



# CITY OF WILLARD

## BOARD OF ALDERS WORK MEETING

December 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM

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

### MINUTES

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**Staff Present:** City Administrator Wesley Young, City Clerk, Rebecca Hansen, Director of Parks Jason Knight, Financial Assistant Genia Mount, Planning and Zoning Director Mike Ruesch

Citizens Present: Shelby Phillips, Whiney Morrison, Ginger Start, Angela Martinez

#### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and asked the City Clerk to conduct the roll call.

#### ROLL CALL

City Clerk Rebecca Hansen conducted the roll call.

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

Rebecca Hansen confirmed that a quorum was present.

Mayor reminded everyone that Alder Lancaster would arrive shortly.

#### AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 3. BUDGET PRESENTATION BY GENIA MOUNT, CITY FINANCIAL OFFICER

Genia showed the proposed 2026 budget and asked for questions. She explained details about the water towers, wages, and also playground grants that temporarily inflated Parks Budget. There was also discussion about possible effects of compressing wages.

City Administrator Wes Young hopes that the projections on the economy and municipal revenue are overly cautious. But we want to be prepared and hope to be pleasantly surprised rather than the other way around.

There was discussion on the numbers in the budget.

City Administrator Wes Young reminded the Board that the budget does not have to be perfect to pass—it can be modified in the future.

The goal of the Board is to get the information they need to feel comfortable to pass the budget on Monday.

Several ideas were floated to use ideas for volunteers and other solutions, especially for Parks. The City does not want to cut programs. We are trying to problem-solve so we won't have to cut programs.

It was suggested that the Board of Alders meet again at the end of January to keep the momentum going. Perhaps the Park Board would like to meet with the Board of Alders to come up with creative

solutions. Perhaps the Parks Board will create a plan so we can be more streamlined in spending plans.

The Board discussed the 6.6% convenience fee for payments the City takes. The BOA supports the steps the City is taking to remedy that by contracting with a software provider that will allow a different processor.

Regarding specific projects, the Board was interested in taking ballfield-resurfacing and parking lot-resurfacing out of the 2026 budget. Drainage in the ballfields is an issue because it is slightly bowl-shaped. The Board may be able to organize volunteers to help with the ballfields.

#### **4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS**

City Administrator had no further remarks.

#### **5. DISCUSSION**

There was no further discussion

#### **6. ADJOURN MEETING**

Alder Biellier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alder Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison, and Wilson.

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Rebecca Hansen, City Clerk