CITY OF PICK CITY MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2026.
2027 Budget Hearing & regular meeting minutes
Present: Mayor Arvid Anderson, council Kel Westman, Brandon Reiser, Scott Bather, Lori Davis (via Zoom).
Absent: none
Also present: Floyd & Shelly Hanson, Travis Frey, Alyssa Maeder-Stafford, John, Eric & Mavis Elkins, Attorney Mark Kaffer, PWD Jodi Ell, Accountant Amy Ones, Auditor Diane Johnson.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Mayor called Budget Hearing to order at 7:30 pm at the city hall.
Council reviewed the Budget present by Ones and no public contested budget. Bather motion, second Westman to approve the 2027 budget as presented. All in favor, MC.
Budget hearing adjourned at 7:40
Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 7:41pm. Reiser motion, second Bather to approve contest items: agenda, bills and Sept. 2,2026 meeting minutes. All in favor, MC.
Engineer, Travis Frey requested the approval of Mike McCleery's plat survey, which will not be annexed into Pick City. Questions & concerns followed including road maintenance on Huber Lane which the city owns a portion of, traffic, abiding the city's Ordinance to any development proposed in the future years. Attorney Kaffer advised council that if any future development happens the city can address those issues at that time. Reiser motioned, Bather second to approve the plat survey, all in favor, MC.
John Elkins presented a proposed plat survey (Tract 1 & Tract 2) of the land his mother, Mavis owns. A portion of "Tract 1" is already annex into Pick City. They were requesting adding 140'x138' to Tract 1 to the current annexed lot with a 25' easement/access on the Western boundary of said tracts to allow access and utilities to the South for Tract 2. Davis motioned, Westman second to approval the preliminary annexation and plat with all costs of annexation fees and future infrastructure responsibilities paid by owners of said Tracts. All in favor, MC
Lawyer updates: Letters were sent out to the companies responsible for the water break at the motel.
He also said that the state will be checking more into the company that hit the water line. Pick City has an indemnity clause in our Rough Rider franchise.
Dog complaint was sent out; no court date is set up as of yet.
Mr. Kaffer advised the city to look at additional permits and annexation fees for future developments and recommended updating our ordinances.
Drain tile was dug out & repaired.
In the alley between Block 24 and discovered that three fiber optic boring sites damage the drain tile in alley which caused the drain tile to collapse in those areas and plugged the drainage. The drain tile through the alley way east & west and North into the old park was jetted out and three new clean out were installed. Auditor will send pictures of damage and attorney will look into the matter.
Reiser motioned, second Bather to approve building permits for Andrew Berscth – covered paved patio, Dennis Jones – car port around garage, Mike Meier – water in cooler. All in favor, MC.
Pledge of Securities in the amount of $690,000.00 was received from USB.
LEPC meeting Oct. 28.
Bather motion, second Westman to approve utility assessments for two property owners in Pick City. All in favor, MC.
Mercer County Auditor certified uncollected property taxes from 2023 to 2025; in the amount of $10,581.12.
Water: Curb stop at Rieser's was replaced in September.
Inland potables inspection of clear wells. Received a good report. Drain man & Jodi repaired the seized North cell access cover at water plant.
Landfill: yearly inspection was done in august. Received a good report with the exception that the gate has been left open by contractors, Jodi will contact their supervisors.
Landfill is closed for the season
Streets: concerns were brought up about the conditions of the alleys & ditches with the underground boring throughout the town. The city will be contact companies about reclaiming these areas.
Meeting adjourned @ 8:46pm. Next regular meeting November 4, 2026 @7:30pm
payroll-5147.28; Diane Johnson -38.00; Jodi Ell-50.00; US Treasury-1448.75; Job service -12.61; WRT-178.16
RRE-1584.92; Circle Sanit.-2422.25; MSRWD-5965.86; MSRWD-6065.02; Coal Conversion-99.00; Dak Tex -164.70
Drain Man -27,985.00; Drain Man -3175.00; Fergusion-643.37; Inland Potables-3450.00; Loffer -76.67; NDDOEQ-183.55
NDDOEQ -108.00; One Call -170.70; One's Consulting-1200.00; S & M lawn Service- 3150.00; Salhus -100.00 Scott's-204.03; Share Corp-595.43; Swanston-104.11; Diane Johnson-11.52

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