

Village of Cement City Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Village Hall

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Cement City Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 3 Citizens present. Members present: Jennifer Porter, Dustin Blakley, Terry Montague, Tristen Perry, and John Weber were in attendance. Clerk Carol Ladd, and Treasurer Chari Cure were present

Departments

Police: Columbia Township Chief Niles reported.

Guest Speaker- None.

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 12-11-25 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to accept the minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion passed.

Receipt of Treasurer's Report-Report reviewed by all. Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to accept the December Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Presentation of Existing Bills- Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry, to pay existing bills with late addition \$170. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: Tim continues to work on equipment needs and road maintenance.

Zoning/Bldg: Gates reported enforcement at 203 Perrin Street. Gates forwarded a letter to the lawyer to send and post a courtesy letter on the site. Motion made by Perry, second by Montague to attach the bill for clean up at 203 Perrin Street to the tax bill after the 7 day requirement per the court order for payment. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Planning: The Planning Committee will meet January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Special Project Coordinator: Cure updated council.

Old Business -Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to install lighting on the road near the Village Hall and bus stop per the quote from Consumer at the cost of \$230 for install. The light will face the road. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Porter reported on Building Inspector, Joe Webb from Liberty, to fill the role for the village. Whereas the inspector is asking for compensation other than inspection fees, council will consider a monthly rate in addition to inspections. President to discuss options with Webb. Motion made by Perry, second by Blakley to hire Joe Webb as Building Inspector and to complete talks for compensation. Ayes by all, motion passed. Motion made by Blakley, second by Montague to offer Webb the following scenarios to review: \$150/mo plus building fees to assume only Building Inspector responsibilities or \$200/mo plus building fees and zoning fees to accept both positions. All Ayes, motion passed. President to discuss proposals with Webb.

The Dangerous Buildings Ordinance was discussed. Two samples from local area municipalities were received. Council to review and Clerk to add to next month's agenda.

New Business –A Metro Act permit was presented to council for the New Phase of Fiber Optic installation. Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to accept both November 16, 2025 permits. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Public Participation- None.

Good & Welfare - Porter and councilman thanked Mel Cure for helping out with the zoning during the transition and especially during the loss of his brother and aunt. Cure thanked the council and also thanked the council for the clean up efforts at 204 Perring St. Motion made by Blakley, second by Perry to adjourn at 7:50. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by Jennifer Porter, President