

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 5:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Anderson
Vice Mayor Drew Duncan
Jeanne Hess
Stephanie Hoffman
Chris Praedel
Jacquelin Slaby
Alonzo Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were Interim City Manager Patsy Moore, City Attorney Aaron Leal, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Public Comments

When an opportunity was given for general public comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Edward Nickerson, City resident, regarding snow not being cleared from the sidewalks outside his apartment building.

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Presentations re: Utility
Rate Increases and Utility
Bill Assistance

Public Services Director James Baker delivered a presentation entitled *2026 Proposed Utility Rates: City Commission, Monday, December 1, 2025*. A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Tom Wheat, a member of the Utility Policy Committee (UPC), reported the UPC had voted unanimously to recommend the proposed utility rates.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Director Baker responded to Commissioner questions regarding the proposed Water Leak Adjustments Policy, the role of the City in finding and paying to fix water leaks on private property, the environmental impact of incinerating biosolids, the existence of a “natural” level of lead in water, the City’s methods for publicizing free water testing, the status of smart meter installations and the implementation of monthly utility billing, the City’s lead action levels prior to the current initiative to replace lead service lines, the risks and benefits of consolidating water pumping stations, the utility positions being requested in the 2026 budget, the barriers to implementing monthly billing, the reliance of the water and wastewater systems on utility rates, and the life cycle of the current utility infrastructure.

Laura Jones, Assistant Director of Development and Supportive Services for Community Action, delivered a presentation entitled, *CommunityAction: Introduction to Water Bill Assistance*. A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentations, Assistant Director Jones responded to Commissioner questions regarding the physical location of Community Action and whether there were any limits on the amount of assistance a person could receive.

An opportunity was given for general Commissioner comments, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Adjournment

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____