

XEO Valley City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: February 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, February 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 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:

- Council Member Allen Johnson

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 January 8, 2026, regular meeting.

Second: Council Member Turner

Vote:

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

4. Public Comment

Council Vice President Whittmer opened the public comment period at 7:07 PM.

The following matters were addressed by members of the public:

- Concerns regarding snow removal timing in cul-de-sacs
- Requests for increased ice mitigation on downtown sidewalks
- Inquiry regarding the status of the city's winter salt reserves

No action was taken during public comment. Public comment was closed at 7:16 PM.

5. Department Reports

a. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Anthony Johnson provided a report on the winter weather response. He detailed the current salt inventory and the performance of the city's plow fleet. He noted that several pieces of equipment are showing wear and may need overhaul before the spring season.

b. Finance Department

Financial Manager Cara Orange presented the January monthly financial report. She noted that unplanned expenditures for overtime during recent winter storms have slightly increased the public works budget for the first quarter.

c. Development & Planning Department

Development & Planning Director Marco Miller provided a summary of building permits issued in January and noted that activity is seasonally low, allowing staff to focus on internal code reviews.

d. Public Safety Report

Police Chief Greg Polis reported on winter traffic accidents and the increased police presence during inclement weather to assist with stranded motorists.



6. Old Business

a. Holiday Event Wrap-up

Council reviewed the final report from the January holiday festivities. The event was deemed a success, and a motion was passed to archive the event files.

b. Utility Billing Software Transition

Council received a final confirmation that the transition to the new utility billing software is complete and that the first cycle of bills has been successfully issued.

7. New Business

a. FY26 Budget Planning

Council began early preliminary discussions regarding the budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Initial focus was placed on the need for infrastructure reserves to handle spring road repairs.

b. Park Facilities Assessment

Council discussed the need for a comprehensive assessment of city park equipment. It was noted that some equipment at Valley Park may be reaching the end of its useful life.

c. Winter Road Damage Observation

Council discussed the inevitable road deterioration caused by the freeze-thaw cycle. Staff were asked to begin a "damage log" to identify priority repair areas once the ground thaws.

8. Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No. 2026-08: A Resolution Authorizing the Emergency Purchase of Additional Road Salt

City Clerk Doe read Resolution No. 2026-08 by title.

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

Second: Council President Stone.

Vote:

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

9. Council Member Comments

- Council Member Mellon noted that residents in the Ridgeview neighborhood are reporting significant ice buildup on side streets.



- Council Member Womack mentioned that the process for requesting road repairs is currently confusing for residents.
- Council Member Turner highlighted the need for winter safety programs for senior citizens.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hartman commended the Public Works and Public Safety teams for their around-the-clock efforts during the recent winter storms.

11. Action Items and Assignments

Council directed staff to complete the following:

- Maintain a detailed log of road damage for spring repair prioritization
- Provide a cost-benefit analysis for the overhaul of aging snow removal equipment
- Conduct a preliminary safety inspection of Valley Park playground equipment
- Draft a simplified "Request for Repair" process for residents
- Begin gathering data for the FY26 budget hearings

Special Item:

Motion: Council Member Whittmer moved to reschedule the May 7 Council Meeting to April 30 due to majority of council members' absence on April 30.

Second: Council Member Turner

Vote:

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Approved: _____

Elena Hartman, Mayor

Attest: _____

Charlotte Doe, City Clerk

