

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES
SEPT. 14, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:08 p.m. by **President Chet Guild**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild**. Absent – **Colburn, Kanine, Moore**. Also present: **Cory Hamlin** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Griswold** moved to approve the agenda. Supported by **McParland**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 4-0 with 3 absent.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** Mrs. Whetstone comment on how please she is with the Hometown Hero program. Discussion took place and the remaining prior banners will be sorted for wear and tear. Anything in good condition will be raised again next year with the raising of new banners.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 - A. **DDA, DPW, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MANAGER CORY HAMLIN:** **Hamlin** asked for any questions or comments on his report. There were none. **Hamlin** reported that we finalized the purchase of a 2012 F450 Bucket Truck which operates flawlessly. It was immediately put in use and will be incredibly useful going forward. A representative of Lucky Budz is inquiring about the possibility of obtaining a retail license, and a grow and processing license. Updates will be provided as conversation continues.
 - B. **PRESIDENT: CHET GUILD:** **Guild** asked if the DPW was going to put any equipment in the Homecoming and Potato Festival parades. He stated it would be nice to see the participation from the Village. **Hamlin** will contact **Andy** with the information and to ask.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**
 - A. **TREASURER REPORT & COMMENTS: Drain:** Books for July are balanced. Tracy's computer crashed right before Labor Day. The computer is back and all is well but August books are not finished. **MAKS** still making payments and sent an email to the Village.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Griswold to pay the bills. Supported by Pierce. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED: 4-0 WITH 3 ABSENT.**
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Personnel Committee met.
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 10, 2026:** **McParland** moved to accept the August 10, 2026, minutes as printed. Supported by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 4-0 with 3 ABSENT.**
10. **OLD BUSINESS: None.**
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **LAND DIVISION APPLICATION – LEONARD JORDAN, GATEHOUSE CONDOMINIUMS:** **Leonard** and **Tina** are splitting their personal property and giving it to the condo association which will allow them to continue with the plan to build a garage. **Motion by McParland to accept the**

- land division application from Leonard and Tina Jordan. Supported by Pierce. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 4-0 WITH 3 ABSENT
- B. **ADD VILLAGE MANAGER CORY HAMLIN AS SIGNATORY TO REMAINING ACCOUNT (MERCANTILE BANK, MPECU):** (1) Motion by Pierce to remove Gloria Burr and Justin Lakamper from the Mercantile Bank and Montcalm Public Employee Credit Union accounts. Supported by McParland. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 4-0 with 3 ABSENT. (2) Motion by McParland to add Cory Hamlin to the Mercantile Bank and Montcalm Public Employee Credit Union accounts. Supported by Griswold. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 4-0 with 3 absent.
- C. **CONTRACTUAL SIX-MONTH PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF MANAGER CORY HAMLIN:** Guild reported that the Personnel Committee had met and discussed the performance of Hamlin. It is recommended by the committee to raise Hamlin's yearly wages from \$82,000 to \$86,000. **Motion by McParland to raise Hamlin's yearly wages from \$82,000 to \$86,000. Supported by Pierce. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Griswold, McParland, Pierce, Guild. MOTION PASSED 4-0 with 3 absent.**
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** **McParland** reminded the council they were meeting with the Christmas Light company on October 22 to choose the decorations and sites for the 2026 holiday season. **Drain** stated the newsletter looks nice this time.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** **McParland** moved to adjourn. **Seconded by Pierce. VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 4-0 with 3 absent.**
President Guild adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Village President

Village Clerk

Approved for Publication

NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2026