

**CITY OF DONIPHAN**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 3, 2026**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The City Council met in regular session at 110 N. Grand Avenue, at the above-mentioned time and date with the following members of the council present: Mayor Dennis Cox. City Attorney Chris Miller & City Clerk Marti Porter. Council members present: Riley March, Steve Collins, Denver Jackson & Leslie Netherland.

Others present were: Chief of Police Mark Rodgers & Utilities Director Jarret Ficke, Fire Chief Greg Crain, Treasurer Chasity Mathis, & Collector Kim Cannon.

Visitors were: Debra Tune, Heather Jones, Carol Wilhelmy & Dawn Gibbs.

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order. The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made by Alderwoman Netherland to approve minute. Motion was seconded by Alderman March. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### New Business

Budget Resolutions, City Treasurer Chasity Mathis announced the Police Dept & Fire Dept had a couple of categorize that were still within their budget but were being adjusted. Increasing some categorizes & decreasing others. Fire Dept has 3, Police Dept have 4. Fire Dept had to have a furnace replaced causing a hit to Building Maintenance to come up short, making up for that in salaries & uniforms. Auto Repairs, gas, travel & meals for the Police Dept. Staying within budget.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve Budget Resolutions for Police & Fire Dept.

Alderman March seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bid Opening for the Salt & Sand Shed. There was one bid. Taylor Construction, \$64,000.00

Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the bid by Taylor Construction. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Departmental reports were next on the agenda.

January 15<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> payroll & bills, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report.

Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Works monthly report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman March seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Dept/Code Enforcement monthly report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

PD Nov/Dec report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwomen Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

MMDA Trial Balance, Alderwomen Netherland made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney Miller discussed a bill to do away with food sales tax. Expressed the need to speak with representative.

Open discussion, City Clerk Marti Porter Health Insurance Update. Mo Highlands will now be covered at 100% along with St. Francis.

Mayor Cox reminded the Council of the discussion at the last meeting regarding Y Hwy & 160 Hwy signals & crosswalks by MoDot. He has been in contact with OFRPC & Mr. Shimbo of MoDot letting them know we would them to go ahead with signal & crosswalk. He also let them

know we would like to do an extended project for the sidewalks, & to let us know when options are available.

Alderman Jackson asked Chief of Police Mark Rodgers to check call numbers for dispatching for Ripley County Fire Dept., is there a need to charge for services. Discussion.

There was discussion on charging for lift assist calls.

Collector Kim Cannon asked Council permission to adjust a resident's water bill increase due to a leak. She would like to wave late fee & adjust sewer. Alderman Jackson made a motion to adjust water bill & for bill to be paid in full by next due date. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman March made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Time was 6:36 p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT THEIR NEXT MEETING