

**Council Proceedings for the City of Kennett, Missouri**

**April 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, April 7, 2026.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crafton.

Council Member Bob Young gave the invocation.

Council Member Waynick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the council proceedings of the regular meeting of March 17, 2026, was made by Council Member Dry, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

A motion to approve the closed session council proceedings of March 17, 2026, was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Young; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- a. None

**New Business:**

- a. 2011 Ford F-150 Bids

Council Member Pelts stated the 2011 Ford F-150 is being sold by the Kennett Police Department. The bids received were Jarrot & Kelly Ward - \$6,500.00, Emergency Remarketing - \$2,188.18 and Gene Lack - \$6,705.00. It was the recommendation of staff to accept the bid from Gene Lack.

A motion to approve the bid from Gene Lack in the amount of \$6,705.00 was made by Council Member Pelts, seconded by Council Member Bryant; motion passed.

- b. Policy for Official City of Kennett Social Media Accounts

Mayor Crafton informed the Council and public that the Policy for Official City of Kennett Social Media Accounts will streamline the under the Records Custodian for the City of Kennett. Council Member Dry thanked City Clerk Lewis for her work on the policy.

A motion to approve the Policy for Official City of Kennett Social Media Accounts was made by Council Member Dry, seconded by Council Member Pelts; motion passed.

- c. Capital Improvement Projects Budget

Finance Director McElwrath informed the Council that there are multiple Capital Improvement items that need attention. She states that the recommendation from City Administrator Combs was to cash out a CD with a balance of \$773,826.21. \$400,000 would be reinvested into a CD with an interest rate of 3.81% for six months. The remaining balance would go towards the improvements needed at the Police Station and Fire Station #3. Finance Director McElwrath also informed the Council that City Administrator Combs is requesting \$300,000 be taken from the Transportation Tax for improvements to the parking lots at the KCDC building and the Police Department.

A motion to approve the requests of City Administrator Combs, cashing out a CD, reinvesting \$400,000 in another CD, using the remaining balance to make improvements to the KCDC building, Police Department and Fire Station #3, and make repairs to parking lots at the KCDC building and Police Department parking lots using \$300,000 from the Transportation Tax was made by Council Member Carter, seconded by Council Member Panousis; motion passed.

**City Administrator's Report:**

Due to the absence of City Administrator Combs, City Clerk Lewis informed the Council that a report was included in their Council packet for their review, and it was uploaded to the website for public viewing.

**Comments from the Council:**

Mayor Crafton asked Park Board Member Darrell Watson to update the Council and public on ongoing projects with the Parks Department. Mr. Wattson informed that a new bathroom has been installed at Indian Park, the northwest soccer field now has lights for night games, a fence has been added to the playground to comply with ADA guidelines, lights have been installed at Jones Park, improvements have been made to ballfields, and a new sidewalk is being installed on Floyd Street at Indian Park. The parking lot at Indian Park will also have some improvements in the coming weeks. Mayor Crafton thanked Mr. Wattson and the Park Board for their work improving the community.

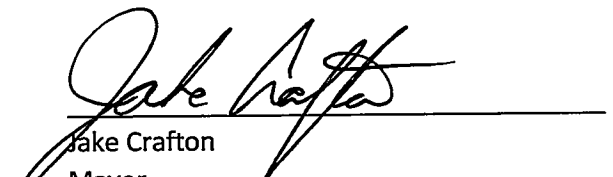
Council Member Pelts asked that the hours for the compost be updated on the website. Council Member Young commented on a walking trail between Indian Park and Wal-Mart being overgrown. It was determined that the property is private property and the City has no control over it. Council Member Young also asked about a request for variance that was filed but has not been heard yet. Mayor Crafton stated he would bring names to the Council to fill that board at the next meeting. Mayor Crafton also informed that a member of the KBPW board has relocated outside city limits and he will bring a nomination to the Council for that position as well.

**Public Comments:**

Resident Dr. Chancellor Wayne addressed the Council regarding the accuracy of the vote to approve Kennett Board of Public Works members held at the March 3, 2026, City Council Meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Mandy Lewis  
City Clerk

  
Jake Crafton  
Mayor