

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, John Popovich, Joe Warr
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Sarah Dettloff, Nick Hodgkinson, Jenna Bhirdo

1). CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jon Sanford called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2). PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led City Council and audience into the Pledge of Allegiance.

3). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted all present.

4). MINUTES

MOTION (Popovich) to approve November 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Warr). Motion carried.

MOTION (Warr) to approve November 4, 2025 closed session meeting minutes as presented; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

MOTION (Popovich) to set agenda as presented; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief Charles Allen was absent tonight but had stat sheet for the month of November handed out. Will be working Christmas Parade on December 6 with County Sheriff Department.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Poverty Exemption Resolution

MOTION (Warr) to approve poverty exemption resolution for the 2026 year as set by federal guidelines; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.2 Board Appointments

MOTION (Heinrich) to approve board appointments as presented; support (Warr). Motion carried.

9.3 Change 2026 City Council Dates

There is a conflict with the March, August and November City Council meeting dates for the 2026 year. Consensus was to change to the 2nd Tuesday of the month for these three months.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Southcourt- foundations are in and houses are scheduled for arrival the week of December 8.
- Campground expansion started today.
- Two watermain breaks happened in the last 2 weeks- Au Gres River Drive and Mackinaw Street. It appears bolts have rotted away; replacing with stainless steel bolts.
- Zoning issues- will need to hold ZBOA Meeting in January for two more non-use variances applications received by Michael Haman & Brent Armstrong. Eric McKenzie variance is proceeding with a restrictive covenant instead of a performance bond.
- City has two pieces of equipment up sale on rangerbid.com. Auction December 16, 2025.
- Arenac Community Funds Auction will be December 4 at Four Ones at 7 PM.
- Cardboard recycling bins will be on hold until Spring; still have recycling dumpster.
- Holiday Business Party set for December 12, 2025 at Edmonds Inn from 6-9 PM.
- Au Gres River dredging is on the radar for the 2028 year.
- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor: Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

11.3 Council Members:

Heinrich: Turned winter fast! Town looks nice all festive!
Warr: Ditto to Dan's comments. Dale thanked Joe for picking up trees.
Popovich: Helped set trees at City Park. Attending County Board of Commissioners meeting and all eyes will be focused on Pung Vs Isabella County on determination of County foreclosure tax sale process.
Barbour: Town looks nice! Merry Christmas to all!

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION (Warr) to approve payment of bills as submitted; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Heinrich) to approve October financial statements as submitted; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m.; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk