Minutes

A public council meeting held at the Massey Drive Town Hall on Tuesday January 13th, 2026 with the following in attendance:

Mayor: Don Brown

Deputy Mayor: Roger Targett

Clerk/Manager: Elizabeth Chaulk
Assistant Town Clerk: Pennie Oke
Residents: the meeting was available on zoom

Councilors: Gary Warren (6:50PM)
Kerry Ryland
Tom Howe
Penny Piercey
Dianna Wiseman

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Howe/Wiseman

03-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey)

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings

Targett/Piercey

04-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the minutes of the public council meeting held in the town hall on December 16, 2025.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey)

Ryland/Piercey

05-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the minutes of a privileged council meeting held in the town hall on January 5, 2026.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey)

Mayor Brown presented the Labor and Safety Reports

Wiseman/Targett

06-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the Labor and Safety Reports, with 5912 days without a loss time accident, as presented.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey)

Council discussed a request from the Town of Mount Moriah for a meeting with council to discuss the water and sewer agreements that both towns are or will be negotiating with the City of Corner Brook. Deputy Mayor Targett said that he is taken back by the numbers that the town manager has presented with the water consumption and thinks the town needs to put the numbers out to the residents as he thinks people would be shocked. Councilor Ryland asked if the numbers are independently checked and the town manager said no City checks them. Councilor

Ryland said he had a problem with that. Councilor Piercey asked if the town manager had found a report form years ago on wet consumption and was told no. Councilor Wiseman asked if it would help to have a lawyer look at the contract and council said maybe. Libby said that Mr. Park that use to work with the City of Corner Brook and was probably part of the last agreement would be willing to meet with the town. Mayor Brown suggested that the town manager and Councilor Ryland should meet with Mr. Park. Mayor Brown said that the town has not even started their negotiations with the City yet and thinks it is too premature to meet and discuss anything with another town.

Council discussed the request for sewing classes to resume at the town hall on Wednesday Nights.

Piercey/Ryland

07-26 Be it resolved that the town will donate use of the town hall on Wednesday nights for a sewing class. **Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)**

Council reviewed the accounts payable report and the bills paid report

Piercey/Wiseman

08-26 Be it resolved that the clerk will pay the bills in the amount of $ 43,796.17 as presented and council will ratify the bills paid since the last meeting in the amount of $ 44,881.09 as identified

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

Mayor Brown presented the Payroll Report and the Financial Report

Council reviewed the Extended Agenda

Council asked that the fire department drop off a paper copy of their monthly report as the emailed one is too hard to read.

Piercey/ Howe

09-26 Be it resolved that council will ratify Motion # 01-26 from the January 5, 2026 privileged council meeting to apply to apply for MCW.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

Ryland/Piercey

10-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the revised tax structure for 2026 as follows:

Property & Water	
Residential Property Tax: Assessed Value equal to or less than $37,037.00 Assessed Value greater than $37,037.00	 Base amount $250.00 plus 0.00001% 6.75 mils (0.00675% of assessed value)
Commercial Property Tax: Assessed Value equal or less than $16,670.00 Assessed Value greater than $16,667.00	 Base amount of $250.00 plus 0.00001% 15 mils (% of assessed value)
Commercial Water & Sewer	$675.00
Commercial Water Only	$362.50
Residential Water & Sewer	$675.00
Residential Water Only	$362.50
Commercial B&B Water	$896.00
Utility Tax	2.5%

Business Tax	
Business Tax:	Base amount $250.00 plus 0.00001% 15 mils (0.015% of assessed value)

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

Council discussed the Young at Heart Dinner and Mayor Brown said he would get back to the clerk with what dates are good for him that works with Councilor Piercey's schedule.

Councilor Howe spoke to council about council chambers and suggested that with the work going to be done on the building it would be a great idea to update council chambers as well. Council discussed. Deputy Mayor Targett said he agreed and that he loved the new name plates. Libby said she could speak to the architect once one is in place and see about having it blend in with the design of the new addition. Mayor Brown said that he agreed that chambers could do with an update and once it is done council needs to consider not having any one but council meeting in chambers. Council asked that it be put on the extended agenda.
Councilor Howe then said that council should consider getting jackets like other communities have so that when council is out at training or events people would who you were representing. Deputy Mayor Targett said not sure on jackets but maybe polo shirts or something. Mayor Brown said even at Town functions people do not know who they are. He asked the clerk to add the item to the extended agenda.

Libby gave an update to council on the MNL Conference that her and Councilors Piercey and Wiseman attended in the fall. Mayor Brown thanked her for the report and said that he thinks it is very important that Libby attend all Major Conferences. Council agreed.

Council discussed the Seniors fitness and the boot camp fitness. Councilor Ryland said that if it is a recreational event then recreation should manage it and pay for it. Councilor Piercey said that if it is a recreational event, then yes recreation should manage it but events that individuals want to do should have to go through the town office. She said that the senior classes started with the town paying as a way to get the town's seniors out and active.

Piercey/Targett

12-26 Be it resolved that Council will pay for 2 Seniors Fitness classes per week at $50.00 per class on Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

Councilor Warren spoke to council about the Community Engagement Committee meeting he had attended. He told council that the committee had done up a list of pros and cons for holding POTH this year and the committee decided that POTH should go ahead this year with council approval. He said that one of the biggest pros would be holding the festival on July 11 this year as that would make it the first event of its kind this summer. Councilor Howe said the meeting was great to get everyone together and find out that everyone is I=on the same page. Councilor Piercey asked if recreation would be financing POTH and if so would the profits then be split between the groups. Council Warren said yes that was the idea. Councilor Wiseman said that even if council agrees, both the recreation committee and fire department also have to agree. Councilor Warren said right now all they committee was looking for was council's support. Councilor Ryland said that both him and his wife volunteered last year and if there is not more volunteers this year they would not participate. Councilor Howe said that all that was being asked was council's support.

Piercey/Wiseman

13-26 Be it resolved that council will support Party on The hill for 2026

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

Libby told council that she has spent the last three months reaching out to places looking for information and pricing on a new dock for Tippings Pond. She gave council an update on the response she got from Easy Dock. They can do a floating wharf, remove the existing dock and can also for a small fee get all and any permits required to do the work

Councilor Ryland left council chambers at 7:40PM

Council discussed the proposal. They were asked it the Town Manager could go back to the company and get a few more drawings and that any plan they came up with would come back to council for approval.

Libby told council that she was going to ask council to do an amendment to the Traffic Regulations but since they are regulations they would have to go to government for approval so over the next few months she will get Traffic Bylaws done for council's approval.

Councilor Ryland returned to chambers at 7:46PM

Libby informed council that she has amended the Travel Policy concerning the reimbursement to council to cover loss of pay or time from work for council business. Council discussed and said that they would like something to cover self employed council members and Libby said that she could have something added.

Piercey/Warren

14-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the amended Travel Policy as presented.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Targett, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

Council paused the meeting to take a picture of the current council.

Deputy Mayor Targett left council chambers at 7:52PM

Wiseman/Piercey

15-26 Be it resolved that council will accept the 2026 public meeting schedule as presented.

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

The next public meeting was set for January 27, 2026 at 6:30PM

Piercey/Howe

16-26 Be it resolved that the meeting will adjourn at 8:00Pm

Motion Carried Un(Brown, Ryland, Howe, Wiseman, Piercey, Warren)

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Mayor Assistant Town Clerk