

Regular Council January 20, 2026

Solicitor swore in Cou. Charles Fresch.

Meeting came to order with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by Cou. K. Broker, Fresch, S. Broker, Grieger, & Brace. Cou. Drossman was absent. Cou. K. Broker made motion to accept & dispense with reading minutes; 2nd by Cou. Fresch. Accepted by all. Cou. K. Broker made motion to pay bills; 2nd by Cou. Grieger. Accepted by all.

Mayor apologized to ex Councilwoman Lola James for forgetting to thank her for her contributions to the village during her previous terms. She helped us receive several Mylander grants for the park. She helped with the children's activities at the park. He hopes the new parks & recreation committee will continue with the grants. Both she and ex-councilman Matt Aichholz will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cou. S. Broker is looking in to buildings for the maintenance garage. He will bring estimates to council when ready.

Re: Cody Pass. New solicitor, Mark Smith, is waiting on electronic files from ex-solicitor Kaufman. Cou. Fresch asked if he could see the title search and survey. Mayor said yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cou. K. Broker made motion to accept the following committee assignments:

FINANCE: K. Broker & Fresch

POLICE: Fresch & Brace

SHORELINE & BRIDGE: S. Broker & Drossman

FIRE: K. Broker & Grieger

PARKS & RECREATION: Brace & S. Broker

STREETS & MAINT: S. Broker & Grieger

PLANNING & ZONING: Drossman

2nd by Cou. Grieger. Accepted by all.

Discussion on allowing fire chief to recruit new personnel from a 10-mile radius. We can't find any ordinance stating the distance allowed. Discussion on delay times. The fire committee will meet with the fire chief and give report to council. Cou. S. Broker spoke about giving police dept. additional training for helping and possibly paying someone to be on call. Cou. S. Broker made motion to allow chief to recruit personnel from 10-mile radius and bring to council; 2nd by Cou. K. Broker. Accepted by all.

Mayor addressed questions from previous meetings: Mayor spoke to solicitor and having term limits is not just as simple as making an ordinance. It is a ballot issue.

Mayor checked on elected officials being property owners and all the ORC says is they need to be at least a one-year resident and registered voter to hold office.

It is a council decision whether or not to have video cameras. Anyone at the meeting can video the meetings.

The cold patch that was on the bridge was placed there by the maintenance dept. They needed stone for the fire station area so they had to unload the cold patch. It is on a hard surface and can be used again.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None.

Cou. S. Broker made motion to adjourn; 2nd by Cou. K. Broker.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted,

Larry D. Gwinner, Mayor

Marsha K. Schenk, Clerk