

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS CITY HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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, Administrator/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 Krewson
Seconded by: Alderman Eisenhauer
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen Comments.

PROJECT UPDATE

Tim Handyside, Branch Manager of Voss Electric, provided an update on Phase II of the park lighting and infrastructure project. He reviewed Phase I improvements and explained that due to the discontinuation of certain Wi-Fi hardware, the plan was revised to install single-mode fiber from 50 Crescent to the park restroom to provide park-wide Wi-Fi coverage. Phase II will remain within the \$120,000 approved budget and include a three-year product warranty and five-year service agreement.

Additional planned improvements will remain the same including bollards along the back path, string lighting at Golden Oak entrance, color-changing lighting for the bridge, gazebo, and deck, and a high-output entrance light for better lighting at the turnaround. Work is expected to take six to eight weeks.

The Board expressed concerns about project delays and long-term costs but acknowledged the value of the upgraded fiber infrastructure. Ongoing Wi-Fi service will cost \$250 per month after the initial five-year agreement, with no added expense beyond the approved Phase II budget.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2026, Bills List from January 31, 2026, to February 13, 2026, and Credit Card statement for January 2026. Items listed on the bills were discussed, and clarification was provided as needed.

- **Motion:** To approve the consent agenda.
Moved by: Alderman Crawford
Seconded by: Alderman Krewson
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSION/CONTRACTORS

Financial Consultant Dave Watson presented the January 2026 financial report. Sales tax receipts were down 37% compared to January 2025, which he attributed to a timing issue rather than an actual decline in revenue.

Other revenues increased modestly, including intergovernmental funds such as county road repair reimbursements and property tax revenues. Expenditures remained steady, with a slight decrease in resident services costs due to lower snow removal expenses and possible billing timing differences.

The adjusted beginning fund balance for 2026 is \$2.4 million, with a projected year-end balance of approximately \$2.6 million after accounting for \$930,000 in planned capital expenditures. Mr. Watson confirmed that all capital expenses are included in the projections and addressed questions regarding the City's fund balance in relation to annual operations.

Park Committee Report: Chairman Cindy Cornelius presented the Park Committee Report and announced that Rachel Stark has resigned her position due to moving out of the City. She also noted that Rachel will be featured on *Wheel of Fortune*, with the episode airing at 3:30 a.m. and available for streaming on Hulu and Peacock.

Chairman Cornelius provided updates on upcoming events. "Chingo" is scheduled for Saturday evening, February 21, 2026. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 4, with all eggs and

prizes purchased and preparations underway. Movie Night is planned for May 15 and will feature *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Planning is also progressing for Family Day in June and the July 3rd Fireworks event, with Rockstar DJs contracted for the celebration.

Additional ideas discussed included hosting a Kentucky Derby Watch Day on the first Saturday in May, as well as a possible fall trivia night or book swap event. The Committee anticipates strong community engagement and remains focused on introducing fresh and engaging events for residents.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2026-03: A Resolution of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Just Us Goats LLC.

Approximately 12 goats will be brought to the park in May to assist with clearing invasive honeysuckle and weeds in the north woods area. Safety provisions were discussed, including the installation of an electric fence to properly contain the goats. The discussion included lighthearted remarks regarding fencing, while confirming that appropriate measures will be in place to ensure both public safety and the well-being of the animals.

- **Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2026-03.
Moved by: Alderman Crawford
Seconded by: Alderman Eisenhauer
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-04: A Resolution of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen Approving an Agreement with Lake Management Services, Inc. for Preventative Weed Control Services in Twin Oaks Park.

Alderman Eisenhauer inquired if this was a renewal of existing services and City Administrator April Milne confirmed that it was, the additives are a preventative treatment that has been used in the ponds in the past to control algae.

- **Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2026-04.
Moved by: Alderman Stoeckl
Seconded by: Alderman Krewson
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Potential changes to Section 205 regarding backyard chicken keeping: Administrator/Clerk April Milne opened the discussion regarding a potential amendment to Section 205 of the City Code to allow backyard chickens to be kept within city limits.

The Board discussed several considerations related to permitting backyard chickens, including lot size requirements, noise concerns, coop placement and construction regulations, ongoing cleanliness and sanitation standards, and the potential attraction of predators. Members also discussed the administrative oversight and enforcement responsibilities that would be required to properly regulate such an activity.

Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was that implementing and effectively controlling backyard chicken keeping would require additional resources and oversight beyond the City's current capacity. At this time, the Board agreed not to pursue amendments to Section 205.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Paul Rost provided an update on "No Chance" gaming machines following enforcement actions initiated by Sam Page in St. Louis County. St. Louis County businesses have been warned that liquor licenses could be revoked if certain machines—recently ruled by a federal jury to function like illegal slot machines—are not removed.

Mr. Rost explained that enforcement is currently directed at establishments, not the gaming machine vendors, and noted that the City is aware of one local business with such machines. Questions remain regarding jurisdiction, how to distinguish legal from illegal devices, and proper enforcement procedures.

Currently, local police are awaiting clear guidance from the county prosecutor and the Missouri Gaming Commission before acting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Jake Kemper reported that repairs at City Hall have been completed, including fixing a ceiling leak, repainting interior rooms, and clearing fence line landscaping.

A radar sign was installed on Meramec Station Road, improvements were made to the Bell House (new siding, painting, and lock updates), and landscaping plans are in progress. Plans are also in consideration to remove sand from the volleyball court for grass restoration and to install a new sliding gate at the entrance to the park adjacent to the Bell House in coordination with the Park Access Pedestrian Improvement project.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

Administrator/Clerk April Milne reported that a website registration issue from Chingo Night is being corrected by the website company and that the updated facility rental system is working well.

Staff will attend the SITE Investment and Infrastructure Expo to discuss the upcoming Municipal Park Grant project, with engineering partner, BFA, assisting. A demo of the new 311 system is planned for the next meeting.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Stoeckl noted that use of the side-by-side utility vehicle during the recent snowstorm was beneficial in clearing park paths, particularly for dog walkers.

Alderman Crawford observed an increase in park usage with the recent stretch of favorable weather.

Alderman Krewson reported seeing Canada geese in the park and inquired whether goose control measures were still in place. Public Works Supervisor Kemper confirmed that control efforts will continue each morning.

Alderman Eisenhauer asked about the large number of birds gathering in the area at roosting time. Resident bird enthusiasts indicated this is a temporary seasonal occurrence and that the birds are expected to relocate once spring plantings begin.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Moved by: Alderman Stockel
Seconded by: Alderman Crawford
Vote: Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Date of Approval: 3.24.20

ATTEST:

April Milne
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City Administrator/Clerk

Russ Fortune
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Mayor, Board of Aldermen