

APPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2026

City of Lancaster

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Lancaster City Hall
209 East Washington Street
Lancaster, Missouri

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Donald Derickson
Councilmen: Paul Reynolds, Kevin Buckallew, Tommy Roberts
Candy Tallman – City Clerk
George Reindel – Water/Sewer

Guests:

Jr. Buckallew and Chuck Tallman

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the agenda.

All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 9, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes, with

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the correction of “2026 Budget” in place of “2024 Budget.”
All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Bills and Financial Reports

A motion was made by Tommy Roberts and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to approve the monthly bills and financial reports as presented by the City Clerk.
All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

Willis Pantry – Lancaster Car Wash Leak

Mr. Pantry addressed the council regarding a water leak at the Lancaster Car Wash. After discussion, the council directed the City Clerk to apply the leak adjustment formula and remove any penalty charges. The City Clerk will calculate the revised bill and notify Mr. Pantry.

Department Reports

Police

Chief James Berry was not present but provided notes. He is currently working on animal-related cases and will submit a body camera quote to the City Clerk in the coming days. Once received, he plans to increase traffic and ordinance enforcement. Kevin Buckallew and Chief Berry are also working on acquiring a repeater for the patrol car.

City Clerk – Candy Tallman

The City Clerk thanked the council for the opportunity to attend training in Columbia during the week of March 9 and reported gaining valuable information and resources.

Water/Sewer – George Reindel

Mr. Reindel reported that Gary Webber with MRWA has been onsite to check ammonia levels.

Jr. Buckallew

Reported assisting with meter replacements alongside Gary Yearns and the City Clerk. He has also been working on street maintenance while weather conditions have allowed.

Kevin Buckallew

Reported no updates on streets. Noted that the Fire Department responded to 11 calls, 10 of which were grass fires.

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Paul Reynolds

Plans to begin looking into stocking fish at the lakes.

Tommy Roberts

Reported that fireworks are now subject to a 34% tariff, potentially increasing costs to approximately \$4,100. This item was tabled pending a confirmed quote.

Additionally, Old Settlers is planning a Fourth of July lunch and organizing a cornhole tournament, softball tournament, and volleyball tournament. More details will be provided.

It was also noted that additional rock is needed on the hill at the ball fields.

Diamond Maps

The City Clerk presented information on Diamond Maps, including pricing options:

- Single User: \$20/month
- Unlimited Users: \$28/month (\$336/year)
A 30-day free trial is available.

After discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to purchase Diamond Maps.

All in favor. Motion carried 2-1.

Utility Agreement

The City Clerk presented updated Utility Agreements with the following changes:

1. Changed “Calendar Year” to “a Rolling Calendar Year”
2. Added Date of Birth and Driver’s License/Social Security Number fields

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the updated Utility Agreement.

All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Truck (Little John)

Kevin Buckallew discussed replacing the city’s oldest truck, referred to as “Little John.” He will continue researching options and provide updates.

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General Code

The City Clerk reported speaking with General Code regarding codification of city ordinances into a codebook and possible online access. An estimate was obtained during recent training. The council requested additional research into alternative options.

Tabled.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo at 8:47 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Kevin Buckallew – Yes

Paul Reynolds – Yes

Tommy Roberts – Yes

Motion carried 3-0.

All present, including the City Clerk, were asked to leave the room.

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds to close the closed session and return to open session at 9:16 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Kevin Buckallew – Yes

Paul Reynolds – Yes

Tommy Roberts – Yes

Motion carried 3-0.

Personnel

Interviews for a city worker were tabled, and applications will remain open until the next meeting.

The City Clerk was directed to advertise for a North Ward Alderman position in the newspaper.

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Next Meeting

The next regular council meeting will be held April 13, 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 Kevin Buckallew to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Derickson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

Candy Tallman, City Clerk



Donald Derickson, Mayor



Date Approved: April 20th, 2026

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