

Council Proceedings for the City of Kennett, Missouri

July 7, 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, July 7, 2026.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Pelts.

Rev. Mark Kailbourn gave the invocation.

Council Member French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of June 16, 2026, was made by Council Member French, seconded by Council Member Gaddis; motion passed.

A motion to approve the Special Called council proceedings of June 22, 2026, was made by Council Member Panousis, seconded by Council Member Young; motion passed.

A motion to approve the May 2026 Abstract of Accounts was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Gaddis; motion passed.

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

Approval of KBPW May 2026 Financial Statements was postponed until the July 21, 2026, meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Ordinance No. 3117 – An Ordinance establishing the starting date of the terms of members of the Board of Adjustments/Appeals, Park Board, Kennett Memorial Airport Board, Kennett Board of Public Works and Planning and Zoning and repealing all Ordinance in conflict thereto.

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- b. Ordinance No. 3118 – An Ordinance reducing the number of members of the Kennett Planning and Zoning Commission from twelve (12) to seven (7) and removing voting privileges on the commission of the Mayor, City Council Member and Code Enforcement Officer

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City Clerk Lewis reads Ordinance No. 3118. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Waynick. Roll call vote: Lisa Dry – yes, Randy Carter – yes, Mark Bryant – yes, James Waynick – yes, Harry Gaddis – yes, Lora Tate – yes, Steve Panousis – yes, Jimmy French – yes, Bob Young – yes.

New Business:

a. Appointment of Member to Kennett Board of Public Works – Richard Edgington

Motion to approve the appointment of Richard Edgington to the Kennett Board of Public Works was made by Council Member Carter, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

b. Approval of TAP Grant Agreements – Clipper St TAP 3600(008) & College St TAP3600(009)

City Administrator Combs recommends that the Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the TAP Grant Agreements between the City of Kennett, Missouri Department of Transportation, Smith & Co. and Lappe Cement and Finishing. She reminds the Council that they approved the bids from Lappe Cement and Finishing at the May 5, 2026, City Council Meeting.

A motion to approve and authorize the mayor to sign an agreement for the TAP Grants for Clipper St and College St on behalf of the City was made by Council Member Carter, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Combs reminded the Council that a Request for Proposal was due for asbestos testing in connection with the CDBG grant for demolitions. She informed that responses were received but due to the holiday and issues with the mail, she had to obtain clarification from CDBG prior to scheduling a meeting to review the proposals. It was decided that a meeting for the scoring would be scheduled for 6 pm on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, prior to the Council Meeting.

Administrator Combs updated the Council regarding specific departments.

Administration - continuing to work on completing employee health insurance information, keying in the new fiscal year budget, and updating Federal Systems for grants.

Human Resources – Bryson Tilmon was hired to fill a position within the Street Department. Mr. Tilmon is also a Part-Time firefighter. Fire Department Michael Noble has been promoted to Training Officer. Mr. Noble will ensure firefighters meet/exceed performance standards. She stated he will also assist with training for all City employees to improve workplace safety.

Humane Department – 36 citations for loose animals/mistreatment of animals were issued within the last week along with one arrest. Administrator Combs thanked Tractor Supply for their assistance in providing fans to the Humane Department since many of the existing fans were no longer working.

Police – She informed that the KPD will be hosting several fundraisers in the coming months for the Shop with a Hero program. She informed that a cornhole tournament will be held in October.

Fire/Code – Administrator Combs stated that a recent issue with portable buildings being installed incorrectly has been noticed. She read a Notice from Code Enforcement to the Council and public. She also stated the Notice is posted on the City's website.

Street – She informed that asphalt crews should begin work next week on projects approved at the May 19, 2026, Council Meeting.

Comments from the Council:

Council Member Dry thanked the Humane Department, Police Department and City Administrator Combs for their work in connection to a residence with several dogs in Ward 1.

Public Comments:

None.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made.

A motion to adjourn the council proceedings of July 7, 2026, was made by Council Member Carter, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.


Mandy Lewis
City Clerk


Jake Crafton
Mayor