

City of New Baltimore  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2026

Mayor Thomas Semaan called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present: Russell, Dittrich, Duffy, Hayman, Harvey

Absent: Eason

Motion by Dittrich, second by Hayman to excuse Councilperson Eason.

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Voluntary opening prayer was offered by Coy Blankenship.

Motion by Duffy, second by Harvey to approve the council meeting minutes of January 12, 2026.

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Duffy to approve the building department monthly report.

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Dittrich to receive and file the budget and revenue reports.

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Harvey to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. BS&A Software \$4,452.00 – Annual Online Service Fee – All Departments
- B. Chesterfield Township \$129,124.00 – 911 Emergency Services – Police & Fire
- C. Construction Repairs, Inc. \$2,472.50 Indoor Air Quality Testing of City Hall & Fire Dept.
- D. Flock Group, Inc. \$30,000.00 – Annual Fee for Police & LDFA
- E. IMEG \$3,001.30 – SCADA Trending Storage Schooling and Programing, Wastewater Plant
- F. SEMCOG \$2,092.00 – Annual Membership Dues
- G. Silversmith Data \$2,400.00 – Annual Host Fee for Wastewater Plant
- H. TEAM EJP Smart Utility/EJ Prescott Inc. \$21,269.51 – Water Meter hosting services, Water Dept. & Sewer Departments
- I. TEAM EJP Smart Utility/EJ Prescott Inc. \$7,335.60 – Water Meters, Water Dept.
- J. Zenon Environmental Corp. \$58,979.72 – 2 train replacement, tariff fee, Water Dept.
- K. Schedule of Bills

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Harvey to receive and file the following communications and petitions:

- C-1 Treasurers report as of December 31, 2025
- C-2 DDA Minutes of November 29, 2025 (approved)
- C-3 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 18, 2026 (approved)

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to approve the agenda as presented.

All voting yes:                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Hayman schedule a work study meeting on March 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM to discuss all city costs associated with all special events (police, fire department, DPS and Parks & Recreation Departments costs)

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to approve the Mayor's appointments of

Alexis Blackmore, Arts & Culture Commission, 3-year term expiring 12-31-2028 and Mario Jimenez, Citizen Advisory Committee, 3-year term, expiring 12-31-2028.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1002 – Macomb County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Harvey to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 270 – Adoption of Ordinance to amend and revise the code of ordinances for the City of New Baltimore, Chapter 12, by adding Article XI, Kratom Retailers, and providing for repealer, severability and effective date, 20 days after publication.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Harvey, second by Dittrich to approve the request from Randy Blackburn, Chief of Police to approve the quote from Frost & Kretsch Plumbing, Inc. to install a reduced pressure backflow preventer assembly at the police department in the amount of \$2,646.00.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to approve the emergency repairs of the RAS & WAS valve actuator repair by Actuator Specialists in the amount of \$9,258.56 for the Wastewater Plant.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Duffy to approve the request from Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director for the Spring/Summer Brochure printing quote from Michigan Web Press in the amount of \$7,683.39 and additional costs of mail prep estimated at \$382.69, delivery fee of \$280.00 and postage of \$8,457.45, estimated cost of \$16,803.53.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Duffy to approve the request from Adam Abraham for approval of race timing services agreement with Eastside Racing for event registration and timing services not to exceed \$5,000.00.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

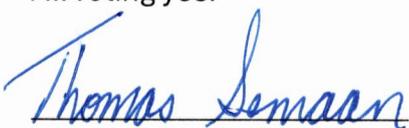
Motion by Dittrich, second by Hayman to schedule the Community Development Grant Block Public Hearing for Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

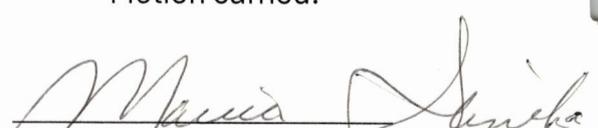
Motion by Duffy, second by Dittrich to going into closed session at 7:44 PM for Discussion regarding correspondence of interest to purchase City owned property MCL 15. 2168 (1) (d).  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:53 PM.

Council established holding a work study meeting on February 2, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Duffy to adjourn at 7:56 PM.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

  
Thomas Semaan, Mayor

  
Marcia Shinska, City Clerk