



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2026

7:00 PM 1 GOVERNMENT CTR. BALLWIN, MO 63011

THE MINUTES ARE PREPARED IN SUMMARY TO REFLECT THE OVERALL DISCUSSIONS, NOT VERBATIM QUOTES.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stallmann at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mayor Mark R. Stallmann
Alderman Michael Finley

Alderman Pamela Haug

Alderman Frank Fleming

Alderman David Siegel

Alderman Jim Lehmkuhl

City Administrator Eric Sterman

City Attorney Kyle Cronin

Absent

Alderman Janet Rodriguez Judd

Alderman Tequila Gray

Alderman Mark Weaver

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes from the April 13, 2026 Board of Aldermen meeting were submitted for approval.

A motion to approve as submitted was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.



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PRESENTATIONS

Outgoing Ward 2 Alderman Pamela Haug was recognized for her service to the City of Ballwin.

Ward 2 Alderman Lori A. Kelling was sworn in.

Ward 1 Alderman Michael Finely was sworn in.

Ward 3 Alderman Frank Fleming was sworn in.

Ward 4 Alderman David Siegel was sworn in.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mayor Mark R. Stallmann

Alderman Michael Finley

Alderman Lori A. Kelling

Alderman Frank Fleming

Alderman David Siegel

Alderman Jim Lehmkuhl

City Administrator Eric Sterman

City Attorney Kyle Cronin

Absent

Alderman Janet Rodriguez Judd

Alderman Tequila Gray

Alderman Mark Weaver

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

LEGISLATION

Bill 5056- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-125 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley for a first reading of Bill 5056, title only. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

Alderman Fleming read Bill 5056, title only.



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Discussion:

Mayor Mark Stallmann noted the City has had four committees for years. He also noted the Citizens Parks & Recreation Committee was created two years ago. He noted the City does not need two Parks committees. He noted the City is strongly dedicated to economic development, so this bill would sunset the Parks & Recreation Board Committee and create the Economic Development & Communications Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley for a second reading of Bill 5056, title only. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed. Alderman Fleming read Bill 5056, title only.

A roll call vote was taken for passage and approval of Bill 5056 with the following results:

Aye: Aldermen Finley, Kelling, Fleming, Siegel, Lehmkuhl

Nay: None

Bill No. 5056 was approved and became Ordinance No. 26-13.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mark Stallmann made a recommendation to appoint Judge Frisella as the Provisional Judge. Alderman Michael Finley noted he was impressed with his resume. Alderman Michael Finley made a motion to approve the appointment, with Alderman Frank Fleming seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

Mayor Stallmann made a recommendation to nominate Alderman Frank Fleming as Board President. Alderman Michael Finley made the motion, with Alderman David Siegel seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

Mayor Stallmann made a recommendation to move to the summer schedule, canceling the second meetings in May, June, July and August.

Alderman Lori Kelling made a motion to accept the recommendation, with Alderman David Siegel seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Eric Sterman congratulated the Public Works Department on receiving Spire's Silver Shovel Award for the 7th year in a row, an acknowledgement of their hard work and efforts to maintain safety standards. He also noted the City of Ballwin has received the award every year since its creation. He also noted the City has hired a new Marketing & Communications Coordinator in the Parks & Recreation Department, Erica Lindsay.



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City Administrator Sterman also noted longtime IT Manager Paula Reeds will be retiring on June 1st. He noted the City will be putting out info to the Board about a retirement event for her.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Department – Drone Bid Award

Staff recommends the Board of Aldermen approve the purchase of the Axon/ Skydio X10 drone. The Ballwin Police Department currently utilizes Axon for its TASER devices and body-worn camera systems, and continuing with the same vendor allows for better integration, streamlined training, simplified procurement, and more efficient long-term support and maintenance.

Police Chief John Bergfeld and PIO Shannon Jones spoke to the Board to request permission to buy a new drone for the Police Department. The current drone does not have thermal imaging ability which can hinder the department at night. He also noted pending Federal legislation would prohibit public safety agencies from operating foreign made drones, which limited the number of bidders. He noted this purchase would be split into five years of payments.

Alderman David Siegel asked about the warranty period.

PIO Jones noted there is an extended warranty option but she would look into the terms.

Alderman Lori Kelling asked about batteries.

PIO Jones noted there are four batteries included with up to 40 minutes of flight time each.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to accept staff’s recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

Public Works – Slab Bid Award

Staff recommends awarding this unit price contract to the only bidder, M&H Concrete Pavement, not to exceed \$2,028,193.00. As we have done in the past we will adjust the number of slabs replaced to utilize the budgeted amount.

Discussion:

Public Works Director Jim Link noted there was only one bidder this year for the slab contract. He noted there was a second bidder that submitted a bid late. He noted he decided to stick with Meramec stone after some discussion. He noted in speaking with other cities, the limestone would need to be thicker concrete so it would be more expensive.

Mayor Mark Stallmann asked if the bid is higher what that meant for the City.

Public Works Director Link noted it would mean fewer slabs done across the City.



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Mayor Stallmann noted all the streets on the list will have some slabs done, but maybe not as extensively as previously budgeted.

Alderman David Siegel noted that Public Works Director Link does a great job. He noted he wants to get a group of people to come in and talk about concrete, slabs and thickness sometime at the end of summer to the Board. He noted he believes there is room for improvement, wondered why the bid was so much and why it was put out late.

Public Works Director Link noted he had to change specs for mix design as requested.

Alderman Siegel noted he believes Ballwin does not have the heavy traffic like some cities have, and noted St. Louis County does not fix the streets as needed. He also noted he believes we've had issues with M&H in the past. He noted he believes there's room for improvement and that the City can do better, noting he was disappointed the City has to reduce the number of slabs completed after adding a million dollars more to the budget for streets.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to accept staff's recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

ALDERMANIC COMMENTS

Mayor Mark Stallmann congratulated all the Aldermen elected this April and noted there were impressive campaigns all around.

Alderman Frank Fleming noted there will be a Finance & Administration Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on May 11th before the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Alderman Michael Finley also noted on May 11th there is a flag ceremony for retiring Metro West Captain and Ballwin Days member Pat McDermott. Alderman Finley also thanked all the citizens of Ward 1 for re-electing him, noting it was one of the honors of his lifetime. He noted he's thankful for a new term with his wonderful colleagues and City staff. He thanked outgoing Alderman Pam Haug, noting he believes she was the right person at the right time to be in that position, noting she is an important leader and he's grateful to call her his friend.

He noted he lost his mom last year, and is thankful that his best friend's mom could swear him in tonight, and thanked his sweetheart for being in attendance as well. He congratulated Alderman Fleming on his nomination as Board President, and noted he was his favorite leader to work with.

Mayor Mark Stallmann also thanked St. Louis County Councilman Mark Harder for being in attendance tonight.



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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

MARK R. STALLMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MEGAN FREEMAN, CITY CLERK