MINUTES

City of Peculiar
Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers – 250 S Main St
Monday, September 21, 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 Bossler
Alderman Ehrhardt
Alderman Gallagher
Alderman Jarrett
Alderman Kettler
Alderman Wells

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

4. Agenda Approval

Alderman Wells motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 8, 2026 BOA Meeting

Alderman Wells motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026 BOA Meeting as presented. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

6. Extended City Administrator Report

Chief Shepard stated the site plans for the convenience store proposed at Peculiar Drive and Trigger street had almost completed Staff review. He stated the Stormwater Review was the only remaining portion, along with permitting from MoDOT.

Chief Shepard stated that the construction at Taco Bell was almost complete with a few remaining items to be completed before the Certificate of Occupancy was issued. He stated the opening was still planned for the following week.

Chief Shepard stated that the City had taken in approximately 77% of projected revenues for the fiscal year and spent approximately 66% of projected expenses for the fiscal year. He stated those numbers did not include the 3.4 million budgeted for the Headworks project funded by bonds, of which 2.9 million had been spent, and did not include the 2.5 million for the Northern Water System Improvement Project funded by available water fund balance, of which 72,900 had been spent. He stated that interest revenues from the City's investments continued to increase leaving a shrinking shortfall of approximately $25,000 behind projected numbers.

Chief Shepard stated the Labor Day weekend storm had completely destroyed the perimeter fencing at the PD Garage. He stated the City's wind damage insurance deductible was $100,000, but the fencing and gate were already on the CIP for the FY 26-27 budget, and that a $5,500 deposit had been made already from the FY 25-26 budget from remaining facilities funds with work beginning soon.

Chief Shepard stated the boil order robocall that went out on September 11 remained a mystery. He stated the City did not initiate the call, and that it was an involved process that would not happen accidentally. He stated the verbiage from that robocall was not the same as the verbiage used in the actual robocall a week prior, so it wasn't initiated from that. Chief Shepard stated the calls were managed by Tyler Technologies, which was the same software that handles the City's budget, water billing, work orders, etc. Tyler Technologies logs do not show that the robocall on September 11 was ever sent, and they have no reason why that call should have been sent. Alderman Wells and Alderman Ehrhardt expressed concern at the lack of information available regarding this matter and asked that the situation continue to be watched.

Chief Shepard stated that wastewater treatment plant upgrades and repairs had been completed outside of the Headworks project with the exception of the large blower motor that had been ordered and was still awaiting delivery after a custom manifold was built and installed. He stated the North Water Main project was still underway and on track. Chief Shepard stated the new Headworks project was online and

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operational and should reach 100% completion by mid October.

Chief Shepard stated the pothole patching and mill and fill repairs that were planned for FY 25-26 were completed. He stated that needed concrete repairs at C Hwy and Jamar Street were completed, and repairs on Third Street were almost completed as they had been delayed due to weather.

Chief Shared stated the Hurley Street low water crossing was progressing with the demolition and concrete base for the block being complete. He stated crews had paused due to recent storms and work would continue now that weather was clearing.

Chief Shepard stated the new patrol car that was being upfitted should be complete and ready for duty within the next week.

Chief Shepard stated that Raisbeck Park improvements and maintenance continue. He stated the approach from the parking lot to the park had been replaced with new concrete due to erosion and that the grade had been reduced to make it ADA compliant. He stated the bathrooms at McKernon Park had been painted and the new fixture installation was almost complete.

Chief Shepard stated that the materials for City Lake had started arriving and the equipment and machinery needed to complete the trail around the lake had been purchased. He stated the creation of the trail would begin during the fall months when there were less leaves and foliage to contend with, as well as less mowing for the parks department to do, allowing more manpower to be spent on the project. He stated Staff had begun researching options for a permanent bathroom structure to be placed at City Lake with pre-fab modular options recently being found that would be considerably less expensive.

Chief Shepard stated that Briggs Traditional Turf Farm had been a tremendous help in the work done at Dunsworth Park getting the western fields ready for sports. He stated bleachers and benches had been moved in as well and that Staff had plans to make this park a high area of focus during FY 27 using it for events and sports. He stated better temporary signage had been ordered and would be installed to help facilitate use.

Chief Shepard stated the City had one employment opening in Public Works. He stated that after review the City had opted to remain with Cigna for employee benefits for FY 26-27.

Alderman Gallagher asked if there was any lighting scheduled to be added to Dunsworth Park for the sports fields and Chief Shepard stated it was on the list to be looked at for FY 27. Chief Shepard stated that power and water were both already on site at the park.

7. Unfinished Business

None

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8. New Business

A. RESOLUTION 2026-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PECULIAR AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATING BUDGET.

Chief Shepard stated this was to approve the end of year budget amendment for FY 25-26, and the budget approval for FY 26-27, as well as the new PTO policy approval. Chief Shepard stated the items that changed in the Governmental Funds and the CIP projects were highlighted in the Staff report.

Mayor Shatto asked if the payout on the PTO would be included in the last paychecks of FY 25-26 and Chief Shepard confirmed they would be.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-48. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

B. RESOLUTION 2026-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CENTRAL TANK COATINGS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAINTING THE CITY OF PECULIAR'S THREE-LEGGED MONUMENT TOWER.

Chief Shepard stated this was to award the painting contract for the City's monument tower to Central Tank Coatings out of Elgin, IA. He stated that original estimates for that project were approximately $250,000. Chief Shepard stated that the RFP was posted on the City's website and Demandstar on August 11, 2026 and closed on September 11, 2026 requesting both a bid to repaint the tower as it stands, and a bid to paint it with a patriotic theme. He stated four bids were received and those bids were opened on September 14, 2026.

Chief Shepard stated the bid review committee consisted of Chief Shepard, Public Works Director Jill Bruss, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Director Jason Long, Building Inspector Paul Skillman, Alderman Heather Kettler and Alderman Mike Ehrhardt, and that the reviews had occurred the week of September 14, 2026.

Chief Shepard stated the tower showed signs of rust and needed to be repainted before further corrosion could occur. He stated the tower had not been functional in decades and was now a monument in the City and dates it was last repainted were unknown, if ever.

Chief Shepard stated all four bids were properly responsive and none were eliminated. He stated the lowest responsible bidder was Central Tank Coatings with a bid just under $60,000 to repaint the tower with the same appearance and just under $85,000 to repaint it with a patriotic theme. Chief Shepard stated the committee did a review of Central Tank Coatings and found them to have significant experience with this type of work and was impressed with their method of protecting the tower and surrounding
areas. He stated the committee contacted the listed references and found none of

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them to say anything but great things about the company, and that many of them had even switched their maintenance contracts over to them as well.

Chief Shepard stated the paint listed to be used was by Tenemec Coatings, which appeared to be the industry standard, being used on over 80-85% of elevated tank paintings nationwide. He stated the committee contacted a representative with Tenemec Coatings and confirmed that all listed materials specified were durable and compatible with this project.

Chief Shepard stated the committee traveled to two sites where Central Tank Coatings had painted water towers with one being in Platte County where they had just painted the logo and graphics the previous Spring, and one in LeCompton, KS where they had
painted a tower with a red, white and blue scheme and custom graphics four years prior. He stated both towers looked great, including the one from four years prior which was located on open prairie next to an interstate and showed no signs of fading or deterioration.

Chief Shepard stated Staff was recommending approval of the contract with Central Tank Coatings using Option #2 with the patriotic paint.

Alderman Wells stated the four year old water tower pictures looked impressive. Alderman Ehrhardt stated he had looked at both these towers on site with binoculars and found no flaws, chipping or wear.

Alderman Ehrhardt motioned to approve Resolution 2026-49. Seconded by Alderman Kettler. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

C. RESOLUTION 2026-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LIGHTS AND SIRENS, LLC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING PERMANENT LIGHTING ON THE CITY OF PECULIAR'S THREE-LEGGED MONUMENT TOWER.

Chief Shepard stated this was to award the lighting project for the City's monument tower to Lights and Sirens, LLC. He stated the original estimate for this project was approximately $50,000. Chief Shepard stated that the RFP was posted on the City's website on August 11, 2026 and closed on September 11, 2026 requesting a bid to install permanent, programmable lighting consisting of a minimum of one strand on each of the legs, and at least one ring around the circumference of the tank, and encouraged contractors to submit additional pricing options for additional lighting. He stated that notification was made to four specific companies that the City had spoken with about previous projects to make them aware of the RFP. He stated two bids were received and those bids were opened on September 14, 2026.

Chief Shepard stated the bid review committee consisted of Chief Shepard, Deputy City Clerk Suess and Mayor Shatto, and that the reviews had occurred the week of September 14, 2026.

Chief Shepard stated the Christmas lighting on the tower last year received a lot of positive comments and praise leading to discussion during and after the season
regarding placing permanent lighting on the tower which could be programmed and controlled to create different colors and patterns throughout the entire year.

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Chief Shepard stated both bids were properly responsive and none were eliminated. He stated the lowest responsible bidder was Lights and Sirens, LLC out of Lees Summit, MO with a bid of $39,780 for the minimum lighting requirement and an additional $12,040 to place an additional length of lights on each of the legs and and additional ring around the tank. Chief Shepard stated Staff had worked with Lights and Sirens, LLC the previous year for the Christmas lighting and was pleased with their products and service.

Chief Shepard stated Staff was recommending approval of the contract with Lights and Sirens, LLC utilizing the additional strands of lighting on the legs and the additional ring around the tank totalling $51,820, which still kept this option below the second bidders base pricing.

Alderman Gallagher asked if the lights would be able to change colors and Chief Shepard explained they were completely programmable and could change colors at each bulb and could be programmed to chase, blink, etc.

Alderman Wells motioned to approve Resolution 2026-50. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Board of Aldermen/Mayor Reports and Comments

Mayor Shatto stated the current approved budget was aggressive and impressive and the City was doing a lot of great things. He stated the bar had been set high last year and the City had set the bar even higher this year. He stated street budgeting had been doubled, and sidewalk repair had been added for the first time in as long as he could remember. He stated leaps and bounds had been made in the Parks Department work as well. He thanked all City Staff for their work in the City and looked forward to the upcoming year.

Mayor Shatto reminded the citizens Harvest Moon was coming up on October 24th and encouraged everyone to participate in that festival.

Alderman Wells stated the last year was great and the City had been responsible staying in the budget. He stated expectations were high and he looked forward to the coming year.

Alderman Bossler thanked everyone for their work on the budget and their help in answering questions.

Alderman Jarrett stated he remembered last year and the good that had come from the Staff changes and the high bar that was set last year. He stated the bar was set higher
this year and the City would keep moving toward great things. He thanked Staff for their hard work and dedication to the City.

Alderman Ehrhardt stated the previous year had been great for the City. He stated the greatest leaps had been made in the Parks Department, streets and sewer work. He stated

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the change in Dunsworth Park was dramatic and encouraged citizens to go check it out for themselves. He encouraged citizens to attend the last two upcoming weeks of the Farmers Market and enjoy the cooler weather. He thanked Mrs. Williams for all her work on the budget.

Alderman Gallagher stated he had been affiliated in some way with the City since the 1970's and stated if the City had half the people with the fortitude of the current Staff the town would have grown long ago. He thanked Staff for all their hard work over the past year.

11. Aldermen Directives

Agenda Approved
Draft Minutes September 8, 2026 Approved
Resolution 2026-48 Approved
Resolution 2026-49 Approved
Resolution 2026-50 Approved

12. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

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