MINUTES
City of Peculiar
Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers – 250 S Main St
Monday, May 4, 2026
6:30 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**

   Mayor Shatto called the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   All who were in attendance joined Mayor Shatto in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

   The following Aldermen responded to roll call:
   Alderman Ehrhardt
   Alderman Gallagher
   Alderman Jarrett
   Alderman Kettler
   Alderman Wells

   City Staff present for meeting:
   City Administrator, Don Shepard (Virtually)
   Public Works Director, Jill Bruss
   Development Director, Dylan Eppert
   Finance Director, Alexa Williams
   Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Long
   Deputy City Clerk, Cama Suess
   Police Captain, Phillip Grabmiller

4. **Agenda Approval**

   Alderman Wells motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

5. **Consent Agenda**

   A. Approval of Draft Minutes for April 20, 2026 BOA Meeting

Alderman Wells motioned to approve the Draft Minutes for April 20, 2026. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

6. Unfinished Business

A. Bill 2026-03 - 2ND READ

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR AMENDING SECTION 225.120 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING OVERNIGHT CAMPING.

Mr. Eppert stated this was the 2nd Read of the Overnight Camping at City Lake Bill. He stated that the word "added" was changed to "replaced" in Section 1 as nothing was being added to the Bill. He stated also that in Section 1 at the end of the Ordinance verbage "and or their designee" was being added for approval, allowing another Staff member to approve the application in the absence of the Parks Director.

Alderman Wells motioned to have the 2nd Read of Bill 2026-03 by Title Only. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Deputy City Clerk Suess read Bill 2026-03 by Title Only.

Mayor Shatto stated upon final passage Bill 2026-03 would become Ordinance 05042026.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve the 2nd Read of Bill 2026-03 by Title Only. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderman Ehrhardt	AYE
Alderman Gallagher	AYE
Alderman Jarrett	AYE
Alderman Kettler	AYE
Alderman Wells	AYE

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

7. New Business

A. Resolution 2026-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI, ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN SHARON SHORES FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mayor Shatto stated the City made a mistake in appointing Sharon Shores as Alderman in Ward 2, as she actually lives just inside Ward 3 and he took full responsibility for the error. He stated he appreciated Mr. Eppert being willing to accept responsibility for the error, but that ultimately it fell to him.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-28. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

B. Resolution 2026-29

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ AS THE BOARD LIAISON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM.

Mr. Eppert stated that due to the resignation of Mrs. Shores as Alderman, a vacancy was created as the Board Liaison to the Planning Commission and this Resolution was to fill that vacancy.

Alderman Ehrhardt nominated Alderman Jarrett for the position. Seconded by Alderman Kettler. Alderman Gallagher nominated himself for the position. Mayor Shatto asked counsel if that was procedurally correct. Attorney Scarborough stated it was proper as long as it was seconded. Seconded by Alderman Wells.

Deputy City Clerk distributed and then collected the secret vote of the Aldermen. Three (3) votes were recorded for Alderman Jarrett, two (2) votes were recorded for Alderman Gallagher.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-29 with the appointment of Tony Jarrett as the Board Liaison to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

C. Resolution 2026-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY DOBSON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Eppert stated this Resolution was to reappoint Larry Dobson to the Planning Commission for an additional four year term.

Mayor Shatto stated he felt Mr. Dobson had done an excellent job in the past. Alderman Wells stated he felt Mr. Dobson was a great asset to the City. Mr. Eppert stated his background as a Developer, he was a great help on the committee.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-30. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

8. City Administrator Report

Mr. Eppert stated Scooters Coffee had a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 1, 2026 and thanked all the City Staff who were able to attend the event. He stated the large turnout meant a lot to the owners.

Mr. Eppert stated the Tailgate Festival had been held on May 2, 2026 during which Public Works won the Best Overall Float in the Parade, and Mike Riley had won the donut eating contest. He congratulated them on both. Mr. Eppert thanked the Parks department for their help setting up and managing the festival.

Mr. Eppert acknowledged the swift action and expressed appreciation to the Peculiar Police Department and surrounding agencies for their professionalism, coordination and

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dedication during the fatality incident that had occurred on Saturday, May 2, 2026. He stated the City's thoughts and deepest condolences were with the family and those affected by the tragic incident.

Chief Shepard stated there had been a terrible incident causing loss of life due to gun violence in the City over the weekend. He stated that was not something the City was used to occurring, and the hearts of the City were with the family in their grief. He expressed thanks to the responding agencies for their help and commended the Peculiar Police Department Officers, Captain Grabmiller and Detective Chalmers for their work on the case. Chief Shepard stated Captain Grabmiller had taken control of the chaotic scene and maintained operational control and direction. He stated that both Captain Grabmiller and Detective Chalmers had worked through two and a half days with little sleep to get the suspect identified and in custody to provide justice to the victim.

Chief Shepard stated that once a suspect is in custody the Police Department had only 24 hours to present the case to the Prosecutors Office for charges. He stated the best possible case had been presented to the Prosecutors Office and they had declined to press forward with charges against the suspect and had released the suspect at the end of the 24 hour hold. Chief Shepard stated the Police Department did not agree with this decision. He stated additional investigation was ongoing, which may or may not result in charges at the Prosecutors Office.

Alderman Gallagher asked who was doing the additional investigation and Chief Shepard stated it was the Peculiar Police Department.

9. Board of Aldermen/Mayor Reports and Comments

Mayor Shatto thanked Parks and the Police Department for all their work over the weekend. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for including the City in the Tailgate Festival.

Mayor Shatto stated it was Teacher Appreciation Week and encouraged all citizens to thank a teacher they knew for their work and dedication.

Alderman Wells reminded the citizens that the Farmers Market started on Wednesday and Mother's Day was on Sunday.

Alderman Jarrett stated the Tailgate Festival had been a wonderful, well attended event for the City and stated every person he had talked to had been excited about it. He thanked everyone who had been involved with the Festival.

Alderman Wells stated that the Chamber of Commerce had awarded four grants to local businesses.

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10. Aldermen Directives

Agenda	Approved
Draft Minutes April 20, 2026	Approved
Bill 2026-03 - 2nd Read	Approved
Resolution 2026-28	Approved
Resolution 2026-29	Approved
Resolution 2026-30	Approved

11. Adjourn

Alderman Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

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