

City of Cuba- City Property Committee Minutes

May 26th 2026

5:20 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Alderman Falk, Alderman Scharping, Alderman Yocum

Additional Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor Cozart, Alderman Burgett, Alderwoman Clark, Ms. Woods

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM

Summary of Discussion

Tree Maintenance and Removal

The committee reviewed ongoing concerns regarding tree trimming and removal throughout the city. Several specific locations were discussed, including areas near 9th Street, Polk Street, and other residential locations.

Members discussed distinguishing between city-owned trees and privately owned trees to determine responsibility.

Liability concerns were raised regarding trees identified as hazardous; members noted that failure to act after identifying risks could expose the city to responsibility if damage occurs.

The committee discussed the possibility of cost-sharing arrangements with property owners where tree ownership is unclear.

The need for a formal bid process for tree removal services was emphasized, including updated specifications.

Community Center Rental Rates and Policies

The committee reviewed and clarified proposed updates to community center rental rates:

Monthly room rental: approximately \$150

Gym and kitchen rental: \$50 total fee, with \$30 refundable deposit upon satisfactory cleanup

Rental duration: 3-hour blocks, with additional time prorated

Proposed wedding rental fee discussed at \$250 per day.

Additional requirements for events involving alcohol include the provision of security personnel at approximately \$20 per hour.

Practice use by athletic teams limited to three days per week and two hours per session under the proposed rate structure.

Members discussed balancing affordability with increasing overall facility usage.

Community Center Maintenance Projects

The condition of the community center office floor was discussed; no action taken

The committee reviewed prior gutter replacement bids (including one approximately \$38,000).

It was determined that:

☐ Existing bids are outdated and no longer valid

☐ The project must be rebid before any work proceeds

Members discussed prioritizing sections of the building if full replacement is not immediately feasible

Grant Opportunities and Audit Status

The committee discussed potential grant opportunities for community center improvements.

It was noted that the city's audit is not yet complete, which may prevent eligibility for grant funding.

Members expressed concern about audit delays and the resulting impact on funding opportunities.

Homefield Energy Contract

The committee reviewed the proposed Homefield Energy aggregation contract.

It was reported that public attendance at informational meetings was minimal.

Based on the information provided, the committee concluded the program is expected to provide cost savings to residents.

It was noted that residents would retain the option to opt out if desired.

Motion and second to adopt the Homefield Energy contract for an 18 month term, Alderman Yocum/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Community Center Property and Tax Status

Discussion included the fact that the community center property is currently divided into multiple tax parcels.

The committee noted that portions of the property may still be taxed due to prior use.

Members discussed reviewing the property status to determine if tax exemptions can be applied appropriately.

Motion and second to adjourn city property meeting at 5:54 PM, Alderman Scharping/ Falk, All Aye's, Motion passed