

## City of Keystone Heights City Council

### Keystone Heights City Council Special Meeting Dec 16 6:30 pm

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***"Please turn off cell phones"***

**Call to Order:** Mayor Nina Rodenroth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Ryan Knight, present  
Councilman Dan Lewandowski, present  
Mayor Nina Rodenroth, present  
Vice Mayor Dave Welch, present

City Manager James Booth, present

City Attorney Rich Komando, present

**Date: Dec 16 2025 (630 pm)**

**Public Comment**

1. Invocation-James Booth-Interim City Manager

James Booth, City Manager, led the meeting in the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance-Vice Mayor Welch

Dave Welch, Vice Mayor, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

🔗 [Christine Arnold Public Comments.pdf](#)

**Ms. Christine Arnold**  
**505 SE Palmetto Ave.**  
**Keystone Heights, FL 32656**

Ms. Christine Arnold spoke regarding her disappointment with the process used to publicly notice and appoint a new city council member.

Ms. Arnold's written comments are in the link above.

**Action Items**

4. Matching State Office Holiday Closures (26 December 2025 and 02 January 2026)

The City Council discussed following Governor DeSantis's closure of government offices on December 26, 2025, and January 2, 2026.

**Councilman Dan Lewandowski made a motion to approve the closure of City Hall on Dec. 26 and Jan 2. Councilman Dave Welch made the second.**

**Vote 4-0. All in favor. Motion approved.**

The rest of the future holiday closures will be discussed at the Jan 5th, 2026, council meeting, after the City Manager seeks input from the city staff.

#### 5. City Council Seats 4 and 5

Councilman Lewandowski discussed the upcoming process for Seat 4 and Seat 5 elections.

Seats 4 and 5 will be up for election in April 2026.

Seat 5 will have the position for one year, requiring the incumbent to run in the April 2027 election. Both seats will need to turn in election paperwork to the Supervisor of Elections in late January 2026.

The City Council discussed the process used to appoint Mr. Brandon Ludwig to seat #5.

#### 6. Formal Swearing in of Brandon Ludwig, City Councilman

Mayor Nina Rodenroth presided over Mr. Brandon Ludwig's taking the oath of office.

#### 7. Adjournment, Mayor Nina Rodenroth

Councilman Ryan Knight thanked the City Manager for coordinating a live webcam feed of Keystone Beach on the internet.

Councilman Brandon Ludwig thanked city staff and volunteer organizations for the excellent events of the previous weekend (5K run, Christmas Market, Christmas Parade).

Mayor Nina Rodenroth adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:**