

1 **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
2 **May 19, 2026**
3 **CITY OF HOLYOKE**
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5 A regular meeting of the City Council was held this date at 7:00 p.m.
6 in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order
7 by leading the group in the pledge to the flag.
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9 Council Members present: Kevin Scott, Brian Akey, Beau Waln, Cathy
10 Edge, Ashley Sullivan, and Shawn Dalton.
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12 This meeting was also attended by City Superintendent Jeremy Thompson,
13 City Clerk/Treasurer Mikey Brown, Commander Kory Peterson, City
14 Attorney Alvin Wall, Recreation Director Kendra Schlachter, Janelle
15 Krueger, and Vickie Sandlin.
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17 **VISITORS COMMENTS**
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19 Vickie Sandlin addressed Council on behalf of the 2026 Explore Edition.
20 She recommended the same advertisement as last year, with the City's ad
21 included on the Phillips County half-page advertisement for a total of
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27 **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**
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29 **City Superintendent:** City Superintendent Jeremy Thompson reported the
30 following:
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- 32 • Electric Department: One power outage on May 11th, caused by
33 wildlife. The outage affected five services for approximately
34 fifteen minutes. Department is riding lines, assisting with the
35 ballpark awning, and hosted a switching class on May 12th for
36 WAPA and surrounding communities. RFP went out May 6th for
37 electrical system study. Schedule will lead to recommendation
38 June 15th and awarded June 16th.
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- 40 • Water/Sewer Department: Department has been working on the sewer
41 lagoon project and broken alfalfa pipes. Jesus is schedule for
42 testing on May 27th for Distribution 1. The water main and sewer
43 extension for childcare will begin on May 28th. One water and one
44 sewer tap will be put in before concrete can be poured for the
45 cul-de-sac that ends South Worley Street. R1 well will be pulled
46 and lowered started May 26th.
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- Street Department: Started sweeping and started patching as seal coat will be early July this year.
- Cemetery: Prepping for Memorial Day and all crews will be there starting on May 18th, as needed. Second columbarium was set May 8th, and now design and rules and regulations will need to be finished before opening for sale.

Comments:

Superintendent Thompson commented on a bid from TerraGenesis that will be discussed in New Business and that he believes the project will be completed within a week and then testing can begin afterwards. He also commented that on May 7th and 8th, the Street Department hauled 32 truck loads of trees, 1400 pounds of processed wood, and 150 pounds of residential trash from the tree pile. The total for the landfill bill was \$1,064.15. The tree pile will be established northwest of the grass pile behind the sweeper dirt pile and closed with a cable. It will be open Monday and Friday from 8:00 until 3:00. It was opened May 18th and if we continue to see illegal dumping, citations will commence along with losing the privilege of a city tree pile.

Chief of Police: Commander Peterson reported the following for the Police Department activities:

- Generated 88 calls for service for the period of April 30, 2026 through May 13, 2026 with 34 warnings issued, 5 citations written, and 1 incident report. Code enforcement included 1 animal complaint and 1 municipal code violation.

Comments:

Commander Peterson commented on the Department's activities including two arrests, K-9 deployment, assistance with Haxtun PD staff training, and electric scooter safety training at the school on May 20th.

City Clerk/Treasurer: Clerk Brown reported work on the Cemetery Directory and CIRSA Property Casualty and Work Comp renewals.

Attorney: No report.

Recreation Director: Director Schlachter reported the youth track and field day will be held on May 22nd and she is working on summer activities.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

City of Holyoke Council Meeting
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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting.
2. Renew the Medical Air Services Association, MASA Emergent Plus, \$14 per month and \$160 annually.
3. Approve liquor license renewal for CHS Cenex Zip Trip #79.
4. Travel request for Kevin Scott and Jeremy Thompson to attend CML Annual Conference in Westminster on June 22-25 in Westminster, registration \$800, lodging \$1,478.25, parking \$60.00, meals \$416.00, for a total expense of \$2,754.25. A city vehicle will be used.
5. Travel request for Jovanny Ramirez to attend RouteReady CDL Training, LLC in Hudson. Registration \$3,000, lodging \$475.00, meals \$315.00, for a total of \$3,790.00. A city vehicle will be used.

Motion by Council Member Dalton to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Akey . All council members and Mayor Scott voting yes, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Waln to approve a 1/8-page ad in the Explorer for \$245, seconded by Council Member Dalton. All council members and Mayor Scott voting yes, the motion carried.

Clerk Brown discussed application of a permit fee waiver request from the Heginbotham Library to begin work on the porch.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Akey to approve the building permit fee waiver request from the Library in the amount of \$942.50, seconded by Council Member Dalton. All council members and Mayor Scott voting yes, the motion carried.

The Council Reviewed the Holyoke Golf Club's independent financial audit.

No action taken by Council.

Clerk Brown requested feedback from Council on the lodging tax ballot question and if they wanted to increase and if they wanted to see another 5-year renewal term. The Council recommended looking into surrounding communities ordinances on short term and long term lodging taxes as our ordinances do not address those.

Superintendent Thompson discussed the process of the sewer lagoon project and highlighted that he believed the project would take a week at most.

Motion by Council Member Dalton to approve the contract with TerraGenesis to remove biosolids from pond on and clean the bottom for testing the in amount of \$35,000, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Akey. All council members and Mayor Scott voting yes, motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson discussed work to the R1 well and that the cost included all work even if chemical cleaning of the screen is needed.

Motion by Council Member Waln to approve the Sargeant Drilling to pull R1 pump and lengthen column 50' and repair all issues for no more than \$51,640.00, seconded by Council Member Dalton. All council members and Mayor Scott voting yes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Edge inquired if the City was planning on collaborating with the Lyon's Club for the America 250 celebrations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 22-25: CML Annual Conference

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Kevin Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mikey Brown

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