



# City of Holden

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## HOLDEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m.  
Hallar Building (City Hall) 101 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Holden, MO 64040

Mayor Briscoe called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call of the council. As follows:

Andes	Absent	Pemberton	Present
Miller	Present	Barwick	Present
Mensch	Present	Goodfellow	Present
Fields	Present	Mallory	Present

Also in attendance was Police Chief Mayhew, Fire Chief Wakeman, Street Superintendent Robb, City Administrator Goodfellow, and Student Councilmember Tebbenkamp.

Mayor Briscoe brought the council’s attention to the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of the City Council minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting, and the appropriations/expenditures presented at the finance meeting. He called for a motion to approve. There were no edits, corrections, or additional information. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and seconded by Councilman Mensch, the consent agenda was approved.

There were no public or community organization speakers.

The Mayor highlighted some of 2025 accomplishments: bond funding, storm shelter cleaned up, generators added to PD, FD and City Hall, foundation repair and window replacement at City Hall, small room updates, PD renovation completed, receiving the Blue Sheild award, several vehicles purchased for public safety, improved radio system for public safety, stormwater maintenance upgrades, new street department equipment, and lots of city/chamber events including the newly added kite festival.

Police Chief Mayhew provided a written report. Chief Mayhew reported: Incident reports – 40; Misdemeanors – 4; Felonies – 3; Warrant arrest –2; Domestic – 3; Miscellaneous reports – 18; Agency assist – 2; MVC – 1; Juvenile – 2; CIT – 2; Death investigation – 2; Dog bite – 2; Traffic Summons – 15; Traffic Warning – 21. For Codes/Animal Control: Codes cases – 32; Animal At Large/ License – 1; Vicious Animal – 1; Nuisance – 0; Business – 0; Illegal burn – 0. He also stated that the department has the Blue Shield items in process, and that the new officers have completed their training.

Fire Chief Wakeman provided a written report. Chief Wakeman reported for the year of 2025: Fire incidents – 92; Rescue/EMS incidents – 131. The average response time for all calls – 6 minutes, 51 seconds.

Street Superintendent Joe Robb provided a written year-end report. Events of the 2025 year include mill and overlay on certain streets, purchasing new equipment, new salt/sand structure, approximately eight culvert installations, twenty dump trailer loads of leaf pickups, four road cuts

and repairs, fifteen signs maintained/repaired/replaced, and fifteen different locations of trees trimmed away from roadway. Mr. Robb made note that these totals were only what has been recorded with the new software system that was obtained mid-year.

Park Director Tami Mallory reported that there was no meeting in January.

Councilman Mensch, as the BPW liaison, reported that Clearwater Solutions would be in town on the twenty-first for a presentation and Q&A session.

Councilman Fields reported for Budget, Finance & Administration Committee. Ms. Fields stated that the committee did not have a meeting this month.

Councilman Miller reported for Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Miller stated that he had attended an infrastructure workshop, and that Zoll Street's condition had been discussed in the committee's last meeting. The committee would like to have the public's opinion on shutting down the road or turning it to gravel, as it washes out and has become difficult to maintain as a paved road.

Councilman Pemberton reported for Public Safety Committee. Mr. Pemberton stated that the committee did not meet this month.

Councilman Mensch reported for Public Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Mensch stated that the Mayor has found an extra bank account of money unaccounted for. After conversations with former Mayor, Rick Edwards, it was determined that the money was set back for lake improvements for a Missouri Conservation grant match program. The program never got completed. Councilman Mensch is asking council to consider using a portion of this money to install the electricity. Councilman Miller made a motion to discuss adding electricity to the lake pavilion in the new business section of this agenda. Councilwoman Fields seconded. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Mallory reported for Economic, Industrial, and Community Development Committee. Ms. Mallory stated that the committee suggests that the zoning ordinance have permitted uses updated for industrial park for ease of selling the land.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R26-01 MOU and equipment sharing – Holden Fire and Johnson County Fire and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilman Pemberton and a second by Councilman Barwick the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 01-01-26 Election notice, did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Miller, the motion passed. With no discussion, the Mayor then did the second reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilwoman Mallory, Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call vote.

Andes	Absent	Pemberton	Yes
Miller	Yes	Barwick	Yes
Mensch	Yes	Goodfellow	Yes
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Bill No. 01-01-26 Election notice passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 01-02-26 Zoning change 305 E. Pacific St., did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Mallory and a second by Councilman Mensch, the motion passed. With no discussion, the Mayor then did the

second reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilwoman Fields, Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call vote.

Andes	Absent	Pemberton	Yes
Miller	Yes	Barwick	Yes
Mensch	Yes	Goodfellow	Yes
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Bill No. 01-02-26 Zoning change 305 E. Pacific St. passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 01-03-26 Replat of section of Barney’s Addition Subdivision, did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Mallory and a second by Councilman Barwick, the motion passed. The Mayor explained that the owner of the property wants to replat for easier use of the land. This will also correct the old original platted street and alleyway that in person and mapping appears to have been vacated already but no records of this have been found. This replat will officially vacate the platted 9<sup>th</sup> Street and make this one lot instead of several. The Mayor then did the second reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilman Barwick, Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call vote.

Andes	Absent	Pemberton	Yes
Miller	Yes	Barwick	Yes
Mensch	Yes	Goodfellow	Yes
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Bill No. 01-03-26 Replat of section of Barney’s Addition Subdivision passed.

The Police Chief gave his 2025 year-end report. The department has done over 450 reports, 5000+ calls for service, and are fully staffed. The department now has in-car cameras, new cars, MDTs, tablet, tasers, and livescan finger printing system. The department has also been awarded the Blue Shield grant, and sent several officers to various training courses throughout the year.

The Mayor made a motion to approve electricity at the city lake pavilion using the money that was meant for the match grant from the Missouri Conservation (that never got completed). The motion was seconded by Councilman Pemberton. Discussion of council it has been determined that some council members would like to see electricity at the boat ramp as well as the pavilion. Councilman Mensch, heading this project, will investigate the cost of this addition. The motion of using the old funds passes.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Barwick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Council Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ray Briscoe, Mayor

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Sarah Claxton, City Clerk