

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Mayor Vince Whitehead called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the flag salute.

Mayor Vince Whitehead, Councilors Luan Evans and Jackie Moritz, and City Recorder Judy Davis were present.

Mayor Vince Whitehead welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the rules of order. He also announced that the meeting is being recorded and on Zoom. Mayor Vince Whitehead led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Minutes for the January 2026 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Councilor Jackie Moritz, seconded by Councilor Luan Evans, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Stopped and Signed

Appoint Council Member: Mayor Vince Whitehead reported that three applications were received for the open position on the council: Darlene Benedict, Nick Morris, and Tara Schoffstall. He stated that Nick Morris was not present and asked both Darlene Benedict and Tara Schoffstall to state why they were interested in serving on the council. Following their statements, Luan Evans nominated Darlene Benedict and Councilor Jackie Moritz seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Darlene Benedict was elected to the council by unanimous ballot. Mayor Vince Whitehead gave the Oath of Office to Darlene Benedict and she joined the meeting.

Budget Calendar: Budget Calendar and Committee Meeting -- April 21: City Recorder Judy Davis explained the development of the Budget Calendar for 2026-27 budget and stated that the Budget Committee meeting will be April 21 prior to the City Council meeting. She stated that residents are encouraged to attend this meeting, hear the budget presentation, and participate in reviewing the proposed budget. Motion was made by Jackie Moritz to accept the Budget Calendar as presented, Councilor Darlene Benedict seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously..

Tara Schoffstall shared information regarding the emergency response in Johnson City and stated she would be happy to be part of the city's CERT team should it be reinstated.

Michael Sugar introduced himself as a candidate for the Oregon Legislature and stated his background and reasons for running.

An audience member named, Susan, asked about placing a refrigerator for food exchange outside where residents could access it and was told that would be a Johnson Mobile Estates decision.

Motion was made by Jackie Moritz, seconded by Darlene Benedict, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis, City Recorder

Vince Whitehead, Mayor

Darlene Benedict, Councilor

Luan Evans, Councilor

Margaret Mc Crea, Councilor

Jackie Moritz, Councilor