

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS CITY HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2026**

Mayor Russ Fortune called the meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken:

In Attendance:

- Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer
- Alderman Joe Krewson
- Alderman Jim Crawford
- Alderman Tim Stoeckl
- Mayor Russ Fortune

Also Present:

- April Milne, City Clerk
- Paul Rost, City Attorney

Permanent records are kept of all minutes and ordinances. Each ordinance is read a minimum of two times by title, unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

- **Motion:** To approve the agenda.
- **Moved by:** Alderman Joe Krewson
Seconded by: Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 03, 2025, Bills list from November 29 to December 29, 2025, Bills list from December 30, 2025, to January 02, 2026, Credit Card statements for November and December 2025.

- **Motion:** To approve the consent agenda.
Moved by: Alderman Tim Stoeckl
Seconded by: Alderman Jim Crawford

Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSION/CONTRACTORS

Police Report: Officer John Wehner presented the December police report, providing an overview of radio calls, written reports, traffic stops, crimes, and auto accidents, along with a year-end summary of police activity. He reported that the city's crime rate is the lowest it has been since 2019 and that overall crime continues to trend downward. Auto crashes were slightly lower than in previous years. In response to a question regarding holiday-related crime increases, Officer Wehner noted that increased patrols appear to be effective, with emphasis on business and commercial areas such as Walgreens, Schnucks, and other retail complexes.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrative Structure: Mayor Russ Fortune led a discussion on the City's administrative structure following concerns raised in closed session. He reviewed statutory authority for fourth-class cities and the City's evolving administrative history, noting that current operations differ from existing titles.

The Mayor proposed updating the structure and job titles to better reflect actual workflow, supported by draft job descriptions, while emphasizing that the City would remain a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The City Attorney confirmed that administrative titles may be established by ordinance, with authority defined by the Board.

Board members discussed various titles. Consensus was reached to prepare revised job descriptions, presented alongside current versions, for review at the next meeting, and staff were commended for their strong performance and ongoing professional development.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Attorney's Report

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk April Milne presented her report, noting that election filing has closed and candidate certification will be submitted by the end of January. Three candidates filed for two open seats in the April election: incumbents Tim Stockel and Joe Krewson, and John Chereji of Golden Oak Court.

Park and community room reservations opened in early January, with new procedures that eliminate deposits. The feedback received has been positive. The new website launch has been delayed but is expected soon so the online system for reservations is not yet live.

Clerk Milne reported that audit preparation is underway, and the City received notice of insurance non-renewal due to claims history; the broker is seeking new quotes, with a decision needed by April.

Project updates included park lighting waiting for arrival of WiFi installation and remaining lights, the TAP grant engineering RFQ posting on January 21, and advancement of the park access sidewalk project. She concluded by sharing positive publicity and resident compliments regarding walkability and recent park lighting improvements.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Mayor Russ Fortune reviewed a recent article in *The Municipal*, a national publication, which highlighted Twin Oaks' efforts to improve walkability within the community. He also shared that the City received a thoughtful letter from a resident expressing appreciation for the park lighting during the holiday season.

Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer shared her enjoyment of the Christmas Lighting Contest, noting increased participation from residents and expressing appreciation for seeing festive lights throughout the City. She remarked that the event fosters greater community engagement.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dennis Whitmore, a resident, expressed appreciation for the annual dinner and asked several questions. Officials clarified that proposed administrative changes are intended to clarify job descriptions and do not alter the City's form of government, and confirmed April election candidates as Tim, Joe, and John Chereji. Regarding the national 250th anniversary, it was noted there are no current City plans, though incorporating elements into the July 3rd event may be considered, with the Park Committee encouraged to discuss options.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Alderman Krewson
Seconded by: Alderman Crawford
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Drafted By: _____
Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval: _____

ATTEST:



April Milne
City Clerk



Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen