



Minutes of the January 5th, 2026 City Council Meeting  
\*Unofficial meeting minutes until approved by Council\*

The regular meeting of the Robins City Council was called to order by Mayor Hinz at 6:00 p.m. on January 5, 2026, at Robins City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hinz.

**Roll Call**

Council members present were Mike Foley, Cary Smith, Leigh Cook, Leslie Hoyt, and Bruce Vander Sanden. Also present were Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer; Vance McKinnon, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Josh Holland and Jason Alt of the Fire Department; Neal Boeckmann, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Code Official; Keith Feldkamp, Fire Chief; Will Wagner and Carter Dralle, Police Officers; Gary Manhart, Reserve Police Officer; Kelli Scott, City Engineer; Holly Corkery, City Attorney; Mike Kortenkamp, Building Inspector/Public Works Superintendent; and Rhonda Kortenkamp, Deputy City Clerk.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Leigh Cook, second by Cary Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Hinz welcomed newly elected City Council members Leslie Hoyt and Bruce Vander Sanden and expressed anticipation for a productive year.

**Council Reports**

Public Safety - Councilor Mike Foley reported that the Fire Department responded to a record 21 calls in December, participated in rapid intervention training, and assisted with the annual Santa Claus tour. The Police Department acknowledged the retirement of Police Chief Andy Humphrey effective January 31, 2026. An officer-involved shooting occurred on December 31, 2025, and the involved officer is currently on Critical Incident leave per department policy. Police activity included 22 traffic stops and 20 house checks. City officials are working to appoint an interim Police Chief, and appreciation was expressed for part-time officers providing additional coverage.

Streets - Councilor Cary Smith noted Resolution No. 0126-1 on the agenda approving the STBG grant application for the rehabilitation of North Center Point Road.

Finance - Councilor Leigh Cook noted the scheduling of additional City Council budget work sessions and the selection of a new IT vendor, both of which were included on the agenda. Public Works - Councilor Bruce Vander Sanden reported touring the City's public works infrastructure with former Council member JD Smith.

Parks - Councilor Leslie Hoyt had no report.

**Engineer's Report**

City Engineer Kelli Scott reported that there were no questions regarding the written engineer's report and advised that additional grant applications for ITC Trail construction would be presented at the January 19, 2026 Council meeting.

**Planning & Zoning Administrator Report**

Planning & Zoning Administrator Vance McKinnon reported that one building permit for new home construction was issued in December.

**Robins Economic Development Initiative (REDI)**

Council reviewed the REDI Annual Report. Councilors Cary Smith and Bruce Vander Sanden volunteered to serve as Council liaisons.

**Citizen Comments**

No citizen comments were made on agenda items. During non-agenda comments, Richard Starks of 500 Mary Jo Avenue requested clarification regarding snow removal on the southern sidewalk along East Main Street. Mayor Hinz stated the matter would be discussed at the January 19, 2026 Council meeting. Councilor Smith inquired about mowing responsibilities, and Mr. Starks responded that residents pay another resident to mow the grass. Randy Fouts of 255 Robinwood Drive requested that Council consider installing audio equipment in the Council chambers due to difficulty hearing proceedings.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Cary Smith, second by Mike Foley, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 City Council meeting, the list of bills submitted, and Resolution No. 0126-1 authorizing application to the Corridor Metropolitan Organization for regional transportation funds and committing to provide local matching funds contingent upon award. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**New Business**

Councilor Foley recognized Officer Jim Dunn for 16 years of service to the Robins Police Department. Officer Dunn thanked the Robins Fire and Police Departments for their dedication to keeping the community safe.

Building Official Mike Kortenkamp explained **Ordinance No. 2601, amending Municipal Code Chapter 155 - Building Code**, which updates the code from the 2021 to the 2024 International Residential and Building Codes. Motion by Leigh Cook, second by Cary Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Keith Feldkamp provided background on the need to replace the current undersized medical truck. **Resolution No. 0126-2 Approving the Purchase of A 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 and Associated Emergency Vehicle Upfitting** was approved on a motion by Mike Foley, second by Cary Smith, and carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 0126-3 Approving the Purchase of a Custom EMS Cabinet and Harris XL85M Radio** was approved on a motion by Leigh Cook, second by Bruce Vander Sanden, and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Feldkamp noted that the manufacturing timeline for a new fire truck is approximately 2.5 to 3 years.

**Resolution No. 0126-4 Approving the Purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper Truck from Reliant Fire Apparatus** was approved on a motion by Mike Foley, second by Leslie Hoyt, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Hinz explained the need for legal counsel for Officer Dralle during the DCI interview related to the December 31 incident. **Resolution No. 0126-5 Approving An Agreement For Contract Services** was approved on a motion by Cary Smith, second by Leigh Cook, and carried unanimously.

The 2026 fee schedule for general engineering services with Snyder and Associates was approved on a motion by Leigh Cook, second by Mike Foley, and carried unanimously.

Motion by Leigh Cook, second by Cary Smith, to add City Council budget work sessions on January 26, February 9, and February 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Lisa Goodin outlined the need to improve the City's cybersecurity and system functionality and summarized proposals from three local managed IT vendors. Motion by Leigh Cook directing the Clerk to request a contract from Heartland Relay, second by Mike Foley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business - None**

**Council Comments -** Mayor Hinz stated that property tax reform is a top priority for the upcoming State Legislative session. Councilor Foley noted that the process of selecting an interim Police Chief is underway.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Cary Smith, second by Leigh Cook, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

**Attest:** Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

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