, straw) rather than tearing up large areas simultaneously.

Eric McSpadden

Mr. McSpadden came in to give an update on his new restaurant Mabels and discuss getting a liquor license. He plans to open by the end of June and will not be serving alcohol on Sundays. The clerk will write him a letter stating that he is not within 100 feet of a church, per state requirements. When he gets documents of approval from the state, he will come back in and apply for a City Liquor License.

2. MOTION by Holt, seconded by Barnes, TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF May 12, 2026 as presented.

All in favor, motion passed.

3. MOTION by Barnes, seconded by Hughes, TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF June 8, 2026 as presented.

All in favor, motion passed.

4. MOTION by Holt, seconded by Barnes, TO APPROVE THE BILLS PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND 1-8, POLICE DEPT. 1-10, CAP IMP 1-4, FIRE DEPT. 1-4, AND W/S FUND 1-23, AS PRESENTED.

All in favor, motion passed.

5. MOTION by Holt, seconded by Barnes, TO APPROVE THE May 2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

All in favor, motion passed.

Police Chief Bradwell's report:

Police chief Bradwell gave a report on the grants that he has applied for-

- Applied for funding for new vests (some current vests are worn out). Decision expected in 3-6 months.
- Will apply for the COPS grant (just opened) and Blue Shield grant (not yet open).

City Supervisor Randall Jenkins's Report:

Sewer Treatment Plant Project Delays:

- Clarifier issues: Incorrect parts received, expected resolution within a week.
- Rotor down: Long-standing problem, only one rotor currently running.
- Repairing the old rotor would cost \$15,000-\$25,000 (bearings alone \$5,000 each) for a temporary fix on equipment slated for replacement.

Watercress Contract and Park Maintenance:

- Contract Expiration: The contract expired. An extension was signed, believed to be valid until June 30th, but Jeremy Jackson called on the 8th, stating it expired that day.
- New Contract Timeline: Jeremy Jackson estimated a new contract would be ready around August.

Riverfront Striping:

- Contractor for school striping asked if the city was still interested.
- Cost in 2023: \$2,800. Current estimate: "\$3,500 but probably less."
- Scope: Handicap markings, arrows, and a center line on the street leading down to the riverfront.

City Clerk Cori reported that the city has a website up and running and has been .gov approved. The new website is cityofvanburenmo.gov and card payments will be able to be taken through the website as soon as the card processor is live.

6. MOTION by Holt, seconded by Hughes, TO ADJOURN MEETING @ 7:21 P.M

All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



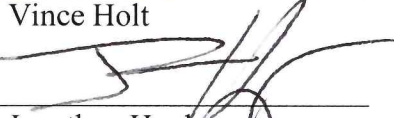
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June 29, 2026
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The City Council of the City of Van Buren met in special session on Monday June 29, 2026, at the City Hall. Mayor John Bailiff presided and called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Roll call by the City Clerk, with the following members present: Mayor John Bailiff, Aldermen Jonathan Hughes, Vince Holt, Heath Grassham (Virtually). Not present, Bobby Barnes.

Others present: City Clerk Cori Pogue and City Supervisor Randall Jenkins.
Visitors: Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission (OFRPC)-Raamin Burrell

The council scored the RFQ for Architects proposal submitted for the Ballfield Improvement Project.
One proposal was submitted; Great River Engineering with a score of 450.

1. MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Holt, TO ACCEPT THE FIRM GREAT RIVER ENGINEERING AS THE ARCHITECT FOR THE BALLFIELD PROJECT.

All in favor, motion passed.

2. MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Holt, TO ADJORN MEETING @4:12 P.M

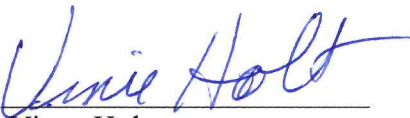
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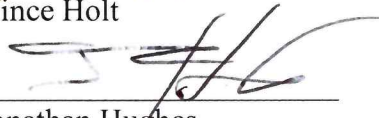
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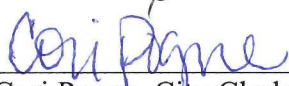

Heath Grassham



Vince Holt



Jonathan Hughes



Cori Pogue, City Clerk

