

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Topic: Junk & Rubbish Ordinances

June 8, 2026

Council President Thad Eikenbary called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted the topic was on junk & rubbish ordinances within city limits.

Ringwald, Johnson, Block, Agler, Roberts, Moore, and Hurless were present.

President Eikenbary let Eric Hurless take the lead on this discussion.

Hurless has presented proposed changes to council within the last few meetings. A new version was sent out as a summary of changes to council on proposed changes to the junk and rubbish ordinances.

Bill Lawson clarified roles between police and engineering departments. Including which step of the process each of the departments address. Primarily, citations and charges fall under the police; the engineering department is typically only involved when an out of compliance property needs cleaned up (mowing or removal of junk/nuisance). Chief Weigle provided data of door hangers left from 2024-current and how many of those turned in to true charges.

Conversation ensued on length of time given to property owners before charges take place. The Chief is proposing no changes be made to time period because generally speaking, repeat offenders will take advantage while single offenders will generally work with the city to address the citation as soon as possible.

The Chief also pointed out that if the council adds verbiage in the ordinance to allow citations to be issued based on an officer's view from the complainant's property, the complainant may have to come to court to testify they allowed the officer on their property.

Agler wants notices of citations to go directly to property owners in the event that the property is being rented.

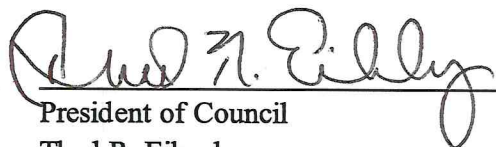
A new draft will be created and presented to council at a future date.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Clerk of Council

Stephanie R. Phillips



President of Council







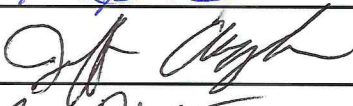

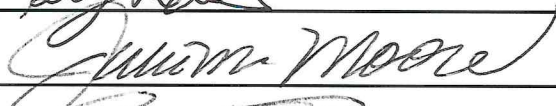

Thad R. Eikenbary

Approved on: June 22, 2026

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Date: 06/08/2026

COUNCIL/CITY MEMBERS

Mayor Ken Markward	
Safety Service Director Jay Fleming	Not Present
Auditor Erika Blackmore	Not Present
Law Director John Hatcher	
President Thad Eikenbary	
Jana Ringwald	
Dewaine Johnson	
Hall Block	
Jeff Agler	
Greg Roberts	
Julie Moore	
Eric Hurless	

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