

Minutes of January 8, 2026, Hingham Town Council Meeting

January 2026 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on January 8, 2026, at 7:30 pm. Present: Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, and Dan Horinek. The December minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dan seconded, and the motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: NA

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator-tabled until wastewater/lagoon project is complete. Refuse Board-tabled. Rules and regulations are ongoing. Revisiting the town ordinances are ongoing. All curb stops need to be located and remapped. UPDATE-Digital speed limit sign-Mayor Peterson spoke with Commissioner Strissel and there is a grant through the sheriff's office that will help to cover this, and they should be installed this year. It was also discussed where we will use the Effinger donation from Spencer's if grant covers the speed limit signs. Water loss will continue to be monitored.

NEW BUSINESS:

The yield and street signs that need replacing were discussed and right now no one has gotten a good count. Everyone will work on this so Sandi can order them. Sandi let the council know that if we order \$2000.00 shipping is free. The council decided to order one yield sticker and see if it works. Sandi informed the council that she is still working on signing up for the new fire reporting system. It will require her getting some info from the Fire chief. It is also clear on the form that the person filing out the report will be responsible for the accuracy of the report. Mayor Peterson discussed the complaints of dogs barking on 2nd street. He and a couple council members drove by and observed the dogs constantly barking at nothing. Mayor Peterson will attempt to talk to the owner. The property on 15 2nd Ave has a large past due balance and is up for auction in February. The law firm in charge of the property will add the water/sewer balance to the sale of the house. The town will be holding 2 townhall meetings for the upcoming lagoon project and the rate increase that will take place for the loan needed for the project. (the state will assist with the formula for the rate increase amount)

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: 6 discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Peterson discussed the tree that was removed from the park due to the winds bringing it down. He thanked the council for taking care of the removal. The council let him know that several larger pieces are behind the firehall as the community has expressed a wish to have some of it. Mayor Peterson also discussed that we will need to increase our payment to Hill County Sherriff's office for annual services, as the last agreement we are working off of is almost 30 years old.

Claims for #6408-6419 were read; Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, and motion carried. Next meeting is February 12th @ 7:30 pm. Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk