



CITY OF WILLARD

BOARD OF ALDERS REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Staff Present: City Administrator Wesley Young, City Attorney Holly Dodge, Chief Financial Officer Genia Mount, Planning and Zoning Director Mike Ruesch, Planning and Zoning Assistant Tammy Swisher, Project Manager Steve Bodenhamer

Citizens Present: None

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 Planning Assistant to conduct roll call.

ROLL CALL

Planning Assistant Tammy Swisher conducted roll call.

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

Absent: Joyce Lancaster

Tammy Swisher confirmed that a quorum was present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No amendments.

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

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. 2-9-26 BOARD OF ALDERS MEETING MINUTES

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 consent 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, Mathison and Wilson

CITIZEN INPUT

None

PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION

A. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Planning and Zoning Director Mike Rousch presented an ordinance for Administrative Subdivision. This ordinance lets the Planning Director along with attorney revise small things such as condos, zoning certificates, up to 5 lot splits on a replat, can only be done one time, stay with the land not the owner and cannot be a whole subdivision can only be up to 5 lots if needed. Hearing closed at 6:06 pm. And no citizens spoke.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A. SANITARY SEWER UPDATE (7MIN)

Project manager Steve Bodenhamer update they had a meeting last Thursday; Public Works employees have completed becoming qualified to run the machine. Most of the materials needed are now on site.

PROPOSALS

None

ORDINANCES

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ABATEMENT ORDER ON CONSENT WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (FIRST AND SECOND READ) (5MIN)

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 Hill. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Mathison and Wilson

Motion to continue to a Second Read was made by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Keene. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Mathison, and Wilson.

Mayor Smith asked the clerk to read the ordinance for a second time. Motion to approve the Second Read was made by Alder Keene and seconded by Alder Biellier. Motion carried/ordinance approved with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, and Wilson

9. STATE OF THE CITY PRESENTATION

A. STATE OF THE CITY MEMO

B. STATE OF THE CITY POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

City Administrator Wes Young updated the board, the city has several projects going on, 94 Force Main will improve reliability and provide significant support for growth, Meadow trunk line project connecting Meadow to Springfield and supports further growth potential. Public Works is replacing old main water lines with galvanized pipe, sewer break programs inflow/infiltration, replacing fire hydrants, interior repairs of the water towers beginning June, we have seen visible results on the Jackson street sidewalk and waterline improvements, Highway 160 stormwater/drainage improvement project is underway, crack-seal programs for the roadways, transportation plan is complete and with P&Z for review and will lead us to an opportunity to update our comp plan maybe next year.

In house we have ½ cent tax for law enforcement, this helps recruit and retain officers we have had a 0 turnover in 18 months. Missouri Blue Shields City Grant \$50,000 grant has been secured, license plate readers, live cameras to assist investigations are installed and being used. Community programs building trust and community connections, D.A.R.E, PAL and Camp Character are all up and going. We have had some Major improvements from budgeting, new financial software to help reduce the 6.6%

fee to the more customary amount, new software improving public dashboards and transparency, online paperless permits, inspection scheduling and preconstruction meetings. Strategic efforts being streamlined an Economic Development task force is active and has been discussing ideas, Economic Development Incentive policy is in progress and should be final soon, development processes, and expanding commercial development interest. Priorities 2026, complete 94-lift station and Meadows projects, continue replacing hydrants and improving road and stormwater upgrades. Expand, formalize the public performance dashboards, zero based and priority-based budgeting.

B. STATE OF THE CITY ONE PAGER

Summary of PowerPoint

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

City Administrator Wes Young remarked City Hall is Rebranding on a shoestring budget. The City is trying to install a drive / walkway from the Court House to the community building, City Hall new building sign that will be uniform to the others (Miller, Jackson). Farm Road 103 is now open. Farm Road 106 will be closed until further notice. Assistant Director of Parks and HR positions are open looking to be filled.

DISCUSSION

A. PARKS SALES TAX

Right now, 1% of tax goes to City, .5% goes to Capital improvement within City, and .5% goes to Stormwater and Parks. In December water and local parks were given \$27,839.00. All of it went to Parks none was used for stormwater. Concerns were made that Parks need to work within a budget, CFO Genia Mount is working with Parks on a budget the goal is for Parks transfer is to be under \$200,000, we will revisit once everyone is on the same page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RECESS OPEN SESSION

Alder Biellier motioned to recess Open Session and enter Closed Session. Motion was seconded by Alder Hill. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Mathison and Wilson. Open Session was recessed at 7:11 p.m.

OPEN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO SECTION 610.021 (1) LEGAL (3) PERSONNEL (13) PERSONNEL

RECONVENE THE OPEN SESSION

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Hill. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Mathison, and Wilson. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

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Courtney Myers, City Clerk