



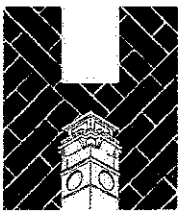
**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 2, 2026
6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. Roll Call**
- 2. Ceremonial Matters**
- 3. Public Participation**
 - A. Agenda Request - Danell Melhus**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Board of Aldermen Minutes — Regular Session — January 20, 2026**
 - B. Board of Aldermen Minutes — Work Session — January 20, 2026**
- 5. Agenda Items**
- 6. Aldermen and Committee Reports**
- 7. Report from the City Administrator**
- 8. Questions from the Media**
- 9. Adjourn from Regular Session**

Posted on City Hall Bulletin Board this 30th day of January, 2026.

Daniel Barnett, City Clerk

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Date of Request: Jan 13, 2026 Scheduled Meeting Date: Feb 2, 2026
~~Jan 20, 2026~~

Full Name of Speaker: Danell Melhus Organization: _____

Home Address: 2004 N. Lexington St. City Harrisonville State MO Zip 64701

Home Phone #: 972-639-8813 Work Phone #: _____ Cell#: _____

Email: dmelhus@yahoo.com

Specifics of Topic: Neighbor problems, courts not hearing, city animal control charging us without proof? Cat picture not our cat. They never checked they just wrote citation

(You may write on the back or add additional sheets of paper for "Topic" and "Outcome" sections.)

Desired Outcome: Animal control to check this Tarmar's claims of cats, She uses all officials including police to harass us - Proof by dates, Texts.

Take down her stringline & sign? See pictures

If applicable, has this item been previously presented to any of the following Boards for consideration?

_____ Board of Aldermen	_____ Date Presented	_____ Outcome
_____ Planning & Zoning	_____ Date Presented	_____ Outcome
_____ Park Board	_____ Date Presented	_____ Outcome
_____ Board of Adjustment	_____ Date Presented	_____ Outcome

***I have been made aware of the date and time of the next scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting.

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Signature: Danell Melhus

CITY OF HARRISONVILLE

Office Use Only:

Date request received:

To: Board of Aldermen

From: City staff

Date: January 28, 2026

Re: Agenda Request from Danell Melhus regarding a disagreement with a neighbor

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

Requested Actions: No action is requested. The purpose of this report is simply to provide context from interactions with City staff regarding Melhus and the neighbor in question.

Date of Application:

PROPOSAL

PREVIOUS ACTIONS

Mrs. Melhus has contacted a number of City departments, Aldermen and staff members regarding ongoing disagreements with one of her neighbors. Attached to this staff report is information from both the Harrisonville Police Department and Animal Control outlining their interactions with Melhus regarding the situations in question.

KEY ISSUES

STAFF COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

STAFF CONTACT: Daniel Barnett, City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS: HPD – 2004 N Lexington Street
HPD – 2004 N Lexington Street mediation email
Animal Control - 2004 N Lexington Street

People Involved

Danell Melhus – 2004 N Lexington St

Daniel Melhus – 2004 N Lexington St

Sherri Jarman – 2002 N Lexington St

Todd Jarman – 2002 N Lexington St

How It Began

Sometime in 2023, Sherri accused Danell of feeding her German Shephard hot dogs over the shared backyard fence line. Prior to this, both sides agreed there were no issues for a long time. They both stated there was a lot of arguing and tension long before the police were involved.

Main Complaints

Melhus' Complaints:

- Sherri's dog excessively barks and is aggressive at the fence line (ACO has been called about this)
- Sherri has cameras pointed towards their house (Lt Mikelson has seen the camera views, which do not violate any privacy laws)
- Lack of privacy (City approved them building a higher fence when asked, which they have since refused to build)
- "Ugly string" marking the property line next to the shared driveway (This does exist, but it is not illegal and surveyors have shown it is the property line)

Jarman's Complaints:

- Danell does various things to try and hurt / provoke her dog such as the use of dog whistles or pouring things at the fence line that may hurt them. (None of this has been proven)
- Melhus' don't respect the property line and crosses it (The Jarman's property extends about a foot on either side of the shared driveway. So, they both have access to use the driveway, but Sherri complains of Daniel trespassing when he mows the 1 foot of grass next to the driveway that connects to their backyard)
- Melhus' have fed her (Jarman's) dog unapproved food (Not proven)

Documented HPD Events

01-29-2024: HPD called to residence for property damage. Sherri accused Danell of intentionally striking her trash can with her vehicle causing damage. Danell denied it was intentional. No charges filed.

05-30-2024: HPD called to residence for report of argument where Danell reportedly pointed and shot an airsoft gun in Sherri's direction. Danell was issued 2 citations for simple assault. Both citations dismissed.

05-31-2024: Order of Protection issued against Danell Melhus.

06-14-2024: Daniel Melhus came to HPD to make complaint about Sherri "weaponizing" the PD against he and Danell. Daniel stated he would be erecting a fence on 06-17-2024 to block the Jarman's from being able to see into the backyard.

03-10-2025: Daniel Melhus arrested by HPD for trespassing, resisting arrest, and failure to comply after Jarman's called about him trespassing on their property. Taken to Belton Jail and later bonded out. Found guilty of trespassing in court. (CaseNet – 240594923)

04-05-2025: After speaking with both sides numerous times, Lt. Mikelson arranged for both sides to meet at HPD where we could attempt to mediate the disputes and come to an agreement. A meeting occurred but did not assist in solving the problems the neighbors have relayed. Lt. Mikelson wrote a summary of the meeting and provided it to both sides when requested. (See attached email)

08-14-2025: Sherri contacted HPD to say Daniel had driven his lawnmower into a No Trespassing sign. Civil matter.

08-21-2025: HPD called to residence for report of Danell poisoning the Jarman's dog. Danell had reportedly poured an unknown substance on the fence line that Sherri believed was poison. Danell took a video of Sherri aggressively confronting her about it. Sherri was issued citation for harassment. This citation has not yet been heard by the judge and therefore a final disposition has not yet been issued.

08-22-2025: Orders of Protection issued against Todd and Sherri Jarman (CaseNet - 25CA-PN00540)

08-25-2025: Order of Protection issued against Danell Melhus (CaseNet - 25CA-PN00553)

08-29-2025: Jarman's took Melhus' to small claims court over all the issues. On 11-21-2025, Judge Berko found for both sides and awarded no money to either. (All the documents are open to the public through CaseNet - 25CA-SC00066)

09-12-2025: Sherri came to HPD to report Daniel for perjury. Sherri claimed Daniel stated in court he was afraid to go near the shared fence due to her aggressive dog. Sherri showed video of Daniel cutting wood near the fence, claiming that was evidence of perjury because he did not appear afraid.

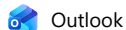
01-09-2026: Daniel Melhus charged by ACO for animal at large. Has not been settled in court yet. (CaseNet – 200734312)

Conclusion

Both sides have at times admitted they are being petty towards the other. They have both said HPD does not do enough to fix the problem, but the vast majority of complaints are civil, and not a police matter. When it has been a police matter, HPD has done what it is supposed to without bias towards one side or the other. Danell has spoken to multiple people within the Harrisonville city government to try and get someone to take their side in all of this. They have repeatedly been told they need to try and figure out how to be neighbors. The Melhus' have mentioned moving during our interactions, but that has not occurred and the fence they obtained a permit for has not been built. I feel myself and other HPD members have gone above and beyond what is expected to try and fix this dispute with no tangible results at all. The main group of officers who have dealt with them over the past few years have had multiple conversations about what else we could do and we have exhausted all options that are reasonable for a police department.

Lt. Mikelson #270

Harrisonville Police Department



Meeting 04-05-2025

From Timothy Mikelson <tmikelson@harrisonville.com>
Date Sat 4/5/2025 1:31 PM
To robinsonsherri@gmail.com <robinsonsherri@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

On 04-05-2025, at 0900 hours, I had a meeting with Sherri Jarman and Daniel Melhus at the Harrisonville Police Department. The goal of the meeting was to resolve the neighbor dispute the two have been in for the past few years. There have been numerous calls to the residences where police had to intervene and become involved. After I became aware of the complaints from both sides about a month ago, I suggested to all that we have a meeting where I would mediate and come to some sort of compromise where they could be civil neighbors again. When I spoke to each person separately, they both expressed the same desire: to figure out a way to coexist and be civil to each other. Due to both sides agreeing this was their wish, the meeting was set. Prior to the meeting, Sherri dropped her protection order against Daniel due to his stated willingness to want to move forward and compromise. I felt Sherri took a leap of faith in doing so.

It became apparent near the beginning of the meeting that Daniel was not wanting to compromise on anything. Daniel's attitude was angry and he raised his voice often. Daniel became so frustrated that he began pacing around the room. I continued to try and mediate this dispute. After hearing the complaints from both sides, I felt the best solution was for Daniel to build the fence he had previously wanted to build. It should be noted, prior to me ever being involved in the situation, Daniel had obtained permits and permission from the City of Harrisonville to erect an 8 foot privacy fence along the fence line he shares with the Jarman's. This would solve the Melhus' complaints of lack of privacy and their issues with the Jarman's dog. Sherri had also agreed the fence would solve those issues and agreed to move her security camera and the strung up property string if a fence was built. Sherri's only concern was that a mirror be placed on the end of the fence for safety due to their individual driveways meeting at one point. Without the mirror, either person would not be able to see if someone was coming down the other driveway prior to where they meet.

I felt both sides agreed the fence would make things better and they would both get what they needed to resolve the dispute. Sherri and Daniel also agreed initially the fence would solve a lot of issues. When I asked Daniel if he would build the fence, he then stated he wasn't sure anymore and alleged I was forcing him into building an expensive fence. I reminded Daniel the fence was his idea in the first place and I never proposed the idea until after he told me he already had plans to build it. When Daniel didn't like the mirror idea, I suggested making that part of the fence shorter so both sides could see if someone was coming. This would solve the safety issue in the driveway without sacrificing his need for privacy on the shared fence line. Daniel then stated he didn't know what he was going to do and was done talking about it. I reminded Daniel that Sherri only dropped the protection order because he said he would participate in the mediation process and come to a solution. Sherri told Daniel she planned to get another protection order if he was not willing to compromise and make concessions. Daniel made no agreements or concessions and left the police department after stating he was done talking.

From this meeting alone, it seems that both sides are having difficulty forgetting the issues from the past. They both accused the other of repeatedly lying about prior events. However, Sherri was far more willing to make concessions and agree to changes that she really didn't want for the sake of peace. I advised Sherri the meeting was about as much as I could do to try and make peace between her and Daniel. Sherri expressed she had fear of Daniel and what he could potentially do because of his perceived lack of control over his emotions and his prior interactions with law enforcement. I suggested Sherri apply for a new protection order if she was still in fear.



Sergeant Tim Mikelson
Harrisonville Police Department
Patrol Division / Badge #270
Work Phone #816-380-8972

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From the desk of the Harrisonville Animal Control Supervisor

In July of 2025, Animal Control staff were dispatched to a possible animal poisoning. Staff were called by their neighbors accusing them of poisoning their dogs. Staff responded and found no evidence of poisoning.

Staff were called out due to Melhus' neighbor's dogs barking. Staff watched video recordings and deemed that the dogs were barking at people walking up to the fence and not during night hours. This was not a violation of excessive barking.

At least once every two months since June of 2025 Melhus has come to the shelter with videos trying to show that the dogs are barking unprovoked, but each video shows her or her husband walking out toward the fence.

Staff have been called numerous times about the Melhus' cat going into the neighbor's yard. Staff have tried working with Melhus to find ways to help keep her cat from going into the neighbor's yard. After multiple warnings we issued a citation for a Cat at Large on 1/8/26.



**MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
CITY HALL
JANUARY 20, 2026
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by Mayor Mike Zaring.

2. Present

A. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Mills	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Sandy Franklin	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Larry Pfautsch	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Matt Turner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Dave Doerhoff	Harrisonville	Board Member	Excused	
Marcia Milner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Excused	
Gary Davidson	Harrisonville	Board Member	Excused	
Kile Chaney	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Mike Zaring	Harrisonville	Mayor	Present	

Others present: City Administrator Brad Ratliff, Assistant City Administrator Jeremy Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Grant Purkey, Public Works Director Matt Carver, Community Development Director Christina Stanton, Economic Development Director Jim Clarke, Fire Chief Rusty Sullivan, Police Chief Darla Harris, Executive Secretary to the City Administrator Theresa West, Meredith Hauck of Everstrive Solutions, Sabin Yanez of Cook Flatt & Strobel Engineers and City Clerk Daniel Barnett – recording.

3. Discussion Items

A. Downtown Traffic and Parking Study Update

Community Development Director Stanton introduced Meredith Hauck of Everstrive Solutions and Sabin Yanez of Cook Flatt & Strobel Engineers.

Yanez provided the Board with an update on the Downtown Traffic & Parking Study, speaking about their community focus groups and discussing next steps for the study.

Yanez said the final report will be ready in about one month.

Hauck spoke about the findings from the public engagement components of the study.

Hauck reviewed the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) for the downtown corridor and the Harrisonville Square.

Hauck highlighted three main issues from the community survey done about traffic on the Harrisonville Square, including Driving circulation, Parking access and pedestrian safety.

Yanez spoke about the existing parking supply and the availability of off-street parking.

Yanez said that the study's findings show that, despite perceptions of a "parking shortage", there is no true district-wide deficit.

Yanez spoke about a number of opportunities for improvement, including restriping or reconfiguring existing parking lots, implementing an extensive "wayfinding" signage program, expanding ADA-compliant spaces and sidewalks, improving lighting and landscaping along pedestrian facilities, establishing shared parking agreements with private businesses and completing a feasibility study for a future parking structure.

Yanez spoke about the inventory and analysis of existing sidewalks.

Yanez recommended the development of a comprehensive sidewalk program, with ADA-compliant walkways, standard crosswalks, connecting improved sidewalks to parking and extending said program beyond the downtown square.

Yanez spoke about the traffic impact analysis conducted during the study.

Yanez spoke about potential future uses within the downtown corridor and how they can impact traffic throughout the area.

Yanez recommended intersection improvements at Independence and Mechanic Streets and at Mechanic Street and Lake Avenue.

Yanez spoke about the next steps of the study, including a final round of focus groups, presenting the findings of the study, gathering additional economic development data, developing a project prioritization matrix related to proposals in the study and developing a draft final PSP report.

A motion was made by Alderman Turner to adjourn from the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chaney. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mike Zaring, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairmen of the Board of Alderman

ATTEST:

Daniel Barnett, City Clerk



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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Mike Zaring.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Mills	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Sandy Franklin	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Larry Pfautsch	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Matt Turner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Dave Doerhoff	Harrisonville	Board Member	Excused	
Marcia Milner	Harrisonville	Board Member	Excused	
Gary Davidson	Harrisonville	Board Member	Excused	
Kile Chaney	Harrisonville	Board Member	Present	
Mike Zaring	Harrisonville	Mayor	Present	

Others present: City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Alex Felzien (remote), Assistant City Administrator Jeremy Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Grant Purkey, Public Works Director Matt Carver, Community Development Director Christina Stanton, Economic Development Director Jim Clarke, Fire Chief Rusty Sullivan, Police Chief Darla Harris, Executive Secretary to the City Administrator Theresa West and City Clerk Daniel Barnett – recording.

2. Ceremonial Matters

None.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Board of Aldermen Minutes — Regular Session — December 15, 2025

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Alderman Kiley Chaney
SECONDER: Sandy Franklin
AYES: Bill Mills, Larry Pfautsch, Kiley Chaney, Matt Turner, Sandy Franklin
EXCUSED: Gary Davidson, Dave Doerhoff, Marcia Milner

B. Board of Aldermen Minutes — Work Session — December 15, 2025

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Alderman Sandy Franklin
SECONDER: Larry Pfautsch
AYES: Bill Mills, Larry Pfautsch, Kiley Chaney, Matt Turner, Sandy Franklin
EXCUSED: Gary Davidson, Dave Doerhoff, Marcia Milner

C. Board of Aldermen Minutes — Closed Session — December 15, 2025

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Alderman Kiley Chaney
SECONDER: Matt Turner
AYES: Bill Mills, Larry Pfautsch, Kiley Chaney, Matt Turner, Sandy Franklin
EXCUSED: Gary Davidson, Dave Doerhoff, Marcia Milner

5. Agenda Items

A. Council Bill 01: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE APPROVING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE YEAR 2026.

City Administrator Ratliff spoke to the Board about the proposed 2026 Legislative Agenda, outlining the items the City will voice support or opposition for to area representatives.

Upon passage, Mayor Zaring designated the resolution to be Resolution number 2025-01.

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Alderman Larry Pfautsch
SECONDER: Kiley Chaney
AYES: Bill Mills, Larry Pfautsch, Kiley Chaney, Matt Turner, Sandy Franklin
EXCUSED: Gary Davidson, Dave Doerhoff, Marcia Milner

B. Council Bill 02: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHEYANNE BAILEY TO THE PARK BOARD.

Mayor Zaring said he would like to appoint Mrs. Cheyanne Bailey as a member of the Park Board.

Upon passage, Mayor Zaring designated the resolution to be Resolution number 2025-02.

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Alderman Kiley Chaney
SECONDER: Sandy Franklin
AYES: Bill Mills, Larry Pfautsch, Kiley Chaney, Matt Turner, Sandy Franklin
EXCUSED: Gary Davidson, Dave Doerhoff, Marcia Milner

C. Council Bill 03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff report presented by Assistant City Administrator Smith.

Smith spoke about the need to reallocate unspent funds from 2025 projects that are being rolled over into 2026.

Smith also spoke about the intake of grant funds for the Police Department through the Missouri Blue Shield Program.

Upon passage, Mayor Zaring designated the ordinance to be Ordinance number 3760.

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Alderman Bill Mills
SECONDER: Matt Turner
AYES: Bill Mills, Larry Pfautsch, Kiley Chaney, Matt Turner, Sandy Franklin
EXCUSED: Gary Davidson, Dave Doerhoff, Marcia Milner

6. Aldermen and Committee Reports

Alderman Mills spoke highly of the response time from the Electric Department during a recent outage.

Alderwoman Franklin provided an update from the recent Park Board meeting. Franklin shared year-end numbers for the Parks Department from 2025 and spoke highly of their hard work throughout each year.

7. Report from the City Administrator

City Administrator Ratliff reminded the Board of Aldermen about a series of upcoming City and community events.

Ratliff announced that the 2023 Lawrence Smith Memorial Airport 17/35 Runway project has been awarded the National Silver award from the American Concrete Paving Association for 2026.

Ratliff informed the Board that City staff, project engineers and surveyors are still working with the property owners for the Royal Street Extension project to reach a closing date on the land donation.

Ratliff said City staff and the contractor for the James Street to Blueberry Drive Storm Water Drainage Improvements project will complete a final walkthrough of the project on January 26.

Ratliff said the Ash Street Bridge over Towne Creek project will be completed in the early summer of 2026, as the contractor will have to wait 120 days for the piers to cure and the dirt around the piers to compact for about 120 days.

Ratliff said the contractor for the 2025 Concrete Curb and Gutter project has completed 968 linear feet on the north side of N Commercial Street and 919 linear feet on the south side of N Commercial St, from Plaza Drive to Locust Street; for a total of 1,887 linear feet.

Ratliff said City staff and engineering firm Lochner, are moving forward with the tabled Airport Taxi Lane South Hangar Runway project from 2020, as recommended by the Missouri Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration. Ratliff said the project takes advantage of unused Infrastructure Bill funds and provides the City with 95-percent grant funds, with a 5-percent City match.

Ratliff said City staff and Great Rivers Engineers have proposed to host a joint meeting with property owners to discuss the appraised values and project budget for the South Commercial Street Extension project.

Ratliff announced that the MidAmerica Regional Council have declared Lexington Street, from E 239th Street to Ash Street, and E Pearl Street, from N Independence Street to S Price Avenue, as minor collector streets, which would make them eligible for federal funding sources.

Ratliff congratulated Officer Scott Ramsey on his retirement from the Police Department.

Ratliff announced that Phase 2 of the ongoing Historical Survey is close to 50-percent complete. Ratliff also said the grant agreement for the 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Phase 3 was fully executed in December of 2025.

A. December 2025 Municipal Court Report

8. Questions from the Media

None.

9. Adjourn from Regular Session

A motion was made by Alderwoman Franklin to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pfautsch. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Mike Zaring, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairmen of the Board of Alderman

ATTEST:

Daniel Barnett, City Clerk