

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Maud

December 15th, 2025

The Maud City Council met in regular session on December 15th, 2025.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jimmy Porterfield.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Porterfield.
3. The Roll Call was made by City Clerk David Zeller. Present for the meeting were Council Members Lee Davis, Bobby Shatto and Chad Votaw. City Attorney Mat Thomas was also present. The Mayor Declared a Quorum.
4. The Mayor welcomed the visitors.
5. Cindy Watson asked who was on the list to be considered for the open Ward 1 Council seat. After being informed that the only person on the list was Tara Kestler, she declined further comment.
6. Lee Davis moved to approve the consent agenda. Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Davis-aye, Votaw-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.
7. No items removed.
8. Police Chief Orrin Beckham reported that the department had taken multiple reports this month, including an unattended death, Officer bitten by dog, vehicle theft, found property, resisting arrest, obstruction, child abuse, threat to perform act of violence, and fleeing from a felony warrant. One search warrant was completed. The department assisted with delivery of 25 Thanksgiving baskets. Officers assisted with the City's Christmas Parade float and participated in the Christmas Parade. Two reserve officers have been relieved for failure to abide by department policies and attendance policies. Chief Beckham transported an emergency detention to Red Rock in Shawnee for Mental Health assistance. Chief Beckham made 2 arrests regarding stolen pipe at Hester Well. Assistant Chief Vinson provided mutual aid to Pottawatomie County when a staff member at COJAC was stabbed. Chief Beckham assisted Pottawatomie County with a disturbance at the Wanette Rodeo Grounds. The PD received a donation of cold weather gear from the Watson's. Chief Beckham is currently researching new body cams for the department.
9. Emergency Management Director Zeller reported that the Christmas Parade went well. We had 22 entries and a good turnout of spectators for the event.
10. Tara Kestler addressed the Council regarding her possible appointment as Ward 1 Councilmember. Mayor Porterfield and the other Council Members asked her several

questions. Lee Davis then moved to appoint Tara to fill the open Ward 1 Council seat. Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Davis-aye, Votaw-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

11. Mayor Porterfield administered the oath of office to Tara Kestler and she took her seat as Ward one Councilmember.

12. None

13. Chad Votaw moved to adjourn. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Votaw-aye, Davis-aye, Kestler-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM.



David W. Zeller, City Clerk/Treasurer



Jimmy Porterfield, Mayor