

Regular Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Council Room
895 Frisco Street
Steelville, Missouri 65565

Mayor Terry Beckham brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He led us with the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Jason Ward gave a word of prayer.

Those Present: Mayor Terry Beckham, Alderman Jason Ward, Alderman Bill Bennett, Alderman Curtis Crouch, Alderwoman Lula Patterson, City Superintendent Jason Evans, Police Chief Michael Sherman, City Clerk Jamey Griffith, Finance Officer Regina Slovensky, Chrissie Sherman, Tammy Joslin, Alexis Schwzer, Duane DeRennaux, Dennis Bell, Harry Martin, James Hayes, Anessa LaRue, Karalee Curtis, Rachel Hampton, Tabitha Brown, Kurt Merseal, Melinda Francher, Tim Cute, Jennifer Whitson, Sci Terry, Harlan Terry, Maureen Kush, and Ella Miller with the press.

Alderman Jason Ward announced that he would like to make an addition to the agenda. He and Jason Evans had spoken about some chairs or the community building that they saw on Facebook marketplace. He is asking permission to add this to the new business. Alderman Jason Ward made the motion to approve the agenda with this addition, Alderman Curtis Crouch second, all in favor, motion carries. Alderman Jason Ward makes the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for March 16, 2026. Alderman Bill Bennett seconds, all in favor of motion carries.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Beckham announced Ordinance amending Chapter 76 of the codified

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Bennett	Aye	Aye
Ward	Aye	Aye
Patterson	Aye	Aye
Crouch	Aye	Aye

Mayor Beckham announced the Jonas Museum Gurage repairs were made by James Hayes total cost of \$4,400.00. He also included in the packet vandalism for the museum in the amount of \$47,227.00 settlement on the building alone.

New Business and Visitors:

Alexis Schweer is present requesting a business License for First Down Fizz LLC. She will be serving dirty sodas. Alderman Jason Ward makes a motion to approve First Down Fizz LLC. Alderman Bill Bennett seconds, all in favor motion carries.

Melinda Fancher is asking permission to obtain a business license for Shelly's Smashburgers. They will have a food truck the hours will be 11am-6pm. They will be parked at Midwest Petroleum. Alderman Jason Ward made the motion to approve the business licenses Alderman Bill Bennett seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Alderman Jason Ward made a motion to approve Jason Evans to purchase 32 chairs and a caddy for \$1,000.00 on the contingent that Jason Evans approval of the chairs that we go ahead and purchase these for the community building. Alderman Bill Bennett seconds and all in favor motion carries.

Four sisters were in attendance to talk about using the community building for Halloween. The Council heard what they had to say and reiterated that anyone using the building for free other than those called out in the ordinance, must come before council to get approval first, they must fill out paperwork and pay the \$75.00 cleaning deposit. If they clean it up as expected and no damage is done, they will get the cleaning deposit back.

Planning Zoning: Nothing

Payables were: \$101,267.73 Alderman Bill Bennett made the motion to pay the payables, Alderman Jason Ward seconds all in favor motion carries.

Regina also announced that she needs council approval for a budget revision to fix a discrepancy of what books show compared to what is in the actual operating account. She made council aware that it has been recommended by an outside CPA that we get an audit of the balance sheet of these previous years up to 2025. Then we could get a full audit done for 2026 fiscal year. Alderman Curtis Crouch made the motion to go ahead with making the journal entry, Alderman Jason Ward seconds all in favor motion carries.

Chief Sherman: announced they were awarded the Missouri Blue Shield again. They picked up the new truck that they received last year with the Missouri Blue Shield program.

Jason Evans shared that Terris Cates was at the meeting to explain the bond we are trying to get. Terris explained that we must go out for a bond to get permission from citizens to borrow money, with the bond then we are also eligible grants. There are several steps first, one is the resolution we need to have authorized representative of the city to sign all the documentations. Alderman Curtis Crouch made the motion for City Superintendent Jason Evans to be the signer for this project, Alderman Bill Bennett Seconds all in favor motion carries.

City Superintendent Jason Evans spoke on the pool it is still on track for the Jul 4th opening. Jason shared with council about the need to redo this splash pad, pool hallway, shower and bathroom floors. They have been an issue with being slick. Alderman Curtis Crouch made the

motion to go out for bid to get those issues taken care of and get cost and durability. Alderman Jason Ward seconds all in favor motion carries.

Parks: nothing

Streets: Superintendent Jason Evans announced to get paving done on Shady Lane to West High to Grand will be \$88,000 and some change. If council approves the cost, they will squeeze it in to pave.

Jamey Griffith: Announced a total of 28 shut offs for March. A total of 4 still unpaid, and 5 being final billed.

Public:

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

With nothing more to discuss Alderman Bill Bennett makes a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Alderman Jason Ward seconds, all in favor, carries motion

Jamey Griffith City Clerk

John T. Beckham Mayor