

**MINUTES
PARK HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Stacey Easter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Courtois and Mayor Stacey Easter led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman David Easter	Present
Councilwoman Amy Parker	Present
Councilman Alan Coleman	Present
Councilman Carl Courtois	Present
Councilman Wayne Cook	Present
Councilman Tom Abel	Absent
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Present
Councilman John Hagerty	Present
Mayor Stacey Easter	Present

Also present were City Clerk Brandy Marler, City Administrator Zach Franklin, City Attorney Nathan Bollinger

VISITORS

Matterson Rasnick- Stop signs and speeding vehicles

Mr. Rasnick who resides on Buckley Street, brought handouts for the council. Mr. Rasnick explains to the council his reason for asking for stop signs at two intersections on Buckley Street due to cars speeding down the street. Rasnick also stated that there are no speed limit signs on the street. He gave examples of similar streets in Desloge where stop signs work in slowing down traffic. City Administrator Zach Franklin said that the issue will be evaluated internally before moving forward. Rasnick was thanked for coming in and speaking.

Kevin Engler-Election Consolidation

County Clerk Kevin Engler explained how the changes in voting places will change beginning in 2026. Voting polls will be narrowed down to three locations on election days. Those three locations are North County School, Mineral Area College and the Centene Center. Voters can still vote early at the Election Center located in Farmington. All three locations will be ADA compliant and each site will have ballot machines that will print the correct ballot for the voter when they arrive. This change will bring a cost savings of \$25,000 - \$30,000 for the county. Engler is hoping everyone will give it a try before they are against it. Each location will have better parking and temporary handicap parking as well. Engler is also trying to stop having to have elections published in the newspaper stating that most people do not read the paper any longer.

MINUTES

Councilman Cook made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hagerty to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2025 and November 18, 2025 meetings as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor, and none opposed on voice vote.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Flat River Senior Citizen Association Board Reappointments John Black and Stella Keen

Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the reappointments as presented.
The motion carried with all in favor and none opposed in voice vote.

IDA Reappointments Brett Willette and Joe Gilgour

Councilman Hagerty made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker to approve the reappointments as presented.
The motion carried with all in favor and none opposed in voice vote

Resolution#306- Adopting City Policies. After some discussion, Mayor Easter read Resolution#306 by title. Councilman Hagerty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the resolution as presented.
The motion carried with all in favor and none opposed in voice vote.

Bill#1713-Ordinance authorizing temporary prospective salary adjustment for city employees. After some discussion, Mayor Easter read Bill#1713 two times by title. Councilman Easter made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hagerty to approve Bill as presented. Roll call was as follows

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| Councilman David Easter | Yes |
| Councilwoman Amy Parker | Yes |
| Councilman Alan Coleman | Yes |
| Councilman Carl Courtois | Yes |
| Councilman Wayne Cook | Yes |
| Councilman Tom Abel | Absent |
| Councilwoman Donna Dettmer | Yes |
| Councilman John Hagerty | Yes |

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0

DISCUSSION

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

City Administrator Zach Franklin read an email that he received that was positive feedback on the Christmas decorations at Columbia Park and Elvins Park.
Capital Railroad Update-The agreement that was entered into previously to activate the railroad becomes live on Wednesday. Capital Railroad is new to Park Hills with their previous location being in Granite City.
There has still not been any new announcements on the Community Development Block Grant.
Park Hills was awarded the MODNR grant which assists with engineering services costs.
The IDA met last week and there has been changeover on the Board and new members. It was a very productive meeting and the group is doing a lot of good things and have received good feedback.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Hagerty said he appreciated Community Development Director Tyler Henson addressing an issue he brought to him
Councilman Coleman wanted to tell everyone Merry Christmas.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Stacey Easter reminding everyone that the Christmas Parade is Saturday December 13, 2025 and is the same route as the Homecoming Parade.
The council chambers looks great thanks to Digital Content Manager Tammi Coleman.
The parks look great and Mayor Easter thanked Parks Director Paul Johnson and his crew for the hard work and the new additions.
Mayor Easter reminded everyone that the Holiday Light Contest changed and encourages anyone who has decorated to enter for a chance to win.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Easter to adjourn to executive session as requested by Mayor Easter to discuss matters pertaining to:

- (a) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.
 - (b) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore as authorized by Section 610.021 (2) RSMo.
 - (c) and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded as authorized by Section 610.021 (3) RSMo.
- and to close the executive session minutes. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilwoman Amy Parker	Yes
Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman Carl Courtois	Yes
Councilman Wayne Cook	Yes
Councilman Tom Abel	Absent
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Yes
Councilman John Hagerty	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

RECONVENE AND ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Courtois to adjourn. The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Brandy Marler
Brandy Marler, City Clerk

Approved by City Council this 13 day of January, 2026

Stacey Easter
Mayor

