

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 23, 2026

A special meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. after the Council's Executive Session. Those present were council members; Joe Blevins, Jewel Blevins and Jeremy Baker. Also present was Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Absent were council members, Courtney Allen and Stacie Baker.

Kyle Rooks has left employment with the Town. Kyle's two weeks' notice will be up on January 30, 2026.

Brad Cooper who is the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant but is still on probation was hired full time and was appointed to be the DPW full time manager. David Simon is moved up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant. The Council also made a change in salary for both employees effective immediately. Brad Cooper will receive \$28.00 an hour and David Simon will make \$23.00 an hour.

At this time, Ray Rooks is the Certified Waste Water Operator for \$200.00 a week. Ray Rooks is indicating he would be asking for more money a week since Kyle is no longer with the Town. He indicated he was working for \$200.00 a week to help Kyle out so Kyle could study for his WW exams to get certified. Kyle did not get his Waste Water license. There were no papers at the Lagoon which was one of the items the Town was written up for earlier this year by IDEM. Joe Blevins and David Simon met with another group that takes care of the waste water operation. The Piercefield's do other work for the Town and the Piercefield's are going to get a price together for a possible restructuring of the DPW Department. There are projects and jobs that need to be done along with the daily work. Most importantly the Action Plan that was prepared by Fleis & Vandenbrink and approved by IDEM and the Town Council needs to be followed to clean up infractions that IDEM noted. The Town will continue to get the CC Workers from the jail. The Council does not want to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> person at this time. Seasonal help with the mowing is a possibility in the future. The Council is looking into restructuring the Waste Water area. A motion to hire Brad Cooper full time, raise his hourly rate to \$28.00 an hour and to make him DPW Manager was made by Council member, Jeremy Baker. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council Member, Jeremy Baker to make David Simon the number two assistant and raise his hourly rate to \$23.00 an hour. Council member, Jewel Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Clerk Treasurer will work to order Brad Cooper a gas card and credit card.

The dump truck was sold in late 2025 and the Town has purchased a new dump trailer. The dump truck was sold for \$12,000.00. The new dump trailer was purchased at Mays for \$12,188.00.

Council President, Joe Blevins is working to get bids for the new DPW garage which will be located next to the Water Tower. The approximated cost would be about \$50,000.00. Having a pole barn will allow for all the town equipment to be kept indoors. Joe said there will be a bathroom, office and possible a shower in the pole barn.

The Clerk Treasurer asked the Council if they knew if the Town was still using the Bob Cat program for yearly replacement of the the skid steer. Joe said he did not know but he will try and find out. The Clerk Treasurer said she had not received any invoices from Bobcat for any trade ins.

Becky Smith is learning how to set up the digital sign and has been getting along pretty well.

The Town has experienced several water main breaks this week.

There was no other business before the Council and the meeting was adjourned by the President.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES DATED JANUARY 23, 2026 APPROVED AND SIGNED ON  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

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**Council President, Joe Blevins**

**Attest:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon McIntosh", is written above a horizontal line.

**Sharon McIntosh, Clerk Treasurer**