Minutes of the City Board Meeting
July 22nd, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cool Valley was held on Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026, at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, 100 Signal Hill Drive. The following members of the Board of Aldermen were present:

Mayor Jermaine Matthew- Present
Board President Alvin Robinson- Present
Debra Carter –Present
Floyd Blackwell – Present
Ms. Earline Jones Collins–Present
City Attorney – Mr. Craig Smith

Approval of the Agenda

Alderman F. Blackwell moved to approve the agenda, which Alderman A. Robinson seconded. The board approved the agenda for the July 22, 2026, board meeting. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins –Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- Yes, Motion Carried.

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting

The motion to approve the June 24, 2026, and June 29, 2026, meeting minutes, made by Alderman F. Blackwell, was seconded by Alderwoman E. Jones Collins. The vote was as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins- Yes, Alderman F. Blackwell-Yes, D. Carter-Yes, Motion Carried.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT

Alderman F. Blackwell made the motion to approve receipts and disbursements, which Alderwoman D. Carter seconded. The vote was a roll call as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- Yes, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Workers' Compensation (MEM) renewal**
   Alderman F. Blackwell made the motion to approve the renewal of MEM, and the motion was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins - Yes, F. Blackwell - Yes, D. Carter - Yes, Motion Carried.
2. **Approval of Conditional Use Event Permit**
   Alderman F. Blackwell made a motion to tentatively approve the Conditional Use event permit, based on the owner's approval of the event space, to shorten the event days and hours, and to speak with the area's residents. The Onyx City Festival organizer will have to update the event permit with the Board of Aldermen before final approval. The motion was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins - Yes, F. Blackwell - Yes, D. Carter - No, Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of Emergency Trench repair and replacement**
   Alderman F. Blackwell made a motion to approve the repair and replacement of the emergency stormwater trench, subject to technical aspects, not to exceed $31,000.00, and the motion was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was roll-called as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins - Yes, F. Blackwell - Yes, D. Carter - Yes, Motion Carried.

4. **Public Hearing**

A public hearing (5:10 pm) was held to gather community engagement and comments regarding the city's application for the St. Louis County Park Grant. The Park grant was explained in terms of population; Cool Valley can apply for up to $300,000. The grant is reimbursement, and it also explains how the city earns points and how many points are needed. The city would like playground equipment with toddler swings, rock climbing, and outdoor exercise equipment; a rubberized surface; and lighting to the area for safety. The public hearing closed at 5:40 pm.

5. **WARRANTS**

1. **Approval of monthly bills for payments**

The motion for approval to pay the monthly city bills, made by Alderman F. Blackwell, was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was a roll call as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins -Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- No, Motion Carried.

6. **Adjournment**

Alderman F. Blackwell moved to adjourn the Board Meeting, and Alderwoman D. Carter seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Approved: Jermaine Matthew
Jermaine Matthew, Mayor

Attest: Dianna Drake
Dianna Drake, City Clerk