

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 28, 2026**

Alderman David Plufka called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144. Virtual access was also available.

**ROLL CALL**

Alderman David Plufka – Present  
Alderman Sunny Sims – Present  
Alderman Jeff Gould – Present  
Alderman Sharon Harter – Present

A quorum was declared. Also present were Fire Chief Ed Beirne, Public Works Director Dan Gummershimer, Police Major Sullivan, Assistant Fire Chief Marcus Herman, City Administrator Bola Akande, and City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

**APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was approved by acclamation.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**None**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND ALDERMEN**

**Chairman Plufka – Ward 1**

No report.

**Alderman Sims – Ward 2**

No report.

**Alderman Gould – Ward 3**

Gratitude was expressed to staff for their efforts keeping the streets and trails clear during the recent winter storm.

**Alderman Harter – Ward 4**

It was reported that someone had been spotted taking pictures of condos in Brentwood Forest, when approached they say it is supposedly for occupancy. Staff was asked to investigate.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

City Manager Akande had no report.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### **Winter Storm Report – January 24-26, 2026**

Lead staff provided a report on the operational challenges and successes in responding to the recent winter storm. Departments reported PW crew driving a combined 1100 miles during the storm to clear 44 miles of snow. Fire staffed the UTV to aid ambulance service if needed and responded to 8 calls; no major incidents were reported. Police noted 48 incidents with minimal impact. Communications were also mainstream via the city's CodeRed, social media sites and its website.

### **Police Department**

Major Sullivan reported the following:

- **Crime Report** – updates were provided regarding a case at Mobile on the Run injuring 2 officers and an incident at YMCA with threats to patrons; suspects are currently being held on both cases. There was also a report of a cloned debit card being used at Nordstrom as well as online threats to local students. Both suspects have been arrested.
- **PD Kitchen Update** – kitchen renovations were reported as completed.
- **2026 Crime Statistics** – the 2025 crime comparison notes that the majority of local crime is retail theft and shows a 25% reduction from the previous year. Flock cameras were also reported to have assisted in the reduction of area crime. A dedicated traffic detail assigned for parks and traffic was also noted as resulting in a 25% increase in cited moving violations and warnings.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Beirne reported the following:

**Personnel Updates** – Vacancies created by recent resignations and promotions have been filled. Marcus Herman was appointed as Assistant Fire Chief, and Seth Carey was promoted to Lieutenant from the current eligibility list. These promotions were effective January 26th. There are currently 2 vacancies remaining.

**Hiring Updates** – We completed the initial written testing components on the 24th. There are 14 candidates who tested the original 16 applicants. Once the scores are returned from the testing vendor, we will begin notifications and scheduling of the medical practical scenario and oral interview. We anticipate completing this phase of the process by February 20th.

**Training Update** – B/C Hildebrandt and Lieutenant Chaves travelled to the Chicago area on the 23rd to the training tower vendor to inspect the modular building components. All processes remain on schedule as previously reported.

**Fire Engine Update** – The truck committee will travel to Appleton, WI. on February 8th for the final inspection prior to initial delivery of our 2026 Pierce fire engine. Once the truck is approved, Pierce will drive it to the local dealer, MacQueen, in Eureka for final radio and computer installation, detailing, and compartment configurations. We anticipate the new truck being placed in service by the first week of March.

**Monthly Performance Measures** – Due to a shift in fire reporting to FEMA, all incident reports are being modified by the U.S. Fire Administration. Their new system, National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) is now live for agencies in the State of Missouri. We transitioned to the new system on November 1 to ensure report continuity and data transfers were evaluated prior to the total national switchover on January 1. As of this report, all of our NERIS reports are still being held by our RMS vendor, ESO. This will temporarily delay our monthly performance measure report until all files are uploaded into the national database.

### **Public Works Department**

Director Gummersheimer reported the following:

**Manchester Road** – The electrician returned to work on repairs to the obsolete streetlight control cabinet located on the north side of Manchester Road, just east of Dorothy Avenue. The control cabinet replacement estimate was routed for staff approval. The cost for removal and replacement of the existing control cabinet is around \$10,500. The lead time to manufacture the control cabinet is about five months. After the control cabinet is replaced, the streetlight operations on Manchester Road west of Dorothy Avenue will be restored.

The four streetlights on the north side of Manchester Road near the former Circle K gas station will require new underground conduit and wiring to restore operations. The contractor is tentatively planning the conduit bore in February 2026. Staff coordinated with a contractor to replace the streetlight bulb on south side of Strassner Drive adjacent to the MetroLink and former Miriam Switching Post office. This streetlight is operational and no further action is needed.

**McKnight Road crosswalk pilot program** - Tapco provided an update on the delivery schedule for the required equipment as February 12, 2026. Staff will contact Tapco closer to this date to confirm and schedule the lift rental.

**Solar Streetlights** - The survey postcard regarding potential streetlight installations on Mari Kay Court and Douglas Court has not been distributed yet. If the survey results are supportive of streetlights on the dead-end portions of these streets, then staff will request cost estimates for the solar streetlights.

**Sidewalk Cutting** - Precision Concrete Cutting completed most of the concrete cutting on public sidewalks in Brentwood Forest along North Swan Circle, Swallow Drive, and Wrenwood Lane. Most of the sidewalk work was completed. The remaining work will be completed whenever the temperatures are above 32 degrees.

**No Turn on Red** - Staff identified some obsolete references in Table VII-A which is Right Turns on Red Prohibited. Per the municipal code, right turns on red are prohibited at the following:

- Eulalie Avenue, westbound onto Brentwood Boulevard.
- Hanley Road, southbound, onto Eager Road.
- Highway 40, eastbound off-ramp, onto Eager Road.
- Highway 40, eastbound off-ramp, onto Hanley Road.
- Litzsinger Road, eastbound, onto Hanley Road.
- White Avenue, eastbound, onto Brentwood Boulevard.

Staff will create legislation to remove the references to Hanley Road and Highway 40, which are obsolete references.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** - January 7, 2026

A motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderwoman Harter to approve the consent agenda. **ROLL CALL:** Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Plufka – aye; **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **E-Bikes/Mini Bikes/Motorized Scooters A/K/A Motorized Bicycles, Such As Vespas And Other 49cc Scooters Discussion**

With the growing popularity of electric mini bicycles, the police department and elected officials have begun to see an increase in the number of complaints regarding the operation of electric bicycles on public roadways. Many of the complaints have centered around juvenile drivers ignoring traffic laws and operating in an unsafe matter. Our current ordinance classified mini bicycles equipped with gas powered motors as motorcycles which require the driver to possess a driver's license however, classified electric powered bicycles as traditional pedal bicycles. This classification as a traditional bicycle did not allow officers to take any lawful action regarding the reckless driving of a driver under the age of 17. The City Attorney has reviewed and proposed languages making it unlawful for the parent of a child under the age of 17 to allow the operation of an electric bicycle in violation of the laws set forth in the ordinance to include traffic laws and the wearing of a helmet. Discussions resumed regarding regulations and additional requests for clarity.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderwoman Harter to recommend the proposed ebikes legislation to the full board of Aldermen for approval. **ROLL CALL:** Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Plufka – aye; **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Continue Participating In The Missouri Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Reimbursement Program For FY25 And Authorization Of The Updated Fee Schedule**

In 2019 the fire department participated in an initial contract with EMS Management and Consultants (EMS/MC) and Public Consulting Group (PCG) who completed all the necessary forms, collected and processed all our data, and most importantly, was responsible to represent us in a mandatory federal audit of the program. As a reminder, the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Uncompensated Cost Reimbursement Program is a voluntary program that allows for the reimbursement of uncompensated costs to eligible GEMT providers who provide qualifying emergency ambulance services to Department of Social Services and MO HealthNet participants. It is effective for services rendered to Missouri HealthNet participants by eligible GEMT providers on or after July 1, 2017. This program is only reimbursing costs directly related to Medicaid patients.

There is no out of pocket cost to the city, or residents if the Board chooses to continue to participate in this program. Missouri HealthNet Division (MHD) administers the program on behalf of the State of Missouri, and the federal government. Per state statute, the State of Missouri is entitled to recover a 20% collection fee from the funds reimbursed to us from the federal government. Public Consulting Group (PCG) will perform all necessary preparation, complete all paperwork, and provide representation for the City of Brentwood for a fee of 12% of the balance remaining after Missouri receives their 20% for fee for service (FFS) program calls. This is a reduction from 15% in the previous agreement. Additionally, the new agreement addresses Medicaid runs and includes a 9% fee for the GEMT Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) program. The 12% or 9% fee comes off the top prior to us receiving reimbursement from the federal government.

A motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to continue participating in the Missouri Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) reimbursement program for FY25 and authorize the updated fee schedules as noted in the amended agreement. **ROLL CALL:** Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Plufka – aye; **MOTION CARRIES.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23p.m.