

**Minutes for Special Session Council Meeting
City of Hillcrest Village
Monday, August 17, 2026**

Mayor McGilvray called the Special Session Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor McGilvray, Alderman Allbright, Alderman Mondragon, Alderman Smith, Alderman Simoneaux.

Alderman Sital showed up at 6:05 pm, while still on follow-up business item #1.

Staff present: Marshal Davison, Amanda Hanlon, and Chris Duncan.

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Pledge was completed.

A. FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS

- 1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR FY 2026-2027 BUDGET. MDS Rep Caleb spoke with Council and recommended a 4-6% increase on the water and sewer rates to account for inflation and repair costs. That's an approximate one dollar increase on water and sewer rates. Alderman Simoneaux wants historical usage, but don't have a lot of it till MDS took over. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding these rates. Alderman Simoneaux motioned to raise the water and sewer rates to \$35.00 base, 3-5 thousand gallons \$12.00 and over 5 thousand gallons to \$14.50 to start for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Alderman Smith seconds. Council members Mondragon, Smith and Simoneaux voted in favor, Alderman Sital voted against; and Alderman Allbright was present.

B. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- 1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A JUDGE FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT. Chris spoke on this topic and went over the resolution. Judge Langston can no longer be our municipal judge, but Judge Vasut is willing to step in at \$60 hour. Alderman Smith motioned to Judge John Vasut as Hillcrest Village's municipal judge. Alderman Simoneaux seconded. All present approved and the motion carried.
- 2) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORMING A COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT. Duncan informed Council this committee is appointed by the judge, Council is to give recommendation for the committee. Alderman Simoneaux motions to recommend Alderman Allbright and Marshal Davison for the court security committee in Resolution 02-2026. Alderman Sital seconded. 4-0 approved and the motion carried.

Councilmember Mondragon left the meeting at 6:41 pm and was not part of this vote or the following votes.

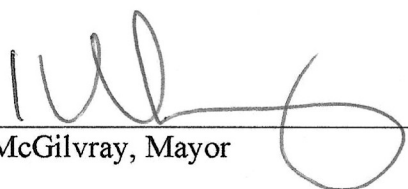
- 3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 35-2026, ADOPTING 2026/2027 BUDGET. Alderman Allbright motions to approve Ordinance 35-2026 for the city of Hillcrest Village adopting a budget for Hillcrest Village for the fiscal year beginning October 1,

2026, and ending September 30, 2027. This budget will not raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget. Alderman Sital seconded. 4-0 approved and the motion carried.

- 4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 37-2026, SETTING OF REVISED UTILITY RATES AND FEES TO SUPPORT THE ENTERPRISE FUND OF CITY BUDGET. Alderman Simoneaux motioned to approve Ordinance 37-2026 setting utility rates that will begin on October 1, 2026. Alderman Smith seconded. Motion carried 3-0, but Alderman Allbright present but not voting.
- 5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OR ORDINANCE 1-2026, SETTING TAX RATE TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027. Alderman Simoneaux motioned to approve Ordinance 1-2026 to levy the No New Revenue tax rate of 0.300024 per \$100 of value for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Alderman Smith seconded. 4-0 approved and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Alderman Allbright and Alderman Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. 4-0 approved and the motion carried. Mayor McGilvray adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.


Kendall McGilvray, Mayor

Attest:


Amanda Hanlon, City Secretary