Town of Fifty Six
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Town Council Meeting
October 13, 2026

Members present were Tim Hudspeth, Aaron Byrd, Rick VanEvera, Lisa VanEvera, and Richard Wible.
Visitors present were Delvin Freeman, Billy Mitchell, Becky Fergeson, Larry Treat, Michael Benson, Kim Hudspeth, Wade and Joy Able, Linda Baca, Manny and Laura Perez, Matt and Lisa Linn, Mike and Judy Balentine, Dove Wible, and Lora Curtis.
Prayer was said by Tim Hudspeth.
Pledge was said.
Meeting was called to order by presiding officer, Mayor Earnestine McDaniel.
Christina Byrd read the previous month's minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tim Hudspeth and 2nd by Rick VanEvera. ALL IN FAVOR.
Christina Byrd read the financial summary. A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Tim Hudspeth and 2nd by Aaron Byrd. ALL IN FAVOR.
Delvin Freeman reported the leak on the creek has been fixed. It finally came to the top of the ground. There is no need to replace the pipe.
Entergy has not fixed the street lights. Earnestine has reported the outages and was told a work order has been created.
Larry Treat was asked about the burn ban signs to be put on the city limit signs. He reported that both city signs need replaced.
Earnestine reported that she spoke with AML and they will not insure part of the school. It would have to be the entire building and would have to be after renovations.
Earnestine checked with White River Planning to see if there would be enough money to get bleachers at the new ball park since tree removal won't be necessary. She was informed that prices of everything have gone up and there is no extra money. Rick VanEvera and Richard Wible asked that the contract be made available for review. Lisa VanEvera asked for an itemized list of expenses for the ball park.
Tim Hudspeth asked if the town has received confirmation on the payoff of the loan for the new water line. There has been no written confirmation.
Tim Hudspeth spoke with Terry Ward and Terry let Tim know he will be tying Betty Ward's house back on with their well. Terry wanted to make sure the town was aware he will be putting up a well house. The Ward family owns the property where the well is.
Signs on Mitchell/Gaylor have been moved to original place after accidents almost occurred. Aaron Byrd stated that the law states the thru road should have the yield sign. Tim said the shrub needs cleaned up around the corner area where the two roads meet. Earnestine has ordered a stop sign for both sides.

Aiden Troyer came out to look at the old school building to discuss bids to renovate it. Aiden said the roof has been lifted off and set back down and some of the supporting block has been damaged. He would not be interested in doing the work since the building is not structurally sound. Lisa VanEvera would like a second opinion. Tim Hudspeth would like the building closed up before winter. He mentioned the possibility of Chris Trisdale cleaning up the building.

Christina Byrd stated that as of January 2027 the members of the 605 water committee will change, as well as the chairman. Anyone interested in joining should get with her.

Aaron Byrd mentioned the fire department is interested in buying 3 radios but the distributor has not reached back out with pricing. Aiden Troyer will be coming out to give a quote to do some work on the fire house.

Matt Linn was on the agenda. He addressed the previous Facebook conversations. He said he believes it's inappropriate. Matt stated the auxiliary has some residents blocked on Facebook and not everyone is able to see the events that are planned.

The Mayor will have the budget ready to present by the December meeting. Tim would like the council to be involved.

Lisa VanEvera asked if accidental life insurance has been renewed. Earnestine has to wait until after the election.

There will be a meeting about the county sales tax on the 15th of October at 6 at the court complex in town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa VanEvera and 2nd by Rick VanEvera. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor, Earnestine McDaniel

Recorder/Treasurer, Christina Byrd