

City of Vance Council Meeting Agenda

April 6th, 2026

- 1. Call to Order- Mayor Morrison**
- 2. Prayer-Andy Lagrone**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Roll Call:**
- 5. Approval of Agenda:**
- 6. Motion to Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes:**
- 7. Approval of Minutes from March 16th, 2026:**
- 8. Pay Bills:**
- 9. Treasurer Report:**
- 10. Public Comment: Holly Cordell**
- 11. Mayor's Report:**
- 12. Attorney's Report (Scott Hickman): HDI Global/Rental Fee/Alcohol Ordinance**
- 13. Police Report (Chief Graham):**
- 14. Park and Recreation Report (Debbie Minor):**
- 15. Hostess Committee (Ginger Turner):**
 - Spring Fling April 11th, 2026**
 - July 3rd Event at 7:30 pm**
 - Glow Party October 10th, 2026**
 - Tree Lighting November 29th, 2026**
 - Breakfast With Santa December 5th, 2026**
 - Safety Meeting December 7th, 2026**
- 16. Beautification Report (Ginger Turner):**
- 17. Fire District, Etc. (Dianne Averett/Jeff Parker):**
- 18. Grant Information (Andy LaGrone):**
 - a. Update on Grants**
- 19. Council Concerns:**
- 20. New Business:**
 - a. Suspend Roberts Rules of Order-**
 - b. Amend Ordinance 120595 (Business License)-**
 - c. Amend Ordinance 082101 (Building Code)-**
 - d. Ordinance 04062026 (Alcohol)-**
 - e. Resolution 040626 (2025 MWPP Annual Wastewater Report)-**
- 21. Old Business:**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Matters of Commerce or Trade

22. Next meeting will be Monday, April 20th at 6 pm at the Vance City Hall.

23. Adjourn

04062026 Council Meeting Minutes

City of Vance Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2026

Call to Order was made by Mayor Brenda Morrison at 6:00pm at a regularly scheduled council meeting held at the Vance City Hall. Members present were Council Members Dianne Averett, Debbie Minor, Ginger Turner, Donna McDaniel and Andy LaGrone. Others present were City Attorney Scott Hickman, Chief of Police Tommy Graham, and City Clerk Tracy Burt.

All were led in a word of prayer by Council Member Andy LaGrone.

All were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Brenda Morrison.

Roll Call

All members were present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Ginger Turner to approve the meeting agenda. This motion was seconded by Council Member Donna McDaniel, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Debbie Minor to dispense with the reading of the minutes. This motion was seconded by Council Member Dianne Averett, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Ginger Turner to approve the Council Meeting minutes of March 16, 2026. This motion was seconded by Council Member Andy LaGrone, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Pay Bills

A motion was made by Council Member Donna McDaniel to pay the city's bills. This motion was seconded by Council Member Debbie Minor, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Brenda Morrison read the treasurer's report to all in attendance. A motion was made by Council Member Donna McDaniel to approve the treasurer's report and file it for audit. This motion was seconded by Council Member Dianne Averett, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment- Holly Cordell

Mrs. Holly Cordell spoke generally of her desires for the city to host a fitness class in the activity building. General discussion followed including past endeavors on this as well. Mrs. Cordell will put together a proposal for the park and recreation board to see what can be done.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Morrison read the mayor's report to all in attendance. (See attached).

Attorney's Report- Scott Hickman

1. HDI- Still waiting for the audit results from Neumo.
2. General discussion regarding rental tax, business license for rentals on these as well as the need for the city to have a short-term rental license.
3. General discussion on the Alcohol Ordinance that will be voted on.
4. The Mutual Aide agreement with the City of Tuscaloosa has been completed for the Vance Fire District.

Police Report- No Report

Park and Recreation Report

Council Member Debbie Minor stated the new batting cages are done and they look great. General discussion on grants and better possibilities for getting more funding, general discussion on grant wants include picnic tables, benches, fencing and a different form of mulching needed for the playground area along with the need for trees.

Hostess Committee- Ginger Turner

Council Member Ginger Turner stated this is the spring fling weekend and discussed needing volunteers and fun activities to come.

Beautification Report- Ginger Turner- No report.

Fire District Fire Department/ Miscellaneous

The Fire District Board President Jeff Parker discussed many topics for the Fire District including working on liens and the need for volunteers.

Grant Information

Council Member Andy LaGrone reviewed the grants he is working on after general discussion with others on future wants and needs for the city.

Council Concerns- None

New Business

- a. **Suspend Roberts Rules of Order-** A motion was made by Council Member Dianne Averett to suspend Roberts Rules of Order. This motion was seconded by Council Member Donna McDaniel, upon being put to a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Amend Ordinance 120595 (Business License)-** A motion was made by Council Member Ginger Turner to approve amending Business License Ordinance 120595 as presented. This motion was seconded by Council Member Debbie Minor, upon being put to a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Amend Ordinance 082101 (Building Code)-** A motion was made by Council Member Dianne Averett to approve amending Building Code Ordinance 082101 as presented. This motion was seconded by Council Member Ginger Turner, upon being put to a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Ordinance 04062026 (Alcohol)-** A motion was made by Council Member Debbie Minor to approve Ordinance 04062026 as presented pertaining to alcohol sale hours. This motion was seconded by Council Member Ginger Turner, upon being put to a roll call vote Council Member Dianne Averett stated no, the remaining voted yes, the motion passed by majority.
- e. **Resolution 04062026 (2025 MWPP Annual Wastewater Report)-** A motion was made by Council Member Donna McDaniel to approve Resolution 04062026 for the 2025 MWPP Annual Wastewater Report as presented. This motion was seconded by Council Member Dianne Averett, upon being put to a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Morrison explained that an executive session is being called for the purpose of Matters of Commerce or Trade:

A motion was made by Council Member Donna McDaniel to close the public meeting and enter an executive session for matters of commerce or trade at 7:29pm. This motion was seconded by Council Member Andy Lagrone, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Everyone was requested to leave the Council Chambers at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Ginger Turner to close the executive session and re-enter the regular meeting at 8:35pm. This motion was seconded by Council Member Donna McDaniel, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Re-entered regular meeting at 8:35pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday April 20, 2026, at 6:00pm at Vance City Hall.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Council Member Donna McDaniel to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:36pm. This motion was seconded by Council Member Andy LaGrone, upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:36 pm.



Mayor Brenda Morrison

ATTEST: 

City Clerk Tracy Burt

Mayor's Comments: 04-06-2026

Sewer Repairs-We are working with Alabama Power to get a 3 phase at the Narrows pump station. Both of our pumps burned up so we have to purchase 2 new pumps. Big Blue, our portable bypass, is throwing codes and has become inoperable. We had to rent a portable bypass until Big Blue gets fixed. I contacted Alabama Power and asked them to help us get the 3 phase hook up asap. Eric asked me to send out a letter to the residents of April Leigh, the Narrows and a few homes that are the Narrows pump station. He said they are finding a lot of things that don't belong in the pump station. Tracy and I prepared the letter, and she is mailing it to the residents.

Sidewalk Grant-Robert and Daniel met with ALDOT on Thursday, March 26th, 2026, for an inspection so we can close this grant out. There were several areas of concern that need to be addressed before we can close the grant out.

ATRIP II Project with Mercedes-3/4/26 I emailed Draper for an update on the project. I have not received an update yet. **(NO UPDATE)**

Tingle Tangle Road Repairs-Robert said the road looked better than it did, but ST. Bunn widened the road and there will be some asphalt crumbling. Today I received an email from a lady that lives on Tingle Tangle Road near April Leigh. She was complaining about the piles of asphalt on the sides of the road and some of it is in her yard. I reached out to Beau Yeager with the county again and asked him to have ST Bunn to clean up their mess because we can't pay our money for a job that is not satisfactory to us.

Camera System-Phillip has redone the cameras for city hall and the activity center. He is still working on getting the park cameras installed.

Mitigating Wetlands at the Park-Robert and I received the report. Chris, with TTL, said within the next few months there should be an update to the wetland regulations that, hopefully, will list our wetlands as non-

jurisdictional. Then we can move forward with development. . (NO UPDATE)

Here's the weekly update.

1. Hwy 11 Chevron – Nothing, appears to have been abandoned.
2. Triumph Church Sanctuary – Waiting on contractor to finish and call for a reinspect.
3. Batting Cage- Netting being installed.
4. Delta utilities – Contractor working on installing gypsum board on walls.
5. Citizens Water Booster Pump Station – Received plans for new Booster Pump Station.
6. Mercedes Access Road Parking Lot – Tanner Carr with TTL called about permitting electrical permit for access road parking lot.
7. Kenny Herring surveyor with Thompson Engineering called about getting a variance for the Johnny Garrison houses off Tingle-Tangle Road. Sent him to Robert.

Generator for Fire Department/Activity Center-Jeff is trying to find a way to put a generator (portable or installed) on the fire department side. He has asked for assistance from the city to purchase a generator. At this time the city is not budgeted for an additional \$50,000 to assist. Our main concern right now is the cost of the new activity center.

Activity Center Expansion-Robert emailed a revised activity drawing to me, and I emailed it to you all on 3/22/26 and 3/30/26. Do you have any suggestions? He asked permission to reach out to consultants to get a ballpark figure of what it will cost us to build. I told him to go ahead so we will know what we are getting into.

Sewer Rate Increases-2/9/26 I emailed Robert and asked for an update on this. He contacted me and asked for the 2025 audit in order to get the numbers. **(NO UPDATE)**

New Batting Cage-The new batting cage is complete. Thank you to Johnny, Eric and his maintenance staff for doing a great job! I received several pictures from dad's that have taken their sons up there to hit and they have gushed about how nice the cages are.

Ordinance 12051995 (Business License) -I emailed you all the updated business license fee schedule that Dianne, Scott and I worked to update. No one questioned it; therefore, we will vote on it tonight.

Engineering Companies for Back-Ups-Andy will give an update.

Rental Tax-Scott will address.

DG Market-Donna could you work on getting a contact for me for this matter?

Bama Rock Gardens Educational Center-I emailed Jerry Tingle on 3/30/2026 and asked him about the county giving the Bama Rock Gardens property to the City so we could develop it. Jerry contacted me and said he brought it up to the commissioners in a work session. They are agreeable to a deal but want our attorney and their attorney to discuss how to write up something to protect all parties. I am excited!!

HDI Global Insurance-AMIC responded back to us and said they could not assist with payment to this vendor. We are waiting on the audit from the business license contractor before moving forward with a solution.

Ordinance #08212001 (Building Code)-Barry updated the code and added some verbiage in #D to protect the city. We will vote on tonight.

Lights or Banners for Sidewalk-I put information in your boxes that Eric emailed me about the banners and wreath lights for our new lights on the sidewalks. What are your thoughts?

Ordinance #04062026(Alcohol Sales on Sunday) We discovered that Sprint Mart is selling alcohol on Sundays. After discussing this with Chief Graham we determined that originally the Dutch Oil personnel thought that Sprint Mart was in the City of Tuscaloosa and that's why they were selling alcoholic beverages. Sprint Mart has been selling since it opened in October 2023. In order for them to continue to sell on Sundays we will need to adopt Ordinance 04062026. The City of Tuscaloosa & Northport already have this ordinance in place. We will vote on this tonight.

2026 CMO Regional Training-I would like to sign up for the June 25th training at Jeff State Community College in Birmingham. For those of you that can attend I feel this is good information.

Resolution 04062026(MWPP-Annual Sewer Report)-This is a resolution that we have to do annually for our annual sewer report. We will vote on this in new business.

Triumph Church-I received an email and letter from the leaders of this new church. It is very nice and big. They want to rent it out for a venue for events. I put a copy of the letter in your trays for their information.

Treasurer's Report April 6, 2026

Court

Corrections	\$	51,467.06
Court General	\$	12,867.65

Development Funds

Capital Improvement Fund	\$	64,826.45
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Gas Tax

4 Cent Gas Tax	\$	33,601.01
7 Cent Gas Tax	\$	26,501.58
10 Cent Gas Tax	\$	118,684.24

Sewer

Sales Tax	\$	3,502,577.56
Sewer Impact	\$	72,458.97
GUSC	\$	450,355.42

Town Boards and Accounts

Park and Recreation	\$	38,000.24
General Funds	\$	1,358,805.49
Savings Account	\$	4,499,469.78

Total Funds	\$	10,229,615.45
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Mayor_____

Council_____

TOWN OF VANCE GENERAL FUND
General Ledger
For the Period From Mar 16, 2026 to Apr 5, 2026

Filter Criteria includes: 1) IDs: Multiple IDs; 2) Journal is Cash Disbursements Journal. Report order is by ID. Report is printed with shortened descriptions and with Hide Period Subtotals on Multi-Period Report and in Detail Format.

Account ID Account Description	Date	Reference	Jrnl	Trans Description	Debit Amt	Credit Amt
100 CASH GENERAL	3/17/26	23763	CDJ	TTL, INC.		5,800.00
	3/17/26	23764	CDJ	ARROW EXTERMI		562.00
	3/17/26	23765	CDJ	CONTINUING EDU		198.00
	3/18/26	23766	CDJ	PITNEY BOWES G		206.31
	3/18/26	23767	CDJ	SPIRE		640.39
	3/18/26	23768	CDJ	XEROX BUSINES		1,022.98
	3/23/26	23769	CDJ	HOME DEPOT CR		429.35
	3/26/26	23770	CDJ	JONATHAN LAWR		50.00
	3/26/26	23771	CDJ	TRACY BURT		50.00
	3/26/26	23772	CDJ	ANNA M. SWINDL		50.00
	3/26/26	23773	CDJ	SHELBY R.YANCE		50.00
	3/26/26	23774	CDJ	WILLIAM T. GRAH		50.00
	3/26/26	23775	CDJ	PATRICK FARRIS		50.00
	3/26/26	23776	CDJ	CHRISTOPHER D.		50.00
	3/26/26	23777	CDJ	JACOB FREE		50.00
	3/26/26	23778	CDJ	ELIJAH SELLERS		50.00
	3/26/26	23779	CDJ	BRENDA MORRIS		50.00
	3/26/26	23780	CDJ	BARRY FALLS		25.00
	3/26/26	23781	CDJ	JOHNNY AVERET		25.00
	4/1/26	23807	CDJ	FIRST FINANCIAL		90.00
	4/1/26	23808	CDJ	S.SCOTT HICKMA		1,420.00
	4/1/26	23809	CDJ	EAST TUSCALOO		65.00
	4/1/26	23810	CDJ	BUFFALO ROCK-T		892.82
	4/1/26	23811	CDJ	MOORE COAL CO		495.00
	4/1/26	23812	CDJ	VERIZON WIRELE		240.06
	4/1/26	23813	CDJ	SOUTH CENTRAL		260.42
	4/1/26	23814	CDJ	BLUE CROSS BLU		2,476.11
	4/1/26	23815	CDJ	CITIZENS WATER		603.21
	4/1/26	23816	CDJ	AT&T		107.00
	4/3/26	23817	CDJ	LIDDY'S OFFICE P		537.00
	4/3/26	23818	CDJ	TUSCALOOSA CO		1,005.00
				Change		17,600.65
105 SALES TAX ACCOUN	3/26/26	10391	CDJ	ERIC NEWELL		50.00
	3/26/26	10392	CDJ	RANDALL SEAGL		50.00
	3/26/26	10393	CDJ	ELIJAH SMITH		50.00
	4/1/26	10394	CDJ	ALABAMA POWE		884.42
				Change		1,034.42
110 MUNICIPAL COURT	3/24/26	3467	CDJ	ANNA M. SWINDL		34.08
	4/3/26	3468	CDJ	ANNA M. SWINDL		52.49
	4/3/26	3469	CDJ	TRACY BURT		59.16
	4/3/26	3470	CDJ	SHELBY R.YANCE		68.15
				Change		213.88

Pending expenditures April 6, 2026

General Funds:

Evergreen Church road	\$ 60,000.00
TAP Grant	\$ 150,000.00
Logan Farms street repairs	\$ 289,020.00

General Funds Total:	\$ 499,020.00
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Sales Tax:

Sales Tax Total:	\$ -
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Capital Improvement:

Capital Improvement Total:	\$ -
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Sewer impact:

Sewer impact total:	\$ -
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Park and Rec:

Park and Rec total:	\$ -
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Gas tax:

Tingle Tangle Road	\$ 42,100.00
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	\$42,100.00
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Gas tax total:

ORDINANCE NO. 04062026
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING HOURS OF
ALCOHOL SALES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Vance, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. Hours of closing.

(a) All lounges, clubs, restaurants, or places serving alcoholic beverages shall abate the sale of all wine, beer or liquor at 2:00 a.m. These businesses may commence the sale of such beverages at 10:00 a.m., except Sunday (except as provided in subsection (b) below).

(b) All properly licensed retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board serving the general public in the City of Vance for on-premises and off-premises consumption are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Section 2. Adoption of certain state control board regulations.

The rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, in effect as of May 15, 1972, and as may be adopted or amended thereafter, by such board, the violation of which constitutes a misdemeanor, are hereby adopted as laws of the City of Vance.

Section 3. Repeal of conflicting provisions.

Any ordinance heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Vance, Alabama, which is in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severance Clause.

If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section 5. Date ordinance to take effect.

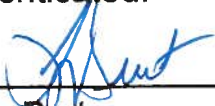
This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th Day of April, 2026.



Brenda Morrison
Mayor, City of Vance

Authenticated:



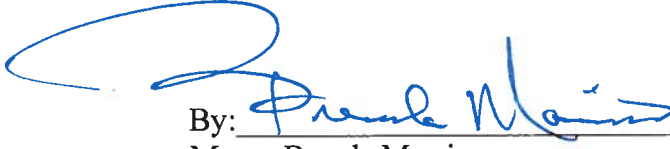
Tracy Burt
City of Vance

RESOLUTION 04062026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Vance, hereby informs the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that the following actions were taken by the City Council:

- Reviewed the 2025 MWPP Annual Report, which is attached to this Resolution.
- Set forth the following actions to maintain effluent limits of the NPDES Permit and to prevent bypasses and overflows of raw sewage within the collection system:
 - Continue training of operators.
 - Continue to monitor and repair any sources of I/I that can be done with local resources.
 - Monitor effluent to ensure all parameters are within Permit limits and adjust treatment as necessary to obtain compliance

This Resolution adopted this 6th day of April, 2026 by a roll call vote.

By: 

Mayor Brenda Morrison

Attest: 

City Clerk Tracy Burt

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 082101
AMENDED 05042020
AMENDED 04062026

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
2024 BUILDING CODE SERIES**

VANCE BUILDING CODES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

That certain documents are on file in the office of the City Clerk of The City of Vance being marked and designated as International Building Codes as published by the International Code council Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the Building Codes of the City of Vance in the state of Alabama: for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said building codes are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions and changes if any, prescribed in section 2 of this ordinance.

Codes Adopted by Reference

- A. International Building Code 2024 with Appendix B, C, D, G, H and J
- B. International Residential Code 2024 with Appendix BA, CD and Table N1102.1.3 Climate Zone 3, ceiling R-Value 30 and wood frame wall R-Value to 13
- C. International Plumbing Code 2024
- D. International Fuel Gas Code 2024
- E. International Mechanical Code 2024
- F. International Fire Code 2024
- G. National Electrical Code NFPA 70, 2023
- H. International Property Maintenance Code 2024
- I. International Existing Building Code 2024
- J. International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2024

SECTION 2. Plans or Specifications

The submission of plans or specifications for any building or other structure to the Chief of Inspection Services (Building Official) or the Inspection Services Department of the City Shall Not relieve the applicant from compliance with all terms and conditions of all applicable codes and regulations. Any such submission is not for the purpose of a detailed analysis for code compliance, although the Building Official may determine from such submission whether certain provisions of the technical codes are complied with, but rather for the purpose of ascertaining that such plans or specifications have in fact been prepared and that they have been prepared by the appropriate design professional where required. In no event shall the submission and /or review by the City of plans or specifications for any structure operate for or in lieu of proper design by a licensed design professional in full compliance with all applicable codes and regulations, nor shall such submission, review, or the issuance of a permit constitute a waiver of full compliance with all applicable codes and regulations, The City reserves full power and authority subsequent to the issuance of any permit or submission of any plans to require and mandate corrections in the construction activity

rectifications of code violations at any time. Provided, however nothing herein shall prevent the Building Official from exercising his authority to pass upon all questions arising out of the revision of this chapter, the building code and other codes and regulations relative to the manner of construction or material to be used in the erection or repair of any building.

SECTION 3. Violation Penalties

Violations of any provision of this code shall be a misdemeanor and carry a fine of \$75.00 each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 4.

That ordinance number 082101 of the City of Vance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATED TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES WITH THE CITY OF VANCE, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAID BUILDING PROVISIONS IN SAID CODES and all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5.

That the City Clerk of the City of Vance is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be posted as required.

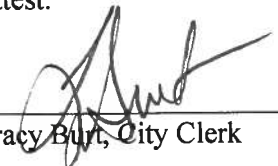
SECTION 6.

That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect after the final date of its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 6th DAY OF April, 2026.


Brenda Morrison, Mayor

Attest:


Tracy Burr, City Clerk