

Minutes
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
October 30, 2025

Mayor Staton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Ben Adams, Carol Keith, Jerry Malone, Carolyn Payne, Eric Johnson

Prayer, Alderwoman Keith; Pledge of Allegiance, Captain Watson

Mayor Staton opened the meeting for the following:

First Session of Public Comments: None

Discussion and Action: Second Reading and Public Hearing - ORDINANCE 2025-010 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR WATER AND SEWER

Mayor Staton opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. No comments.

Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Staton opened the floor for board discussion.

Alderwoman Payne stated there was no First Reading of Ordinance 2025-010.

The board clarified that there was a First Reading of Ordinance 2025-010 at the Special Called Meeting on September 23, 2025, and it passed unanimously by all five (5) board members.

Alderwoman Payne stated that no First Reading occurred.

Mayor Staton stated Alderwoman Payne had not objected at a Special Called Meeting on July 29, 2025, when a similar situation to the one currently used as her reason for objecting occurred, in regards to Ordinance 2025-008 and Ordinance 2025-009.

Mayor Staton stated that the Special Called Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2025, were approved at the BMA Meeting on October 7, 2025, again with no objection by Alderwoman Payne.

It was also stated that at the Special Called Meeting on August 14, 2025, the Public Hearings and Second Readings for Ordinance 2025-008 and Ordinance 2025-009 occurred still with no objections by Alderwoman Payne.

Mayor Staton further stated that the Motion to Approve the Second Reading for both Ordinance 2025-008 and 2025-009 was in fact initiated by Alderwoman Payne, and that the Meeting Minutes for the August 14th meeting were later approved at the Regular BMA Meeting on September 2, 2025, with no objections, and again the initial Motion to Approve by Alderwoman Payne.

Vice-Mayor Adams asked for clarification that the First Reading for Ordinance 2025-010 had occurred. Mayor Staton stated there was a First Reading and Ordinance 2025-010 passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Keith stated everything should be done right.

Alderman Malone stated the Comptroller's Office could end up setting the water and sewer rates if Ordinance 2025-010 did not pass.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-010, Vice-Mayor Adams. Second by Alderman Johnson.
Vote: Vice-Mayor Adams - Yes; Alderwoman Keith - Abstain; Alderman Malone - Yes; Alderwoman Payne - No; Alderman Johnson - Yes. Motion carried.

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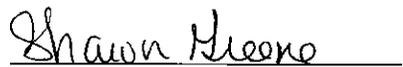
Second Session of Public Comments: None

With no other business, Mayor Staton adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.



Lori Staton, Mayor

This 30th day of October, 2025



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO