

Regular Minutes of the Skidmore City Council May 12, 2026

Attendees:

Board members present: Teresa Carter, Tim Slagle, Thomas Wilmes, James Duncan, and Corbin Hale

Others in attendance: Tisha Abrams (City Clerk), Mike Reasoner (City Maintenance), Laura Stark (Asst Clerk), and Chris Tiffany

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Skidmore City Council was called to order at 6 pm on 05/12/2026 by Mayor Teresa Carter.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Duncan and seconded by Slagle to accept the agenda with correction of date change of Tuesday instead of Monday. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Slagle and seconded by Hale to accept the minutes from April 20, 2026, regular meeting and the closed meeting. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

Approval of Financials and Bills to be Paid by Check:

Motion was made by Slagle and seconded by Hale to accept the financials from April and approve the bills to be paid by check for May. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

Speakers:

Old Business:

- A. Motion was made by Duncan and seconded by Slagle to approve the new Employee Vacation/Sick Leave Policy 5-12-26 (details in attachment), retroactive from January 1, 2026. There will be no yearly sick leave carry-over and vacation carry-over will be no more than double amount earned yearly by each employee or any unused vacation may be paid out on December 31 each year. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.
 1. Motion was made by Slagle and seconded by Wilmes to approve a \$100.00 monthly insurance reimbursement for maintenance and continue the reimbursement of \$30.00 monthly for cell phone service. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

New Business:

- A. Motion was made by Duncan and seconded by Wilmes to approve Ordinance #2026-Alderman. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.
- B. Motion was made by Slagle and seconded by Wilmes to approve doubling the USDA loan payment for the water tower every three (3) months and additional amount be applied to the principal. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.
- C. Motion was made by Duncan and seconded by Slagle to approve a \$1.00 increase rate for the trash bill making it \$23.00 monthly because Porter Trash increased the rate we. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

Community Update:

- A. Maintenance Report:** Mike Reasoner discussed the water usage report for the previous month.
1. Reasoner discussed that Smartlevel has been installed and tracking data. He has a meeting on May 13 at 9 am to walk through the website.
 2. Reasoner discussed hiring someone for help with weed eating. We had three (3) individuals apply. He will set up interviews with each applicant.
 3. Reasoner discussed wastewater plant improvements. Pumphouse needs insulated interior wall, ceiling, a new door, need to have pads poured for totes, holes filled in, wiring for the plant needs upgraded with new meter base with disconnect and 3-phase, and buried wire for totes and mechanical bar screen. Laura Stark will investigate what we need to advertise for bids for the project.
 4. Reasoner discussed needing 9"-12" level of mulch for up to a 10' fall of the new playground equipment. The initial installation will need to be 12" because of settling.
 5. Reasoner discussed a water treatment class in Savannah. Dates for class are July 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 from 8:30 am to 4 pm. The cost of class is \$875.00. We have \$625.00 in blue vouchers to use for the class making cost for the City \$250.00.
- B. LSLI:**
- C. Committee Reports:**
1. Cemeteries: Duncan stated that cemeteries are looking good. Carter stated that on May 20, she and Stark will put out the little American flags on veterans' graves, on May 21 students from Nodaway-Holt will help get trailer ready for flowers and put crosses out in Memorial Park. Duncan will put flags up at Hillcrest Cemetery on May 25. Carter stated on June 6 flowers at Hillcrest Cemetery that are not on graves will be picked up.
 2. Parks: Wilmes stated that work on the new playground equipment at Wildcat Park will start May 16 at 9 am. Hale discussed buying master gang locks for the concession stand.
 3. Streets: Slagle stated that Pine and Spruce Streets chip and seal are gone and need to be fixed.
- D. TFAP Food Pantry** is May 22, 4-5:30 pm.

Other Public Comments:

Schedule Next City Council Meeting:

Motion was made by Duncan and seconded by Hale to schedule the next City Council Meeting for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6pm. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Wilmes and seconded by Slagle to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Four (4) Ayes were recorded.

Minutes taken and typed by Tisha Abrams (City Clerk)
