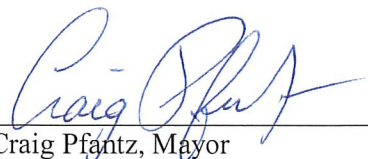


**State Center City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**

State Center City Council met in special session on March 3, 2026, in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Pfantz called the meeting to order. Roll Call: Darrow, German, Latimer, Quick and Schoppe. Also present were L. Bearden, J. Ellis, Jesse Toyne, K. Yates and B. Pfantz.

- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by German to approve the agenda. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow, approving the amendment to the July 15, 2025 minutes to add “*As amended March 3, 2026: Motion by Darrow to adopt Res. 26-04 approving WRH pay application #2 and payment in amount of \$13,775. Grant 2nd, Res. 26-04 is adopted 4-0 roll call.” Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Howard, 2nd by German, approving the renumbering of the resolution approving the agreement with IRUA, adopted February 17, 2026 from 26-44 to 26-45. The clerk erred in assigning a number that had previously be used. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Latimer approving payment in amount of \$2,500.00 to the Rose Festival Assn. This is a budgeted expenditure. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Schoppe, 2nd by German approving payment in amount of \$57.75 to Airgas USA, this amount was missed when entering claims for the February 17th meeting. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Schoppe appointing John Ellis as Zoning Administrator. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by German, 2nd by Schoppe approving 28E Mutual Aid Agreements with 1) Clemons and 2)Melbourne/Rhodes. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Latimer approving a Builder’s Risk Insurance policy with EMC for the Fire State project. The policy is \$4,412.00 annually but will be prorated for both FY26 and FY27. Motion passes 5-0.
- Chief Pfantz presented two quotes for a Diesel Exhaust Removal System for the Fire Station project. Air Cleaning quoted \$54,000.00 and MagneGrip quoted \$66,553.00. Darrow moved to accept the Air Cleaning quote, German 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.
- The clerk asked for input regarding recent discussion of the City Hall office hours “open to the public” being reduced to allow the clerk & deputy clerk to accomplish tasks in a timely manner. Many scenarios were mentioned by the clerks and their preference would be closed to the public on Wednesdays. They feel this would be the least disruptive to the needs of the public. The clerk will draft a policy to be considered at the next regular meeting.
- Motion by Darrow to confirm the intent to proceed with the proceed with the proposed FY27 property tax rate of \$15.80420. Latimer 2nd; Motion passes 5-0.
- Quick moved to adopt Res. 26-46 setting a public hearing for Tuesday, March 31st, 5:30 p.m. at the State Center City Hall concerning a tax statement showing the proposed tax levies for the FY27 budget. German 2nd; Res. 26-46 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- The mayor will continue to consider someone to be an alternate delegate for Marshall Co. Solid Waste Commission.

There being no further business, Darrow moved to adjourn at 6 p.m. Hearing no objection, Mayor Pfantz closed the meeting.



Craig Pfantz, Mayor

Attest:



Lori Bearden, City Clerk

