

City of Hillcrest Village Mayor Kendall's UPDATE

The regular meeting of the Hillcrest Village Council was held on December 15, 2025.

Public Forum

Sarah Simoneaux asked if the Council considered using parliament or standing rules.

[Hillcrest Village rules and ordinances have long recommended using Robert's Rules of Order.]

Cristi Castro asked, "who managed city water, water rates, and why is water bill so high"?

[Caleb Cristofaro of Municipal District Services acknowledged how the company maintains the systems

and provides data for Councils consideration.]

[There is a standing offer to check and monitor residents' water usage when requested]

REPORTS

Caleb Cristofaro provided an update on water meter replacements (averaging 12 each month)

Marshal Shohn Davison provided his office report for the month.

Travis Hobbs earlier provided the Mayor a report as he was ill. The report reviewed the generator grant (now installed) and the WUTAP grant for a 'water engineering study' which is still a work in progress.

The Monthly Financial Statements for October and November were reviewed. Salary and payroll taxes are being reviewed by the Villages CPA to make updates where necessary.

BUSINESS (Follow-Up)

The Utility Rate Ordinance 37-2025 was amended to add a "Trash -Only Reconnection Fee" [trash only forty dollars (\$40)]

Hillcrest Village Municipal Court
Council requested the Village attorney finalize work and submit a plan to Council for consideration and implementation.

Emergency Power to Generator #3 and Municipal Building
The new generator is being installed and connections are underway.
The Mayor will obtain bids for phase #2 that will complete the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of possible action on funding an engineering study for repairs and replacements to the water and sewer infrastructure.
Council will review options for funding an engineering study (annual budget or budget plan for action street by street or bank loan or bond election)

Action to renew the Village's CD Maturing on December 19, 2025. Alderman Mondragon will work with the bank to secure the renewal/rollover of this account.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor stated the Council's appreciation to residents who were in attendance.
The Mayor provided updated areas of responsibility for the Council:

Alderman Mondragon - Road/Drainage

Alderman Sital - Water/Sewer

Alderman Smith - Mayor Pro-Tem/Beautification

Alderman Allbright - Public Safety/Community Involvement

This Mayor's Update summarizes the most recent meeting of the city council. Council meetings are held every third Monday at the Hillcrest Village City Hall located at 200 W. Timberlane Dr. next to the city park at 6:00 pm. This report does not replace the official City Council meeting minutes which are always reviewed and approved at the next council meeting. Those minutes are archived on the city website as required and readily available.