

**CITY OF AU GRES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026  
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, John Popovich, Joe Warr, Dan Heinrich  
ABSENT: Jane Barbour  
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Sarah Dettloff, Rakash Agrwal, Jeff & Jennifer Thomas, Brett Dixon, Colton Grivetti from Four Ones Landing

**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 Jane Barbour absent.

**4). MINUTES**

**MOTION** (Popovich) to approve April 7 regular and April 16 special meeting minutes as presented; support (Warr). Motion carried.

**5). SET AGENDA**

**MOTION** (Warr) to set agenda with correction of number 9.5 AT & T Water Tower Upgrade; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

**6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None

Colton Grivetti from Four Ones Landing was present tonight to ask for support from City Council to hold an outdoor concert on site at the restaurant on Friday, July 3, 2026. Will need to get his affairs in order and back at the June Council meeting with formal resolution from State Liquor Control Commission to hold outdoor sales. Rock Band Chris Redburn will be performing and talked to all neighboring businesses and they would be willing to allow guests to park in their lots if no liability on them. Will check with the 2 residential houses on Michigan Avenue if any issues; concert done by 11:00 PM per City noise ordinance. City Manager suggested closing off all drive entrances to Four Ones so no vehicles can enter concert area and shutting down Mackinaw Street to all vehicular traffic between US-23 and Michigan Avenue to allow for pedestrian crossing. City Council gave their support of the event and will coordinate with our City Police Officer as well as Four Ones hiring their own security.

**7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Police Chief Charles Allen was absent tonight but had stat sheet for the month of April included in packet.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**9). NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Arenac County Foreclosure List

**MOTION** (Warr) to waive rights for 5 foreclosed parcels in the 2026 year support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.2 Sunrise Assessing- 3 Year Contract Renewal 6/1/26-5/31/2029

**MOTION** (Heinrich) to approve three-year contract from June 1, 2026-May 31, 2029 with SunRise Assessing/Brandon Murphy with yearly rate of inflation increases only and typo corrections; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

9.3 Miscellaneous Charges Increase

**MOTION** (Warr) to approve rate increases effective July 1, 2026 as follows: \$50 turn on/off charge, \$150 emergency/after hours turn on/off charge and water tap in fee of \$2400 + actual costs and sewer tap in fee of \$1800 + actual costs; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.4 Accept Low Bidder: MDOT Grant Paving Job

**MOTION** (Warr) to approve MDOT grant resolution for Contract Number 25-5639 to low bidder Ace-Saginaw Paving for a total project cost of \$328,666.78 with MDOT grant will pay one-half of this cost (\$164,333.39); support (Popovich). Motion carried.

9.5 AT & T Water Tower Upgrades

City Manager is requesting more information from AT & T on this tower upgrade. Verizon just came through and did replacement upgrades and now AT & T wants also to upgrade but instead of replacing they are proposing putting more equipment on the structure instead of the top. City wants to get independent third-party opinion to make sure this will not damage our infrastructure along with maybe more compensation since more equipment is being added.

**MOTION** (Warr) to table AT & T Tower Upgrade until more information is provided; support (Popovich). Motion Carried.

**10). CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Southcourt Houses- getting closer to completion.
- Park Expansion- cabins are in with electrical complete. Park Manager is working on finishing inside.
- Ballfields: fence is going up and storage building has electrical. Should be ready for ball games next week to be played on.
- TIFA Grants were awarded to 7 recipients totaling \$56,577
- Today is give local day; Bay-Arenac Community Foundation
- Arenac County Fund Golf Outing set for May 15 at Knollview Golf Course
- Memorial Day Parade set for Sunday, May 24 at 1 PM
- Happy Mother's Day!
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**11). COMMENTS**

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor: Glad to see all city projects moving forward! Noticed veteran banners started to be hung in town.

11.3 Councilmembers:

Popovich: Nothing

Warr: Dale & DPW doing a great job with the list of projects going on!

Heinrich: Glad to see all projects coming together!

**11). PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MOTION** (Heinrich) to approve March financial statements as submitted; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

**13). ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** (Heinrich) to adjourn meeting at 7:58 p.m.; support (Warr). Motion carried.

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Jon Sanford, Mayor

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LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk