



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Council members present were Mayor Steven Dean, Kyle Merkle, Matt Steffen, Sarah Welte, Dawn Hanafin, Curt Dunafin, and Scott Tucker. Staff member present was Anita Corso.

The committee meeting was called to consider adopting an ordinance regulating mobile food vendors and consideration of amending the Property Maintenance Code to include shipping storage containers as acceptable Accessory Use structures including limitations.

There were no comments from the floor.

Mayor Dean opened discussion about mobile food vendors. Topics included:

- What should be checked? By whom?
- Most surrounding municipalities issue permits. Check for food safety, insurance, vehicle documents, location
- Fees? Annual vs daily. \$25 - \$100 for annual,
- Parked not open to street (safety concern)
- City listed as additional insured.

Suggestions – application form similar to what Farmer City uses (attached)

- Annual fee \$100, \$25 daily permit, waive for special community event
- Private event? – consider as catering
- Annual permit = Jan to Dec – calendar year

Discussion moved to amending maintenance code regarding storage containers

- Not in residential area
- Painted to blend in with surroundings on the property
- Storage only – no residence, apartment, work shed
- Commercial or Industrial zoning areas only
- Must be maintained – i.e. weeds, peeling paint, etc

Old/ New Business – none

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Anita Corso, RMC
City Clerk