

# Record of Council Work Session Minutes City of Margaret

Date: Monday, February 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Margaret City Hall

## Council Work Session

The City Council for the City of Margaret met on Monday, February 16, 2026, for a work session prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. The work session roll call is as follows:

Councilperson James Chapman – Present

Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present

Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present

Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present

Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The work session opened with the City Attorney addressing the council and discussing municipal budget policies.

Stan Batemon, candidate for St. Clair County Commissioner, addressed those in attendance.

Adam Pardue, candidate for St. Clair County Commission, addressed those in attendance.

The council discussed imposing littering fines and what those might be if they chose to do so.

The work session continued with a review of regular council meeting consent agenda items.:

1. Minutes from the 1/26/2026 meeting
2. Minutes from the 2/2/2026 meeting
3. Fore Department Policy, promotions and pay scale
4. Brookwood Court road repair approval
5. ALM Voting Delegate Authorization

The work session then covered regular council meeting agenda items:

1. National League of Cities membership / Council DC trip
2. Resolution #2026-002 City Hall Adjacent Property
3. Resolution #2026-003 Public Works Truck and Trailer
4. Resolution #2026-004 Police Officer Contract Buyout

The work session adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk

# RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MARGARET

Date: Monday, February 16, 2026

Time: 7:08 PM

Place: Margaret City Hall

Council Meeting

## ROLL CALL

Councilperson James Chapman – Present

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 7:08 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.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to remove the 1/26 and 2/2 minutes from the consent agenda. Mayor Tortorice seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – no. Davis – yes, Ray – no, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to move the Consent Agenda items to the regular meeting. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – no, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to table the minutes from 1/26 to the second meeting in March.. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to table the minutes from 2/2 to the second meeting in March.. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to table the approval of Fire Department updates to the second meeting in March.. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – no, McIntyre – yes. Davis – no, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Motion dies with a tie.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the Brookwood Court road repairs. Mayor Tortorice seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to assign the ALM voting delegates as follows: Bell – voting delegate, Chapman – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, McIntyre – 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Councilperson Bell seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to assign the ALM voting delegates as follows: Bell – voting delegate, Chapman – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, McIntyre – 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Councilperson Bell seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to approve Council trip to NLC in DC, excluding himself. Councilperson McIntyre seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – no, McIntyre – no. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion dies in a tie.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to table Resolution #2026-002: City Hall Adjacent Property, until the second meeting in March. Councilperson McIntyre seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to table Resolution #2026-003: Public Works Truck and Trailer, until the first meeting in March. Councilperson McIntyre seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – no, McIntyre – no, Davis – no, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Motion failed.

Mayor Tortorice made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-003: Public Works Truck and Trailer. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bell made a motion to go into Executive Session re: Resolution #2026-004: Police Officer Contract Buyout. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes. Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Executive session entered at 7:36 pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to not approve Resolution #2026-004: Police Officer Contract Buyout. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Motion carried.

**MAYOR REPORT** – Mayor Tortorice commended City employees for showing up every day and keeping the City running. He reminded Council and citizens that the City runs efficiently when the City employees are empowered to do their jobs and morale remains high. In order for City Employees to do their jobs effectively, Council needs to stick to legislative roles and the Mayor needs to function in his executive role.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes.


Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk