

April 13th, 2026 Minutes

The Greene City Council met in special session on Monday April 13th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Greene Community Center with Mayor Galen Lindell presiding. Council members present were Vicky Malfero, Audrey Smith, Brian Uhlenhopp, Rodney Fesenmeyer, and Al Zweck. Also present were Sara Wiegmann, Cory Wiegmann, Lucas Wedeking, Matt Graham, Fred Meyne, Kelly Zweck, Shirley Fesenmeyer, Marlene Landers, Jolene Stotler, Justin Litterer, Pat McRoberts, Sonja Hobson, Marty Koeningsfield, Marilyn Folkers, Pat Derdinzski, Nikki Miller, Leah Reser, Carrie Eiklenborg, Barb Brunisma, Jane Arnold, Bonnie Wirth, Theresa Frerichs, and Deputy Jeff Rauenbuehler.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Malfero to approve the agenda. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Fesenmeyer/seconded by Smith to approve the March 9th and April 6th, meeting minutes. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck to approve March 9th meeting minutes and abstain from the April 6th meeting minutes. All. Carried.

Lucas Wedeking for Greene Insurance Services informed the council that the insurance premium has increased by 4%. The property insurance increased but the workman's comp decreased this year.

Motion by Smith/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve the insurance renewal. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Matt Graham from Kinetic (Windstream) gave a presentation on fiber being installed throughout town for improving services. They will be installing fiber via resi-boring, where they bore 18-24 inches, which is less invasive as other boring options. The subcontractor who will be installing the fiber will be Telecommunications. There was a question as to what would make Kinetic better than the other 10 providers in town. They would be able to provide faster services than the 9 others due to the installation of fiber. It was asked if there were damages to sewer or water lines if they would be responsible for fixing them. Kinetic would be responsible for any damages caused while boring in the city right of way or on private property. It was then asked if residents that have Windstream already would be charged for having fiber ran to their house. Matt stated that they have a 500 feet free installation range for new fiber to be installed to households.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Malfero to approve Kinetic to install fiberoptics in the city right of ways subject to a right of way agreement that would be overseen by the city attorney. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Sonja Hobson from Trees Forever presented the Official Tree City USA Proclamation for Arbor Day. She then spoke to the council on how the city has had significant canopy loss due to the Emerald Ash Borer in the city's right of ways. She is asking for permission from the city to have

trees planted around town in the city right of way since they are running out of room to plant trees on city property. The council informed her that she would need to meet with either Cory or Brittney to go over her plans for approval. It was also stated that with the amended tree ordinance that there are restrictions and guidelines to follow.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve the mayor to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Nikki Miller from the Pool Board presented the council with updates on lifeguard interviews, past year projects and fundraisers. The pool board is proposing an increase to returning wages: 1st year - \$11.00, 2nd year- \$11.50, 3rd year - \$12.00, 4th year - \$12.40. Along with a pool manager increase from \$14.00 to \$15.00. They would also like to have approval to purchase umbrellas with stands and to hire Shane Leavens to epoxy the zero entry, all paid for with their fundraising account.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve the purchase of new umbrellas with stands and to hire Shane Leavens to epoxy the zero entry. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Smith/seconded by Malfero to approve of wage increase for lifeguards and manager. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Fesenmeyer to open a public hearing for budget fiscal year 2026-2027. Roll: Ayes - Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

With there being no written or oral comment Fesenmeyer motioned and Malfero seconded to close the public hearing. Roll: Ayes - Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2026-04 approving budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. Roll: Ayes - Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

At this time the mayor would like to reappoint Jeff Dralle and Dallas Foster to the Cemetery Board with council approval.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Malfero to approve the mayor to reappoint Jeff Dralle and Dallas Foster to the cemetery board. Roll: Ayes - Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Fesenmeyer/seconded by Uhlenhopp to approve budget items: Seal coating - \$40,200, asphalt - \$12,000, sewer main cleaning - \$11,900, park mower - \$4,000. Roll: Ayes - Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

At this time the mayor spoke to the council about some residents in town that he has spoken with and has given them 30 days to clean up their property. There are a few that have been receptive and have cleaned up their properties, a few that are still in the process, and a few that have done nothing. It was decided that 420 N 4th street, and 613 N 1st Street will receive a letter from the city. 206 N 3rd will receive a letter asking what the status of the property is.

At this time the clerk explained that there was a list of questions submitted about the 4th Street Water Main Project. The city engineer has provided answers:

Q. How will 4th Street residents get their mail? If it will be at the post office, will they need to pay for a box or it will be general delivery?

A. The contractor is to provide a temp location for mailboxes. We will confirm this at the precon meeting.

Q. How will garbage be picked up? When Jendro first started doing Greene, they told a resident that they could not get into the alley between 3rd and 4th in the 300 block and some residents don't have an alley.

A. There is a bid item for the contractor to maintain solid waste. This will also be confirmed in the precon meeting.

Q. Can residents have their water lines from the curb to house replaced during this project? If yes, can residents contract with Cole Excavating? Do residents have to use Cole Excavating for this?

A. Yes, you can, but the contractor needs to focus on the project and cannot be delayed for service lines. To be confirmed in the precon meeting.

Q. Is there a hopeful timeline on when this project will begin and when it will end?

A. Cole is planning on starting in May after school is out and to be finished by August. Everyone will be updated as we do the progress meetings. This could all change throughout the course of the project.

Q. What is the plan for notifying residents of when their water will be shut off on any given day for how long? Facebook is not acceptable.

A. They will contact each resident's home or leave a door knocker when approaching the area.

Q. What costs of this project will be assessed to residents?

A. We are not doing assessments as this is a funded project and is/will be nearly all grants or loan forgiveness.

Q. Are curbs and gutters all being replaced or will they only replace damaged curbs and gutters?

A. New curbs and gutters with the project along 4th and specific locations and adjacent streets.

Q. Has the City considered damage to trees in the parking area up and down the streets from this project?

A. No trees are planned to be damaged or removed at this time, unless there is interference.

Q. Will the street be ripped up from end to end for the duration of the project?

A. Staging has not been discussed yet, but there will be roadstone at the minimum once the work is completed, before pavement goes back down.

Q. On which end will they begin and will this block off all intersections? Are any side streets impacted and if yes, which ones?

A. They plan to start at the school from the original precon. That may change since they have the boy scout camp finished. More to come after precon meeting.

Q. Has the City considered parking and access for residents without alley access?

A. Yes, but there will be limited area, and residents will need to work with all parties to allow it to go as fast as possible.

Q. Will the school allow residents to park along the sides of the school, particularly the perpendicular parking on Ely?

A. If school is out, I am sure this would be allowed but will need to be confirmed with the school.

There will be a preconstruction meeting soon. As soon as we know more of the logistics of the project the city will inform the residents via Greene Recorder. Please feel free to share with your neighbors as some of them may not be subscribed to the Greene Recorder or Facebook.

Councilman Zweck informed the council that there is a Shell Rock River committee that meets about different concerns, grant funding, etc. He would like to be the City of Greene's liaison. The council agreed.

The Butler County Sherriff's Department would like to remind residents that there should be house numbers on every property!

Motion by Smith/seconded by Malfero to approve the claims. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Uhlenhopp to adjourn at 6:14 P.M. Roll: Ayes- Malfero, Smith, Uhlenhopp, Fesenmeyer. Absent- Zweck. Carried.

Signed: Galen Lindell, Mayor

Attest: Brittney Sanvig, City Clerk