

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MARGARET

Date: Monday, January 5, 2026
Time: 7:55 PM
Place: Margaret City Hall
Council Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson James Chapman – Absent
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM.

The invocation was given by Mr. Gene Barker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken and is recorded above.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda consisted of:

- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025
- Adoption of Employee Handbook
- Approval of Council Policy and Managing City Information
- Tabling until a future meeting: Backpack Buddies program support
- Approval of \$600 Springville High School donation
- Rescheduling regularly scheduled council meetings that fall on recognized holidays. Regularly scheduled council meetings that fall on a recognized holiday will now be held on the following Monday at the same time. The approved schedule is as follows:
 - January 19, 2026, will be moved to January 26, 2026.
 - September 7, 2026, will be moved to September 14, 2026.
 - January 18, 2027, will be moved to January 25, 2027.
 - July 5, 2027, will be moved to July 13, 2027.
 - September 6, 2027, will be moved to September 13, 2027.
 - January 17, 2028, will be moved to January 24, 2028.

- September 4, 2028, will be moved to September 11, 2028.
- January 15, 2029, will be moved to January 22, 2029.
- September 3, 2029, will be moved to September 10, 2029.

New city ordinances that were presented in the work session were reviewed again. This is the first presentation of the ordinances. These proposed ordinances are posted on the city website and there will be a public hearing at the next council. The proposed ordinances are:

- Parking Ordinance
- Nuisance Ordinance
- Animal Control Ordinance
- Ordinance Repealing Appointment Authority Restrictions
- Firearm Discharge within the City Limits Ordinance
- Bank Account Consolidation Ordinance
- General Ledger (GL) Account Restructuring Resolution
- Annual Budget Ordinance
- Residential Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance and Related Code Updates

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to approve the Proclamation of February 5th as Nick O'Rear Day. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to uphold the termination of Troynell Nieves. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Mayor Tortorice recused himself from the voting. Roll call votes: Bell – yes, McIntyre – no, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

MAYOR COMMENTS – The Mayor reminded the public that if they wish to bring comments or concerns to the council meeting to notify City Hall by phone or email or in-person no later than the Thursday before the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilperson Bell expressed her displeasure of the handling of the employee hearing and termination.

Councilperson McIntyre thanked Troynell for his service and echoed Councilperson Bell's statements.

Councilperson Davis brought to the attention of the council the issues with the City's pumper truck. It will cost approximately \$20,000 to repair. The Fire Chief suggested fixing and selling to invest in a new truck.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray wants there to be consistency in maintenance and mechanics going forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray wanted to follow-up from a previous meeting on the listing of surplus vehicles on GovDeals.


Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to surplus city vehicles on GovDeals. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to pursue quotes from at least three companies for a forensic audit of the city's finances going back five years. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to make all city buildings and grounds non-smoking. He rescinded the motion. An ordinance will be drawn up and voted on at a later date.

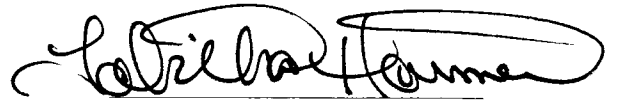
Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk