



CITY OF WILLARD

BOARD OF ALDERS REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Willard Community Center, 222 W. Jackson St., Willard, MO

MINUTES

Staff Present: City Attorney Holly Dodge, City Clerk Courtney Myers, Planning and Zoning Director Mike Ruesch, Planning and Zoning Assistant Tammy Swisher, CFO Genia Mount, Project Manager Steve Bodenhamer, Chief of Police Tom McClain and Police Officer JD Landon.

Citizens Present: Angela Elston, Dion Yount, Larry Whitman, Ann Eimer, Rebecca Ballentine, Tami Brantley, Angie Wilson, Halli Wwinmann, Tammi Opoka, Hoard and Cindy Yash, Ian Powers, Pam Long, and Stephen Taillon.

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 roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Courtney Myers conducted the roll call.

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

Absent:

Courtney Myers confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No amendments.

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Motion was made by Alder Keene and seconded by Alder Hill, Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson.

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 08-10-2026

B. PREVIOUS / CURRENT MONTHS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUMMARIES, OUTSTANDING INVOICES, CHECKS, DRAFT PAID INVOICES, CHECK REGISTERS AND UTILITIES ADJUSTMENT REPORT.

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Motion was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Keene, Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Pam Long thanked the Board and City for assistance getting speed issue on Osage Rd, Multiple citizens thanked the Chief of Police and the board for listening to concerns about flock, gave suggestions when emailing the Board of Alders and public engagement.

5. DISCUSSION

A. POLICE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEM AND NOT RENEW THE CONTACT.

Police Chief Tom McClain stated that community outreach, and resident feedback indicated greater opposition than support for the Flock Safety camera program. Following discussion, the Board unanimously directed that the cameras be deactivated as soon as possible in accordance with the terms of the existing contract. The Chief also advised the public not to tamper with the equipment.

Mayor Smith asked for a motion regarding the Police Chief's recommendation to discontinue the Flock Safety camera program and deactivate the cameras as soon as possible Motion was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Lancaster. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson. Voting Nay:

6. PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A. SANITARY SEWER UPDATE - STEVE BODENHAMER (7 MINS)

Project Manager Steve Bodenhamer updated on the Meadows and 94-lift station progress.

7. PUBLIC HEARING FOR

A. GENERAL LEVY AND IMPOSITION OF ANNUAL TAX FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2027

Stephen Taillon addressed the Board and expressed opposition with the proposed tax levy.

8. ORDINANCES

A. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL LEVY AND IMPOSITION OF ANNUAL TAX FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2027 AND FOR IMPOSITION OF ANNUAL TAX FOR PARKS (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 Keene and seconded by Alder Biellier. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson. Voting Nay: Alder Hill.

Alder Mathison made a motion to postpone the Second Read until August 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alder Biellier. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, TO RE-ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS. (FIRST AND SECOND READ)

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the First Read of the ordinance. Motion to approve the First Read was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Mathison. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

Mayor Smith asked the Clerk to read the ordinance for a second time. Motion to approve the Second Read of the ordinance was made by Alder Hill and seconded by Alder Keene. Motion carried and the ordinance was approved with a 6-0 vote.

Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VISU-SEWER OF MISSOURI, LLC, FOR LATERAL SEALING/GROUT SERVICE. (FIRST AND SECOND READ)

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the First Read of the ordinance. Motion to approve the First Read was made by Alder Lancaster and seconded by Alder Hill. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

Mayor Smith asked the Clerk to read the ordinance for a second time. Motion to approve the Second Read of the ordinance was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Keene. Motion carried and the ordinance was approved with a 6-0 vote.

Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. RECESS OPEN SESSION – (6:49 p.m.)

Motion was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Keene to recess Open Session and enter into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo § 610.021(1) Legal, (2) Real Estate, and (12) Sealed Bids. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

12. OPEN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO SECTION 610.021 (1) LEGAL (2) REAL ESTATE (12) SEALED BIDS

Mayor Smith called the Closed session to order at 6:52 p.m.

15. CLOSE THE CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE THE OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Keene to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene Open Session. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

Open session was reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

16. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alder Keene and seconded by Alder Biellier. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson. Voting Nay: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Courtney Myers, City Clerk