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City of Peculiar
Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers – 250 S Main St
Monday, May 18, 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 May 4, 2026 BOA Meeting

Alderman Wells motioned to approve the Draft Minutes for May 4, 2026. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

6. Extended City Administrator Report

Chief Shepard stated the recent rain and flooding had caused delays in several Public Works projects. He stated that mowing projects for Parks and Public Works were underway and ongoing.

Chief Shepard stated that the budget process was still ongoing and the CIP process was almost complete with the list evolving as the process continued. He stated that budget workshops should be expected by the Board in July and August. Chief Shepard stated that 49% of current projected budget revenues had been received and 38% of the projected expenses had been spent. He stated that franchise fees and building and zoning permit revenues had been up this past month and were expected to continue on this trend throughout the spring and summer months. He stated that investment revenues were down from projected amounts due to the Federal Government lowering interest rates, but it should be noted that these revenues had not been counted on when planning the budget. Chief Shepard stated that sales tax revenues were on track or ahead of projections, while gasoline tax, fuel fees and motor vehicle taxes were slightly behind projections. He stated that these were expected to increase during the summer months.

Chief Shepard stated the repair of the Hurley Street low water crossing was underway. He stated that CIPP sewer line sleeving would be completed this month and would be completed within budget. He stated the north water main project contracts had been signed with notice to proceed on June 8, 2026 with work starting within 15 days of that date, and work completion deadline of 210 calendar dates from the start date, which would be approximately January 7, 2027. He stated Staff was hopeful the work would be completed before that deadline date.

Chief Shepard the public works trucks upgrades were underway with two trucks being completed and one expected to be completed by the end of June. He stated the WWTP upgrade project was well underway and on track with current work being on interior masonry and electrical conduit. He stated the project should be completed at the end of August minus a few odds and ends. Chief Shepard stated that some of the diffusers had arrived and been swapped. He stated that pothole patching and training on the mini paver was ongoing.

Chief Shepard stated that one Police Department patrol car had been upfitted, and a second car had been picked up and was waiting to be upfitted. He stated the former admin vehicle would be sold at auction soon.

Chief Shepard stated Parks improvements that had not begun would be beginning soon over the spring and summer months with a $20,000 budget remaining. He stated the repairs to the 9-11 memorial at McKernon Park were underway. Chief Shepard stated the first layers of rip rap had been placed at City Lake Park, fire rings and picnic tables

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had been installed, and both the sidewalk to the ADA playground and the boat ramp had been replaced. He stated that treatments to the water to prevent algae and moss growth were being reviewed for better options. He stated the Missouri Conservation had originally proposed to reevaluate the lake for fish stocking and habitat management but due to budget cuts in their budget this was no longer an option this year. Chief Shepard stated there was approximately $80,000 left in the Dorflinger Gift and the City was looking into cost for permanent bathroom options for City Lake Park.

Chief Shepard stated plans for the America 250 Independence Day celebration were ongoing and advertising on social media would be ramping up.

Chief Shepard stated that budgeting for personnel was underway, beginning with the implementation of the salary step chart and the consideration of adding a full time IT employee for fiscal year 2027.

Alderman Jarrett asked about the scheduling of the north water main project and expressed concern about the weather during the winter months and potential problems. Mrs. Bruss stated the contractors intent was to finish the project in the fall, but the end date had to be built into the contract.

Alderman Gallagher asked how the repairs to the rodeo grounds had held up during the last major rain. Mrs. Bruss stated it worked as designed and prevented flooding in the homes in the area. She stated drop inlets needed to be installed on Sively to manage the next steps in the relief projects, but that the work already done had moved the water to the creek and out of the area as designed.

Chief Shepard stated this would be the last meeting he would be able to join virtually as there were charity events that would prevent him from joining the last two meetings while he was gone.

Mayor Shatto thanked City Staff for all their hard work and stated that it appeared projects in town were moving along well.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

A. Resolution 2026-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI, APPOINTING MADISON BOSSLER AS WARD TWO (2) ALDERMAN.

Mr. Eppert stated the Resolution was to approve Madison Bossler to the vacant Ward 2 position.

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Mrs. Bossler stated that she had received a phone call asking if she would be interested in being an Alderman. She stated she had done research over the last 2 weeks to be sure she understood the position as well as City personnel and their duties. She stated she was a long time resident of Peculiar and that both her and her husband had graduated from Ray-Pec High School. She stated she was excited about the changes that had been happening in the last couple of years in Peculiar and was excited to be part of it.

Alderman Ehrhardt stated he had spent a few hours with Mrs. Bossler on Saturday explaining the position and stated he felt she would make a great addition to the Board.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-31. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Deputy City Clerk Suess swore in Alderman Bossler. Alderman Bossler took her seat on the Board.

B. Resolution 2026-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI CONSENTING TO THE MAYOR'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 211TH STREET COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Mr. Eppert stated this Resolution was to appoint the Mayor successor for the Board of Directors of the 211th Street Community Improvement District. He stated it would include Don Shepard, Chris Willhite and Eric Baker as the three appointees, expiring June 27, 2030.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-32. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

C. Resolution 2026-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GFI DIGITAL, FOR COPIER/PRINTER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE.

Mr. Eppert stated this Resolution was to approve the contract with GFI Digital for printer/copier equipment and service, thereby saving the City money and improving service. He thanked Mrs. Suess for her work in putting this work together resulting in saved money and a superior product.

Mr. Eppert stated the current Canon contract was just over $11,000 per year, including ink, toner and service calls and was renewable. He stated the GFI Contract was proposed to be $10,410 per year including ink, toner and service calls, as well as adding the plotter purchased in 2025 that currently does not have a service contract to the new service contract. Mr. Eppert stated GFI was also willing to buy out the current Canon contract expiring in January 2027 for just over $7,000.

Alderman Wells thanked Deputy City Clerk Suess and the GFI Representatives for their work in putting the proposal together and taking care of the City.

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Sam Otto of GFI Digital thanked the City for their willingness to work with GFI Digital and stated he and Suzie Mehle were always available to answer any questions.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-33. Seconded by Alderman Gallgher. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

9. Public Comment

None

10. Board of Aldermen/Mayor Reports and Comments

Mayor Shatto stated Yard of the Month would begin next month in June. He explained each Alderman would take pictures of yards in their Ward and send them to the Mayor who would choose them and the recipients would receive a sign in their yard as well as a $25 gift certificate. He stated there would also be Halloween Yard Decoration and Christmas Decoration contents as well.

Alderman Wells stated the Farmers Market was doing well and receiving positive comments. He stated the Parks were looking great and he was planning to check out the sidewalks at City Lake.

Alderman Ehrhardt stated he and Alderman Bossler had discussed the positive changes in the community over the weekend.

Alderman Bossler stated she had seen a lot of good, positive changes just as a resident in the City and could feel the positive direction of the community.

Mr. Long stated in the five days that had passed since the information was submitted for the City Administrators report the 9-11 Memorial repairs were completed over the weekend, one of the walking bridges had been repaired at Raisbeck Park and materials were onsite to repair another. He stated approximately $6,000 of the $20,000 set aside for trail improvement had been spent on materials to completely regrade and repair the walking trails at Raisbeck Park. He stated he was proud of the work his team had done.

Alderman Gallagher asked Mr. Long if he had a wood chip supplier for the trail improvements and Mr. Long stated he did not, and that he had been doing some price comparison. Alderman Gallagher stated he knew a local supplier and Mr. Long asked Alderman Gallagher to supply him with the information and he would research it.

11. Aldermen Directives

Agenda	Approved
Draft Minutes May 4, 2026	Approved
Resolution 2026-31	Approved
Resolution 2026-32	Approved
Resolution 2026-33	Approved

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12. Closed Session per RSMo. 610.021

Subsection 2 - Real Estate

Alderman Wells motioned to go into Closed Session for Subsection 2 - Real Estate at 6:52pm. Seconded by Alderman Ehrhardt.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Attendance in Closed Session:

Roll Call:

Alderman Ehrhardt	PRESENT
Alderman Gallagher	PRESENT
Alderman Jarrett	PRESENT
Alderman Kettler	PRESENT
Alderman Bossler	PRESENT
Alderman Wells	PRESENT

Discussion ensued.

Alderman Wells motioned to leave Closed Session at 7:39pm. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

13. Adjourn

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Alderman Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ehrhardt. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mayor Shatto adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

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