

XEO Valley City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2026

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the XEO Valley City Council was called to order by Mayor Elena Hartman at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 5, 2026, in the Main Hall of the XEO Community Center, with virtual access available to the public.

Roll Call

Present:

- Mayor Elena Hartman
- City Council President J. Alan Stone
- Council Vice President Harry Whittmer
- Council Member Allen Johnson
- Council Member Lisa Womack
- Council Member Peter Mellon
- Council Member Mickey Turner

Also Present:

- City Clerk Charlotte Doe
- Public Works Director Anthony Johnson
- Financial Manager Cara Orange
- Development & Planning Director Marco Miller
- Police Chief Greg Polis

Absent:

- None

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hartman.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Council Member Stone moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Council Member Womack

Vote:

- **Ayes:** Mellon, Whittmer, Turner, Hartman, Stone, Womack
- **Nays:** None



- **Absent:** Johnson

Motion carried, 6-0.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Council Member Mellon moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026, regular meeting.

Second: Council Member Turner

Vote:

- **Ayes:** Mellon, Turner, Whittmer, Johnson, Hartman, Stone, Womack
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** None

Motion carried, 7-0.

4. Public Comment

Council Vice President Whittmer opened the public comment period at 7:05 PM.

The following matters were addressed by members of the public:

- General concerns regarding potholes following winter weather
- Request for updated signage in the downtown district
- Inquiry regarding the timeline for spring park maintenance

No action was taken during public comment.

Public comment was closed at 7:20 PM.

5. Department Reports

a. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Anthony Johnson provided a summary of winter road maintenance and snow removal costs. He noted the need to begin identifying priority areas for the spring resurfacing cycle and highlighted several aging utility lines that require immediate attention.

b. Finance Department

Financial Manager Cara Orange presented the mid-quarter budget review. She noted that while the general fund is stable, there is a projected increase in infrastructure spending for the second half of the year.

c. Development & Planning Department

Development & Planning Director Marco Miller informed Council that a developer has reached out regarding a potential mixed-use project near Valley Road. He noted that the proposal is in the very early stages of conceptualization.



d. Public Safety Report

Police Chief Greg Polis reported on crime statistics from February and discussed the transition of patrols to increase visibility in residential areas as weather improves.

6. Old Business

a. Winter Maintenance Review

Council reviewed the efficiency of the winter snow removal plan. A motion was passed to archive the winter report and move into spring planning.

b. Zoning Ordinance Update

Council finalized the discussion on the minor zoning amendments for home-based businesses. Staff were directed to update the city website with the revised language.

7. New Business

a. Downtown Improvement Initiative

Council initiated a discussion on revitalizing the downtown core. Initial ideas included improved lighting, landscaping, and pedestrian accessibility. Staff was asked to begin researching potential vendors and project phases.

b. Residential Traffic Calming Measures

In response to ongoing constituent complaints, Council discussed the possibility of implementing traffic calming measures (speed bumps, signage, etc.) in high-traffic residential zones.

8. Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No. 2026-11: A Resolution Approving the Annual Spring Park Maintenance Schedule
City Clerk Doe read Resolution No. 2026-11 by title.

Motion: Council Member Mellon moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-14.

Second: Council President Stone.

Vote:

- **Ayes:** Mellon, Whittmer, Stone, Turner, Johnson, Hartman, Womack
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** None

Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Council Member Comments

- Council Member Johnson expressed concern over the state of the roads in the Ridgeview area.



- Council Member Mellon requested that the city prioritize the safety of children in the parks before the summer rush.
- Council Member Womack questioned the current method of tracking multi-departmental projects.
- Council Member Turner urged the council to keep the downtown revitalization project on an aggressive timeline.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hartman welcomed the spring season and encouraged all departments to prioritize visibility and responsiveness to resident requests as the city enters the construction season.

11. Action Items and Assignments

Council directed staff to complete the following:

- Begin a preliminary study on downtown improvement options and vendors
- Identify potential locations for residential traffic calming measures
- Provide a detailed list of critical utility repairs needed (to inform future resolutions)
- Gather initial conceptual data on the Valley Road development inquiry
- Draft a proposed funding outline for summer community events

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Approved: _____
Elena Hartman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Charlotte Doe, City Clerk

