

City of Phillips' Common Council Meeting

Council Room, Municipal Hall

174 S Eyder Avenue

February 10th, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Mayor, Charles Peterson

Council Members: Wards 1 & 2 (District 1) –Richard Heitkemper, Ward 3 (District 2) - Mark Brzeskiewicz; Ward 4 (District 3)– Bill Elliott

At Large – Jerry Clark, Marty Stephan, and John Klimowski

Public Works – Jim Heizler; Water-Sewer - Todd Toelle Police – Michael Hauschild;

Library – Rebecca Puhl

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

This meeting is held in compliance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law, WI § Chapter 19, Subchapter V. As such it is open to the public.

Call to Order (presiding officer)

Greeting

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Charles Peterson ____, Jerry Clark ____, Richard Heitkemper ____, Mark Brzeskiewicz, ____, Marty Stephan ____, Bill Elliott ____, John Klimowski ____

Public Comment:

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve January 13th, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$359,022.48.
3. Motion to award the bid for the North Annex Water Loop Project to Ritola, in the amount of \$340,080.52. Motion Carried
4. Draft Ordinance for Lift Assists Fee, for paid care facilities
5. Draft Ordinance for Replacement of Lead or Galvanized Service Lines
6. 2026 Fireworks for the 4th of July
7. Committee Reports:
 - Ambulance:
 - Library
 - Chamber:
8. Phillips Industrial Development Corp (IDC) Update:
9. Adjournment

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

.....of the Common Council of the City of Phillips at a meeting held in the Council Room of Municipal Hall on February 10th, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:30 p.m. Those present included:

Mayor Peterson

At Large Aldermen: Jerry Clark, Marty Stephan

1st Aldermanic District:

2nd Aldermanic District: Mark Brzeskiewicz

3rd Aldermanic District: Bill Elliott

Clerk/Treasurer: Shelby Kosmer

Also present: Michael Hauschild, David Lontcoski, Jody Kozak, Jeana Clark, Becky Puhl, Patty Stephan, Samatha Anderson, Thomas LaVenture, and Elke Froehlich.

Public Comment: Samantha Anderson wanted to follow up on her request from last week for a tv mounted in the armory for an exercise program. Mayor Peterson just explained that this was not the spot for us to accommodate this request. Kosmer, suggested reaching out to the school regarding the old elementary school.

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elliott/ Clark moved to approve January 13th, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes. Carried
2. Clark/ Elliott moved to approve the payment of vouchers in the total amount of \$656,586.27. Carried
3. Stephan/ Brzeskiewicz Motion to award the bid for the North Annex Water Loop Project to Ritola, in the amount of \$340,080.52. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper -absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – absent. Motion Carried
4. Draft Ordinance for Lift Assists Fee, for paid care facilities.
Brzeskiewicz/ Elliott moved to send ordinance 26-001 Ordinance for Lift Assists Fee to a public hearing as written. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper -absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – absent. Motion Carried
5. Draft Ordinance for Replacement of Lead or Galvanized Service Lines
Elliott/ Brzeskiewicz moved to send ordinance 26-002 Replacement of Lead or galvanized Service lines to a public hearing. Roll Call: Clark – aye, Heitkemper -absent, Brzeskiewicz – aye, Stephan – aye, Elliott – aye, Klimowski – absent. Motion Carried
6. 2026 Fireworks for the 4th of July: Kosmer explained that the firework company reached out regarding a price increase for the fireworks. The company was wondering if we were adding any more to our budget with it being the 250th celebration as many other communities are doing so. Discussion amongst the council regarding if the City or the Chamber will be adding more to the budget and that the Chamber is going to be discussing this at a 4th of July committee meeting and hoping we can hold off and decision until the next Council meeting in March. Trying to brainstorm some other ideas as well.

7. Committee Reports:

Ambulance: IV techs are doing their training to be certified for the next couple of years. Been busy.

Library: Got a grant for the automated front door and that is officially operational, doing a bunch of programing at the library they have flyers at the library, they update their website. Also, PBS put out a documentary call "The librarians" you can watch.

Chamber: 227 members all time high, 24 premium sponsors, fishing contest, and the snowmobile parade cancelled as did the pool event. All other events went on. Elliott thanked Ruthann Rehberg for spearheading the snow sculptures, they did a great job. Room tax is at a record high as well.

8. Phillips Industrial Development Corp (IDC) Update: Still working on the website and Alexis has suggested putting a bigger picture of the area of the lot they have for sale, so they are tweaking that. Jeff Olson from Price Electric is getting photos off the drone. No update on the Four Seasons development so Mayor Peterson and Darin Baratka President of the IDC will work on getting a letter out. Cole Rasbka from Northwest Regional Planning may be at the next IDC meeting.

9. Clark moved for adjournment. 5:57pm



Shelby Kosmer
Clerk/Treasurer