

APPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2026

City of Lancaster

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Lancaster City Hall
209 East Washington Street
Lancaster, Missouri

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Donald Derickson
Councilmen: Paul Reynolds, Cole Tippet, Kevin Buckallew (via phone), Tommy Roberts
Candy Tallman – City Clerk
George Reindel – Sewer/Water
James Berry – Police Chief

Guests:

Jr. Buckallew and John Gulluim

Call to Order

Mayor Derickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Cole Tippet to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2023 Audit.
All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Cole Tippet to approve the January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

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Approval of Bills and Financial Reports

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the monthly bills and financial reports as presented by the City Clerk.
All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment

Dillion Watson – Water Leak Adjustment

Mr. Watson addressed the council regarding a water bill reflecting 121,000 gallons due to a leak. He reported the leak had been repaired and requested a leak adjustment.

After discussion, the council agreed to grant a leak adjustment per the current ordinance. The City Clerk was directed to calculate the adjusted bill and notify Mr. Watson.

The City Clerk noted the current Water User Agreement states customers are allowed one leak adjustment per calendar year.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Paul Reynolds to amend the Water User Agreement to allow “one leak in a rolling year” instead of “calendar year.”
All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

The City Clerk will prepare an updated agreement for presentation at the next meeting.

Department Reports

Police – James Berry

Chief Berry reported the patrol car is running well following recent repairs. He informed the council that he has ordered a bulletproof vest and a new computer. He will research body cameras and report back with options. He also requested to look into new street signage.

Sewer/Water – George Reindel

Mr. Reindel reported he spoke with Cary regarding the sewer project, and everything appears to be on track.

Candy – Nothing to report

Kevin – Nothing to report

Paul – Nothing to report

Cole – Nothing to report

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Tommy – Nothing to report

2023 Audit

John Gulluim presented the findings of the 2023 Audit. No major findings were reported.

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Cole Tippet to accept the 2023 Audit as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Demo Grant

The City Clerk reported preparations are being made for project closing. Once Batina confirms scheduling, she will coordinate a closing date with the City Clerk.

TAPP Grant

Cole Tippet reported that he and the City Clerk attended a Zoom meeting with MoDOT and project engineers. Adjustments have been made to the project scope, including removing part of the project and potentially having the City haul off old sidewalks.

Once revisions are finalized and approved, the project will be reposted for bids.

Christmas Decorations

The City Clerk presented four pole decoration options for consideration.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the purchase of four new Christmas pole decorations for the square: two snowflakes and two candy canes.

All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Cole Tippet to close open session and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo (Employee) at 8:06 p.m.

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Roll Call Vote:

Cole Tippett – Yes
Paul Reynolds – Yes

Kevin Buckallew – Yes
Tommy Roberts – Yes

Motion carried 4-0.
The City Clerk was asked to leave the session.

No motions were made in closed session.

A motion was made by Cole Tippett and seconded by Tommy Roberts to close closed session and reopen open session at 8:45 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Cole Tippett – Yes
Paul Reynolds – Yes
Motion carried 4-0.

Kevin Buckallew – Yes
Tommy Roberts – Yes

Health Plan

The City Clerk presented three quotes from Farm Bureau.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippett to approve a 70/30 employer/employee split for the Advanced Choice plan.
All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

City Employee

The council directed the City Clerk to advertise for a full-time city worker in the newspaper and on the city website.

Council Resignation

Cole Tippett announced he has accepted the CEO/General Manager position at Tri-County Electric. Effective February 9, 2026, he resigned from his position as City Alderman.

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The council congratulated Mr. Tippet and expressed appreciation for his service.

Next Meeting

The next regular council meeting will be held March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Lancaster City Hall, 209 East Washington Street, Lancaster, Missouri, unless otherwise posted.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Tommy Roberts to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Derickson adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

Candy Tallman, City Clerk



Donald Derickson, Mayor



Date Approved: March 16, 2026

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