

Town of Reynolds
Public Hearing & Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:30PM

This meeting was live streamed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOjrMn_GnlXN8vx7u_Y45tw

Board Members present: Sid Holderly, Jerry Robertson, Veronica Favela, Maureen Buschman and Mike Ransone.

Other community members present: Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran, Deputy Clerk, Carol Hendress, Town Superintendent, Bob Hall, Town Attorney, Cliff Robinson, Town Marshal, Wayne Winkler, Pete Tetzloff, White County EDC Director, Randy Strasser, Jaylen Morgan, Sharon Brooks, Therese Vigeant and Josh Allen.

6:30PM EST, Town Council President, Sid Holderly called the Public Hearing to order. Sid led the pledge of allegiance and asked all in attendance to silence their phones.

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. Sid informed the community that the Town of Reynolds with the recommendation of financial advisors, Baker Tilley, are proposing a 9% water rate increase in order to secure funding for the new water treatment plant. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, a second reading of the 2026 proposed water rate ordinance was read with a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. The new rates will be effective February 1, 2026 and will reflect on the March 1, 2026 bills.

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

Council President, Sid Holderly called the regular Town Council meeting to order. A motion to accept the agenda was made with the addition of a parks update to New Business. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the December 9, 2025 minutes as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the December financials as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Old Business – Brent Gillum with Lightstream emailed a up to date contract to the town attorney and council. After review of the contract, a motion was made to accept the contract with Lightstream as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried with 3 yay and 1 nay.

Tabled from last month, the unused comp time in the amount of 156 hours of the Town Superintendent was brought back for discussion. A recommendation was made to pay him a one-time bonus of \$2500 and start 2026 with zero hours and another recommendation was made to pay him out for half, or 78 hours @ \$28.20 = \$2199.60, and the remaining 78 hours be taken in time off before the end of March 2026. After discussion, a motion was made to pay him out for half and take

time off before the end of March for the other half. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Appointment of a council member to be on the Advisory Council of Small Town Affairs. A motion was made to have Jerry sit on that. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

New Business – A new Meeting Date & Time Ordinance was presented for 2026 removing the fourth Tuesday of each month meeting and only having the one meeting a month held on the second Tuesday. A motion was made to accept as presented. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried with a vote of 4 yay and 1 nay.

White County Economic Development Director, Randy Strasser gave an update on the current status of the Magnitation plant north of town. The gentleman that purchased the ground last year, now owns all the assests on the property as well and plans to start the iron ore or pig iron pellet plant again soon. He will keep the council and attorney up to date as he gets more information. He also reported that we need to have a piece of property secured by the end of January in order to move forward with the workforce housing project with Area 4 and Keller Development.

Pam submitted the new proposal of insurance for the town with a significate increase in premiums due part to the claims that the town had in 2025. A motion was made to accept the proposal as written. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried with 4 yay and 1 nay.

Sharon Brooks gave an update on the town Parks and said they have a grant writer and the goal is to have new equipment in the ground by spring. The committee will be meeting soon to start the planning of what to get.

A Resolution Authorizing Year-End Transfer of Appropriations was presented with the appropriate funds. A motion to accept the resolution was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion was carried.

A motion was made to nominate Sid Holderly as 2026 council President. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. A motion was made to nominate Maureen Buschman as 2026 Vice President. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Bob Hall, Town Superintendent – Bob went over his written report that all council members received with some action items that needed to be taken. A motion was made to accept the bid for Gutwein Bulldozing & Excavating to remove trees along the ditch out at the sewer plant in the amount of \$3500. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. A motion was made to accept the offer from the Town of Monon on the used bucket truck they are selling for \$3500. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried with a vote of 4 yay and 1 nay.

Clifford Robinson, Town Attorney – Need to follow up with Bond Attorney and get contract in place. Also, he will work with Wayne on the Lexiprol police handbook guidelines

Ken Smith, Town Engineer – Not in attendance

Wayne Winkler, Marshal – Gave his written report and said that the four reserves have worked over 1100+ hours of volunteer time for the town and he wanted to show his appreciation for that. Marshal

Winkler was also congratulated and recognized by the White County Sheriff's office for the number of felony arrests made. More than the City of Monticello.

Pam Cochran, Town Clerk – Reported that she made large payments to the Bank of New York (BONY) accounts because there was not enough money to make January payment.

Carol Hendress – 28 Disconnect letters sent. Three were due to be shut off but because of the Cold Weather Ordinance, they could not be shut off and by the time the weather warmed up, all three residents had paid.

Bob Hall, KIRPC – Asked the council to take over this position. A motion was made to have Mike sit on this board. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

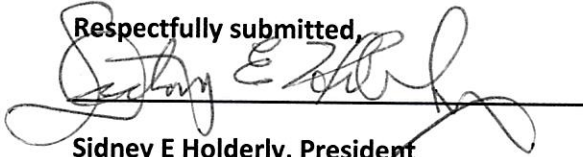
Jerry Robertson, Steering Committee – Nothing more to report then what has already been discussed.

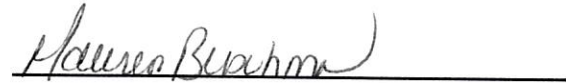
Carol Hendress, Economic Development – Randy covered most of it. There will be three community meetings held for Data Centers with Kimley Horne presenting. June 4-7 at the fairgrounds, the Veteran Memorial Wall will be on display 24/7. They are in need of 200+ volunteers, so it would be nice for our community and town leadership to volunteer.

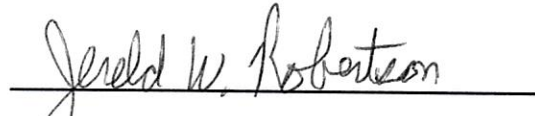
Public Comments – None at this time

Hearing nothing further, a motion to adjourn was made with a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Sidney E Holderly, President
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Maureen A Buschman, Vice President
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Jereld W Robertson, Member
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Veronica Favela, Member
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Michael J Ransone, Member
Term 9/11/2024-12/31/2027



Attest: Pamela S Cochran, Clerk Treasurer
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Board Approved: February 10, 2026 at regular council meeting