



CITY OF WILLARD

BOARD OF ALDERS REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Willard City Hall, 224 W. Jackson St., Willard, MO

Staff Present: City Administrator Wesley Young, City Attorney Holly Dodge, City Clerk Courtney Myers, Chief Financial Officer Genia Mount, Planning and Zoning Director Mike Ruesch, Public Works Trevor Hoffman, Project Manager Steve Bodenhamer, and Police Officer JD Landon

Citizens Present: Steve Cobb, Ann Eimer, Howard Donzig, Shawn Baker, Mike McCrosky, Alyee Crosby, Elizabeth Riebold, Jennifer Fickbohm, Darin Stribcing, C.Trapa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked the City Clerk to conduct the roll call.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Courtney Myers conducted the roll call.

Present: Mayor Troy Smith, Casey Biellier, Jeremy Hill, David Keene, Joyce Lancaster, Rachel Mathison
Absent: Carol Wilson

Courtney Myers confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Motion was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Hill, Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

“A Consent Agenda allows the Board of Aldermen to consider and approve routine items of business without discussion. Any member of the Board of Aldermen, the City Staff or the Public may request removal of any item from the Consent Agenda and request that it be considered under the Regular Agenda if discussion or debate of the item is desired. Items not removed from the Consent Agenda will stand approved upon motion by any Board member, second and unanimous vote to “approve the Consent Agenda as published or modified.”

- A. BOARD OF ALDERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 4/13/2026**
- B. PREVIOUS MONTH PLUS CURRENT MONTH'S OUTSTANDING INVOICES, CHECKS AND DRAFT PAID INVOICES**
- C. PREVIOUS MONTH FINANCIAL SUMMARIES AND STATEMENTS**
- D. PREVIOUS MONTH'S CHECK REGISTER**
- E. PREVIOUS MONTH'S UTILITIES ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Motion was made by Alder Keene and seconded by Alder Lancaster, Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR

A. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI APPROVING THE ZONING CHANGE FROM R-1 TO MU FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404 BEAM STREET IN WILLARD, MISSOURI

Planning and zoning Mike Ruesch, property at 404 Beam 1.27 acres R1 to MU. April 1st application filed 21st public hearing. Mike Ruesch read an email from Citizen Judith Mcgarthy strongly opposing the zone change from R1 to MU this would change level of traffic, additionally cost of property would decline. Steve Cobb would like to see the BOA tabled this zoning change. Elizabeth Riebold traffic is already very high in this area, and it would increase, the improvements recently done have been damaged twice safety in the area is already unsafe. Mike McCrosky this street is hard to turn in and out of already, notices need to be larger did not see until today. Darin Stribcing this street is going to be a nightmare to get in and out of. Shawn Baker delivery trucks will have issues, and this is a dead end street, not safe for the kids.

6. PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A. SANITARY MANAGER REPORT (7 MIN)

Steve Bodenhamer reported on the Meadows and 94 lift station completed progress.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

A. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING AND/OR ACCEPTING APRIL 7, 2026, ELECTION RESULTS.

Mayor Smith asked that the election results be read and asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alder Hill and seconded by Alder Keene to approve this resolution. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye Alder Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

8. ADJOURN SINE DIE

Mayor Troy Smith Adjourn Sine Die 6:23 p.m.

9. OATHS OF OFFICE

Alder Casey Biellier took the Oath of office as Alderman of Ward 1

Alder Joyce Lancaster took the Oath of office as Alderman of Ward 2

10. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to conduct the roll call.

11. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Courtney Myers conducted the roll call.

Present: Mayor Troy Smith, Casey Biellier, Jeremy Hill, David Keene, Joyce Lancaster, Rachel Mathison
Absent: Carol Wilson

Courtney Myers confirmed that a quorum was present.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. NOMINATION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations. After a brief discussion, Alder Biellier was nominated and accepted the nomination. Mayor asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alder Mathison and seconded by Alder Hill to appoint Casey Biellier as Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Voting Aye Alder Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

B. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations. After a short discussion, Alder Wilson was nominated Mayor asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Biellier and seconded by Alderman Lancaster to appoint Alder Wilson as Representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Voting Aye Aldermen Biellier, Hill, Keene Lancaster and Mathison.

C. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations. After some discussion, Alder Biellier was nominated and accepted the nomination. Mayor asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Lancaster and seconded by Alderman Mathison to appoint Alder Biellier as Representative to the Economic Development Task Force. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Voting Aye Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

D. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL

Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations. After some discussion, Alder Mathison was nominated and accepted the nomination. Mayor asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Lancaster to appoint Alder Mathison as Representative to the Parks and Recreational. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote, Voting Aye Alders Biellier Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

E. ECCHIC ALTERNATIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE CITY

Wes Young had Howard Danzig came to talk about Insurance options for the City employees. The board agreed Genia and Wes will continue to investigate the best options and move forward picking an insurance provider for the City.

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. A RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY AND CONFIRM MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF THE PARK AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the First Read of the Resolution Motion to approve a First Read was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Keene. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster and Mathison.

14. ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI APPROVING THE ZONING CHANGE FROM R-1 TO MU FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404 BEAM STREET IN WILLARD, MISSOURI (FIRST AND SECOND READ)

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the First Read of the ordinance. Motion to approve a First Read was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Lancaster. Motion to adopt Ordinance 26-15 Bill 260427 failed with a 3-2 vote Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, and Lancaster. Voting Nay: Alders Keene and Mathison. The Ordinance did not pass.

15. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

City Administrator Wes Young asked the board how they felt about data centers; board does not see that a fit for Willard, Evaluation time again and introduced the new HR Coordinator.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alder Biellier spoke on having a sales tax, public consumption and zoning ordinance on the books for future growth and being proactive having these in place for Marijuana sales.

17. RECESS OPEN SESSION

Alder Biellier motioned to recess Open Session and enter Closed Session. Motion was seconded by Alder Mathison. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene Lancaster and Mathison. Open session recessed at 7:03 p.m.

18. OPEN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO SECTION 610.021 (1) LEGAL (2) REAL ESTATE

19. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:04 p.m.

20. ROLL CALL

21. CLOSE THE CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE THE OPEN SESSION

22. ADJOURN MEETING 8:01 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alder Keene and seconded by Alder Hill. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, and Mathison.

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Courtney Myers, City Clerk