

Council Proceedings for the City of Kennett, Missouri

April 21, 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, April 21, 2026.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crafton.

Rev. Mark Kailbourn gave the invocation.

Council Member Bryant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of the regular meeting of April 7, 2026, was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

A motion to approve the March 2026 Abstract of Accounts was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Dry; motion passed.

A motion to approve the March 2026 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures was made by Council Member Carter, seconded by Council Member Panousis; motion passed.

Kennett Chamber of Commerce Update – Executive Director Christian Johnson:

Chamber Executive Director Johnson requested \$5,000 from the Travel/Tourism Fund for advertisement of the Jaycee's BBQ Cookoff scheduled for May 8-9, 2026. He stated this was the same amount granted last year.

A motion to approve \$5,000 to be taken from the Travel/Tourism Fund for advertisement of the Jaycee's BBQ Cookoff, was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

Chamber Executive Director Johnson requested \$2,075 from the Travel/Tourism Fund for the Marketing Matching Grant to advertise both the Jaycee's BBQ Cookoff and 100-Mile Yard Sale. These funds will go towards magazines, newspapers, radio and billboard ads.

A motion to approve \$2,075 to be taken from the Travel/Tourism Fund for advertisement of the Jaycee's BBQ Cookoff and 100-Mile Yard Sale, was made by Council Member Dry, seconded by Council Member Young; motion passed.

Mayor Crafton read a proclamation for the America 250 Celebrations to be held in the City of Kennett in June and July.

Old Business:

- a. Ordinance No. 3113: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Attorney McVey reads Ordinance No. 3113. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Pelts, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

City Attorney McVey reads Ordinance No. 3113. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Bryant. Roll call vote: Lisa Dry – yes, Randy Carter – yes, Mark Bryant – yes, Harry Gaddis – yes, Dennis Pelts – yes, Steve Panousis – yes, Jimmy French – yes, Bob Young – yes. Council Member Waynick and Swain were absent.

- b. Ordinance No. 3114: AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNETT, MISSOURI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Attorney McVey reads Ordinance No. 3114. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Young; motion passed.

City Attorney McVey reads Ordinance No. 3114. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Bryant. Roll call vote: Lisa Dry – yes, Randy Carter – yes, Mark Bryant – yes, Harry Gaddis – yes, Dennis Pelts – no, Steve Panousis – yes, Jimmy French – yes, Bob Young – yes. Council Member Waynick and Swain were absent.

- c. 60-day Provisional License

Mr. Cook addressed the Council regarding the status of the rental properties he currently owns. He is requesting an additional 60-day Provisional License. Code Enforcement Officer stated Mr. Cook has completed the required inspections.

Motion to approve a 60-day Provisional License for Mr. Cook under the same terms as the previous agreement was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Dry; motion passed.

Mr. Cunningham addressed the Council regarding the status of the rental properties he currently owns. He is requesting an additional 60-day Provisional License. Code Enforcement Officer stated Mr. Cunningham has completed the required inspections.

Motion to approve a 60-day Provisional License for Mr. Cunningham under the same terms as the previous agreement was made by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Young; motion passed.

Mayor Crafton stated to both Mr. Cook and Mr. Cunningham, that they will need to continue to keep the city informed of progress being made.

Certification of April 7, 2026, Election Results

Mayor Crafton reads the results of the April 7, 2026, Election:

Treasurer: Neal Bradley - 144 votes; Ward 1 Council Member: Randy Carter – 29 votes; Ward 2 Council Member: James Waynick – 13 votes; Ward 3 Council Member: Lora Tate – 26 votes; Ward 4 Council Member: Steve Panousis – 37 votes; and Ward 5 Council Member Bob Young – 24 votes.

Motion to approve the Election Results from April 7, 2026, was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Gaddis; motion passed.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Council Members Randy Carter, Lora Tate, Steve Panousis and Bob Young were sworn in by City Clerk Lewis.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crafton.

Those in attendance were Mayor Jake Crafton, Council Members Lisa Dry, Randy Carter, Mark Bryant, Harry Gaddis, Lora Tate, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, Jimmy French and Bob Young, City Attorney Terry McVey, City Clerk Mandy Lewis, Street Superintendent Gerald Moss, Fire Chief Lance Davis, Code Enforcement Officer Victor Mode, and Chief of Police Kenny Wilson. Absent was Council Member James Waynick and City Administrator Melissa Combs.

New Business:

- a. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Bryant nominates Council Member Young as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Young declines the nomination due to personal reasons and nominates Council Member Pelts.

A motion to approve Council Member Pelts as the Mayor Pro Tem was made by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

b. Appointment of Council Members to Boards and Committees

Mayor Crafton informed the Council and public that a member of the City Council is required to be on each board of the City of Kennett as a liaison. He nominates Council Members to following boards and committees: Finance Committee: Council Member Panousis, Council Member Dry and Council Member Carter; Policy Management Committee: Council Member Bryant, Council Member Young and Council Member French; Airport Board: Council Member Panousis; Board of Adjustments/Appeals: Council Member Waynick; Planning & Zoning Board: Council Member Pelts; Park Board: Council Member Bryant and Board of Public Works: Council Member Dry.

A motion to approve the Mayor's nominations to Boards and Committees was made by Council Member Dry, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

c. Schedule Public Hearing for Tax Allocation Requests

d. Schedule Public Hearing for Rezoning of 808 Clipper Street

Mayor Crafton states both Public Hearings will be scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on May 5, 2026.

e. Approval to Bid Street Department Vehicles

Street Superintendent Moss informs the Council that he has two trucks, an ambulance and two four wheelers he intends to put out for bids.

City Administrator's Report:

Mayor Crafton informed the Council and public that Administrator Combs is on medical leave but is accessible by text or email at this time. She will begin a hybrid schedule of working from home and in the office as she continues to heal.

Comments from the Council:

Council Member Young brings a concern regarding trailers and campers being parked in the front yards of homes within Ward 5. He stated he believes people are living in the campers. He requests the City Council look at Ordinances from other cities and see if something can be done.

Public Comments:

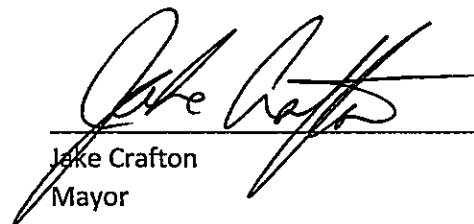
None.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Mandy Lewis
City Clerk


Jake Crafton
Mayor