

City of Shawneetown Speaking Rules
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City COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Shawneetown believes our citizens have every right to participate in Regular City Council meetings, and we encourage citizens to do so. Regular City Council meeting agendas have time set aside for public comments before the business on agenda is brought forth. Each member speaking at the meeting will be allowed up to 5 minutes to make their comments with a total of no more than 30 minutes allowed among all members. No person may donate their time to another person. These restrictions are only to ensure the council is able to get to city business in a timely manner. Council members may allow more time as needed on immediate actions with questions and comments from its members to fully understand the citizen's issue.

Decorum

No member of the public shall be permitted to conduct any verbal personal attack on the mayor, any individual member of the council, city staff, or member of any city board or commission. Any such personal attack, or attempted personal attack, may be challenged with a point of order or the mayor may interrupt an offending speaker to enforce this rule. The mayor may prevent any citizen from addressing the Council who makes comments or provides documents during the public comments portion of the Council meeting that is defamatory, whether slander or libel, rise to the level of disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, or are considered a breach of the peace.