

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2026

TOULON FIREHOUSE

PRESENT: Mayor Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell, Kate Carter city attorney

Donna Lefler, Mitch Hulsy Alderman Ward #1

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson Alderman Ward #2

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson Alderman Ward #3

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES TO THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MEETING: None. Michael Schott made a motion to approve February 9, 2026 minutes. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Brandon Simpson, Donna Lefler abstained, motion passed.

CASH RECEIPT REPORT: Total Cash Receipt for February 2026 is \$90,250.33. Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve the Cash Report. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Total Treasurer Report for February 2026 is \$1,421,333.01. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Michael Schott reported the splash pad installation will be starting soon. Ryan Kelly would like to talk to Ron Salisbury about why so much overtime in the police dept.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS: Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the submitted claims. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

ENGINEER REPORT: Justin Reise was present and reported the elevated water storage tank is coming along. The park grant is coming along good. Equipment for the splash pad will be coming soon.

MFT REPORT: Justin Reise reported the paperwork is being reviewed by IDOT and the highway dept. also wants to look at it. There should be no problems.

WATER TOWER BOND: Mayor reported he is still waiting for info from Doug Parrott.

MAIN STREET SEWER LINING: Matt Forstrom reported there is a quote from Hoerr Construction for just cleaning and televising of sanitary sewer. The city will get a quote to do the lining in a couple weeks. This is to prevent anymore issues on main street. The quote is for \$11,704.00. 2 days for cleaning and televising. This repair goes from Ryan Kelly's house on main street down to Olive Street. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve quote 260225-3 for \$11,704.00 from Hoerr Construction. Mitch Hulsy 2nd, motion passed.

POND BY TOULON RIDGE: Mayor does not want to move forward currently. The city is talking to developers, and they will run the show.

TRAILER PARK: Kate Carter reported the court appointed the bank as mortgage possession in February and the bank is planning to move forward with the foreclosure proceedings in April, and in 3 to 4 months there will be a sheriff's sale then which the bank will take legal possession of the trailer park in June.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Robert Boatman was present and said the foundation of the house on 223 E Greenwood was completely scalped to the ground. It was originally eighteen inches high to begin with. He said it will now cost him \$10,000 to repair and the property was not 100% cleaned up. He has estimates about what it would cost to clean up the lot. He presented pictures of the foundation. The city employees dispute that they destroyed the foundation.

Michael Schott reported that the garbage cans in front of Main Street Coffee need to be emptied more often.

SCCI: Brett Elliott was present and talked about what SCCI is and talked about the project that they are working on. The three needs are Housing, Day Care, and Independent Living. They are working on trying to expand the subdivision. He would like to form a sub committee for the subdivision to proceed. Michael Schott made a motion to form a Toulon Ridge sub committee with council member Brandon Simpson and Mayor Larry Hollis. These members will be joined with members of SCCI, and Hometown Consulting, with a spending cap of \$25,000 per transaction with the approval of Mayor Hollis for the intention of residential housing development in the City of Toulon. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

PLAT TOULON RIDGE LOTS-ROADS: No action

TOULON RIDGE-COMPREHENSIVE PLANS: The Mayor is going to have Nicolas Nelson rewrite the comprehensive plan.

PERMIT OF CONTRACTORS: Justin Reeise reported that the city will have more control over where they are installing improvements in the city's right of way. Justin was asked to draw up a permit for this purpose.

MANHOLE LININGS: Matt Forstrom reported this has to do with the sewer linings on main street for 9 manholes total. Mitch Hulsey made a motion to approve the quote to Spectra Tech for \$29,427.50 for manhole rehabilitation for 9 manholes. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

LEAD SERVICE LINES REPLACEMENT: Justin Reeise reported there is a mandate the city must change the lines from the main to the inside of the house. The City of Toulon's service mains are 80- to 90-year-old. There is 76,000 feet of water main and 10% may be plastic and 90% would need to be replaced. This would include hydrants every 500 feet, 4 valves at every intersection. Which would cost approximately \$13,677,840.00. There are 2 programs to fund this through on the loan side. One is the lead service line and the other is the standard SRF. The city would qualify for 1.8% for 30 years on the standard and 0% interest for 40 years on the lead service. 1/3 could be funded through the lead service and 2/3 funded through the traditional loan through EPA. This would be a multi-year process to get funded. Mitch Hulsey made a motion to move forward with this lead service replacement and the water main lines project and authorize Justin Reeise to move forward. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

WATER MAIN LINES: Motion was made with the lead service lines replacement for Justin Reeise to move forward.

Michael Schott left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

WELL VALVE INSTALLATION-BOOSTER PUMP VFD UPGRADE-BOOSTER PUMP FLOWMETER: Matt Forstrom reported that there are a lot of R/O issues. There are valves that need to be changed and change the computer system. BEA (Britton Electronics can come in and put in an automatic valve, hit a button on the computer and everything will switch over, not to exceed \$11,100.00. This cost does not include the installation of the valve. City guys will do the installation. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve BEA well automatic valve not to exceed \$11,100.00. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed

Matt reported the high service pumps that were put in have been running wide open all the time. If the VFD's were installed, we could control how fast the high service pumps turn. It will extend the life of the pumps. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the

BEA booster pump VFD upgrade not to exceed \$41,250.00. Mitch Hulsey 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

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The flow meter is to replace the booster pump flowmeter and integrate the flow meter reading into the PLC for monitoring and totalization. Connie Jacobson made a motion to approve the Booster Pump Flowmeter from BEA not to exceed \$15,000.00. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

UP THE FEE FOR SOLICITORS' ORDINANCE#997: Connie Jacobson made a motion to charge a solicitor \$350.00 for 30 days. There is a \$750.00 fine if the ordinance is not followed. Mitch Hulsey 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

CITY BURN PILE: Matt Forstrom wants something done with the people being able to haul brush to the burn pile and not following the signs telling them where to put it and starting the pile burning when it's a no burning time. Anyone with complaints can call the Mayor and he will handle the situation.

REMOVAL OF TREES ON SOUTH HENDERSON: There is a tree on the corner of Henderson and Turner Street which is dropping limbs on a house. These need to be cut down. Matt was to go ahead and remove the trees.

BORDER MATERIAL FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: The border material is not part of the bid for the equipment. This is to hold the mulch in place. The quote is from Team Reil, Inc. for \$5,035.00. The installation will cost \$2,480.00 which is included in the \$5,035.00. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve not to exceed \$5,100.00 for the border material but, if possible, the city employees will install the border and save the city \$2,480.00. The Mayor volunteered to put the border together when it arrives. Donna Lefler 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

ORDINANCE #995 AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE TOULON CITY CODE REGARDING IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR ENGAGING IN

UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES: There have been a number of tows happening and the tow ordinance is not accordance with the statue of the Illinois Law. The are only a number of offenses that a fee can be charged. The fee is \$500.00. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve Ordinance#995 and Ordinance Amending Chapter 71 of the Toulon City Code Regarding Impoundment of Motor Vehicles for Engaging in Unlawful Activities. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

ORDINANCE#998 REGARDING ALDERMEN SPENDING AUTHORITY: The old ordinance was set for \$500.00. This new ordinance gives the city alderman authority to expend city funds for bona fide city purposes in amounts no greater than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) without seeking prior approval of the city council or placing

the matter to a vote for the city council. Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve Ordinance#998 Regarding

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Aldermen Spending Authority. Donna Lefler 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

RAISES FOR EMPLOYEES: Tabled till next month. More research needs to be done.

TIF:

AGREEMENT WITH TOULON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE#996: This agreement will not go into effect unless the TIF is extended. Ryan Kelly made a motion to pass Ordinance#996 an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement. Donna Lefler 2nd, Michael Schott absent, Mitch Hulsey abstained, motion passed.

ORDINANCE#993 AGREEMENT/APPLICATION WITH TOM PEARSON dba TOTAL HOME SERVICES FOR \$49,149.00 (1/2 IS \$24,574.50): No action taken, no motion was made.

Brandon Simpson made a motion to pay Jacob & Klein 4th Qtr. Bill \$524.65 & EC Dev Group 4th Qtr. \$4,324.87 for a total of \$4,849.52. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Mitch Hulsey abstained, Michael Schott absent, Donna Lefler voted no, motion passed.

Ryan Kelly made a motion to pay FY2026-9 Altorfer \$4,793.60 and repay w/s /\$10,021.02 for a total of \$14,814.62. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Mitch Hulsey abstained, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

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Ryan Kelly made a motion to adjourn.

Mitch Hulsey 2nd, motion passed.

