



City Council Special Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026 8:30 AM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

WELCOME

The meeting began at 8:33 a.m.

Mayor ProTem Perkins called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Jared Fears, Brice Stewart, Bridget McCandless, Jennie Vaught and Heather Wiley. Absent – Mayor Rory Rowland.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

This item was not discussed

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 6 MEETING

Billy Owen and Rebecca Fleury with SGR appeared via Teams to discuss those that applied for the City Manager position.

Today, we will go over the applications received by SGR.

Council will narrow down the list to those they wish to have move on to the next stage of in-person interviews.

Other steps were discussed, such as media checks and tours of the city with those who make it to the final stage.

SGR received 36 applications.

11 applicants were chosen by SGR as the best qualified for this position

An overview of each of the 36 applicants was given by Mr. Owen

A motion was made by Councilmember Wiley and seconded by Councilmember McCandless to go into closed session.

Yays: CM Fears, Mayor Pro Tem Perkins, CM Stewart, CM McCandless, CM Wiley and CM Vaught

Nays: None
6-0 in favor; 0 opposed
Council then went into closed session

REVIEW OF INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

REVIEW OF TOUR PROCESS

COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. In accordance with RSMo. 610.021, the City Council may convene in a Closed Executive Session during or after the meeting, on matters of personnel, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(3) and personnel records, as permitted by 610.021(13), and on matters of contracts, as permitted by 610.021(12).

REVIEW NEXT STEPS

The next meeting will be held as a closed session on Monday, January 26th at 8:30 a.m. at IMC, Room 321.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk