

Council Proceedings for the City of Kennett, Missouri

January 6, 2026

6:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Kennett, Missouri met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Those in attendance were Mayor Jake Crafton, Council Members Lisa Dry, Mark Bryant, Harry Gaddis, Kevin Swain, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, Jimmy French and Bob Young, City Administrator Steve Rasmussen, City Attorney Terry McVey, City Clerk Mandy Lewis, Finance Director Jan McElwraith, Chief of Police Kenny Wilson, Fire Chief Lance Davis, Code Enforcement Officer Victor Mode, Street Superintendent Gerald Moss and Rental Inspector Brian Hufford. Absent were Council Members Randy Carter and James Waynick.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crafton.

Pastor Mark Kailbourn gave the invocation.

Council Member Panousis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Crafton recognized Major Joe Stewart for his 30 years of service to the City of Kennett.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of the regular meeting of December 2, 2025, with corrections to the spelling of Council Member Swain's name on page 3 was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member French; motion passed. Discussion regarding City Administrator Rasmussen's statement that Water's Engineering Stormwater Study would be at no cost. City Administrator Rasmussen stated that the preliminary study and presentation would be at no cost to the City, however, the more in depth engineering report would have a cost to the City.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of the closed session meeting of December 2, 2025, was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member French; motion passed.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of the work session meeting of December 11, 2025, was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member French; motion passed.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of the closed session meeting of December 11, 2025, was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member French; motion passed.

A motion to approve the November 2025 Abstract of Accounts was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Dry; motion passed.

A motion to approve the November 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Dry; motion passed.

A motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

City Administrator's Report:

a. Compost Tractor

City Administrator Rasmussen informed the Council of the continued research into the invoice received from John Deere for the compost tractor. He stated the topic would be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Old Business:

a. Ordinance No. 3111 (Airport MoDOT Grant): An Ordinance to authorize the mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest thereto, a State Block Grant Agreement between the City of Kennett and the Missouri Highways and

Transportation Commission providing for design and construction of the T-Hangers at the Kennett Memorial Airport.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 3111 was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

b. Storm Water Study from Waters Engineering, Inc. – Richard Cochran

Richard Cochran with Waters Engineering addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a preliminary storm water study. Mr. Cochran stated it would be his suggestion to do the study in four phases. He suggests the City Council reviews and agrees on which areas of the city would be completed first. Council Member Panousis inquired about the cost of the storm water study. Mr. Cochran stated the cost would be approximately \$35,000. Council Member Dry inquired when the study could begin if the contract was approved. Mr. Cochran responded that the project could start immediately and be completed within 3 to 4 months. City Administrator Rasmussen states the proposed contract will be presented to the Finance Committee for review.

A motion to approve the Stormwater Committee to review the preliminary report and approve the phases by priority was made by Council Member Pelets, seconded by Council Member French; motion passed.

c. Interim Solutions – Jeff Hancock

Jeff Hancock with Interim Solutions addressed the Council regarding a search for a permanent City Administrator. He stated he received feedback from the Council and would like to take that feedback and update the brochure. He requests the matter be postponed until the next meeting.

Mayor Crafton informed the Council the topic of the brochure and City Administrator search with Interim Solutions would be postponed until the Council Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2026.

d. CDBG Grant Agreement

Mayor Crafton informed the Council the topic of the CDBG Grant Agreement would be postponed until a later meeting.

New Business:

a. Sale of KPD 2019 Ford Taurus

Mayor Crafton informed the Council the topic of the Sale of KPD 2019 Ford Taurus would be postponed until a later meeting.

b. Commercial Trash Service Bids

City Administrator Rasmussen informed the Council of continuing issues with the commercial trash service at multiple city buildings. He informed that he had requested bids from both companies licensed in the City of Kennett, however, only received a bid from Republic. He stated the total amount each month would be \$645 with a one-time delivery fee of \$25 per container. Council Member Dry inquired about the time frame of a contract with Republic. City Administrator Rasmussen stated the contract would be for one-year.

A motion to approve a contract with Republic Services was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Gaddis; motion passed.

c. Real Estate Lease & FBO Agreement with Jewel Aviation

Mayor Crafton informed the Council that the Real Estate Lease & FBO Agreement with Jewel Aviation is the same agreement that has been approved in the past.

A motion to approve Real Estate Lease & FBO Agreement with Jewel Aviation was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Pelets; motion passed.

d. Airport Management Agreement

Mayor Crafton informed the Council that the Airport Management Agreement with Sam Jewel is the same agreement that has been approved in the past.

A motion to approve Airport Management Agreement with Sam Jewell was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

e. Three Rivers College Property Cleanup (910 N. Bypass)

Mayor Crafton informed the Council and public that the abatement has been filed regarding the property located at 910 North Bypass currently owned by Three Rivers College. This property is also known as the "old Emerson" property. He stated once the necessary timeframe has passed, the City Council will need to determine if the cleanup will be done in house or put out to bid. He stated this topic will be brought back to the Council at a later meeting.

Comments from the Council:

None.

Public Comments:

Elva Miller (owner of 509 King Street, Kennett, MO) addressed the City Council regarding an issue he is currently having with the Kennett Board of Public Works sanitation division. He stated that he owns a house that has utilities connected but no one is living there. He stated he does not feel he should have to pay \$18.95 per month for a service he does not use.

Dustin Pritchett (resident of Ward 4) addressed the City Council and inquired if Kennett Board of Public Works employees were City of Kennett employees. City Attorney McVey confirmed KBPW employees are City of Kennett employees. Mayor Crafton stated Mr. Pritchett would be able to address the Council in closed session.

A motion to go into Closed Session for Real Estate per RSMO 610.021(2) and Legal per RSMO 610.021(1) was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Swain. Vote: Yes - Council Members Lisa Dry, Mark Bryant, Harry Gaddis, Kevin Swain, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, Jimmy French and Bob Young. No – None.

A motion to go into Open Session was made by Council Member Pelts, seconded by Council Member Panousis. Vote: Yes - Council Members Lisa Dry, Mark Bryant, Harry Gaddis, Kevin Swain, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, Jimmy French and Bob Young. No – None.

Being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Pelts, seconded by Council Member Panousis; motion passed.


Mandy Lewis
City Clerk


Jake Crafton
Mayor