



CITY OF WILLARD

BOARD OF ALDERS REGULAR MEETING

February 09, 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, City Clerk Courtney Myers, Chief Financial Officer Genia Mount, Planning and Zoning Director Mike Ruesch, Project Manager Steve Bodenhamer, Police Officer JD Landon, Parks Director Jason Knight.

Citizens Present: Michael Savage, Valorie Simpson, Mark Rollins, Myria Rollins, Kevin Samsel, Jeremy Bumgarner, Fred Burk

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, David Keene, Joyce Lancaster (6:02), Rachel Mathison, Carol Wilson

Absent: Jeremy Hill

Courtney Myers confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Administrator Wes Young informed the Board that agenda item 8A is a discussion item only.

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 4-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Keene, 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. 01-29-2026 BOA REGULAR MEETING MINTUES

B. JANUARY PREVIOUS / CURRENT MONTHS OUTSTANDING INVOICES, CHECKS AND DRAFT PAID INVOICES

C. BOARD ATTENDANCE REPORT

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Motion was made by Alder Keene and seconded by Alder Biellier, Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Hill, Keene, Mathison and Wilson.

4. ANNUAL AWARD POLICE DEPARTMENT (10 MIN)

A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION LEVI O'NEIL, DANIELLE CALE AND MARK COLE

Chief McClain was honored to award three officers from our Willard Police Department. These individuals were nominated by their peers for their outstanding achievements.

The Officer of the Year award was received by Officer Levi O'Neil he was number one in his academy and seems to fly under the radar, but his work ethic doesn't go un-noticed he is huge part of the Willard Police department. Officer Levi O'Neil also received a Life Saving Award from the Willard Fire District, presented by Fire Chief Samsel and Chief Bumgarner. Levi's quick response to a call and his immediate actions providing CPR to one of our residents played a critical role and a positive outcome.

The Outstanding Officer of the Year award was received by Officer Danielle Cale she was recognized for her achievement in creating and implementing an after-school D.A.R.E Program for fifth graders and has since passed her first class of kids. She attended the academy to become an International Certified D.A.R.E Program instructor and graduated in September 2025.

The Outstanding Character award was received by Corporal Mark Cole his grit and core values stand out, he has a see something and get it done attitude. His response to Camp Character needing a new launch pad is just one example of his public service.

5. CITIZEN INPUT

None

6. PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A. SANITARY SEWER UPDATE (7MIN)

Project Manager Steve Bodenhamer updated on the 94 Lift station and Meadow's projects. Youngs general contractor has received and staged large quantities of 18" pipe, upcoming training to certify operators on fusing and fusion equipment will be February 18th, projected finance schedule on interest cost a couple more weeks out. Meadow's area to City of Springfield, JD Wallace started at the east end of project they've cut road and should have pipe under the road and back filled at 103/106 intersections, they'll permanently patch the road before opening the road back up to avoid an additional road closure, they've been clearing brush north side of 106.

7. DISCUSSION

A. SWIM POOL HOURS AND FEES

Jason Knight Park Board Director, the board discussed hours of operation for the 2026 pool season with an opening date of 06/01/2026 through 08/08/2026. The fee on season passes and swim team registration will be increased this season.

B. MEMBER / NON-MEMBER RATE STRUCTURE

Jason Knight Park Board Director the board's discussion on members vs non-member's structure. Members of the Rec Center would be charged a reduced rate on programs. Non-members of the Rec Center would pay the higher structure fee for the programs. Spring volleyball had fewer sign-ups and will not take place this spring.

C. COST RECOVERY METRICS

D. CONCESSION PRICING

Jason Knight Park Board Director the board touched on raising concessions pricing to offset cost on items throughout the park's locations.

8. RESOLUTION – DISCUSSION

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN PLACE A ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4¢) SALES TAX ON THE APRIL 2027 BALLOT TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE WILLARD PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH A TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEAR SUNSET

Discussion on Thursday February 5th with the park board recommended a consideration by the Board of Alders to create an ordinance to add a one-quarter (1/4) cent sales tax increase with a twenty-five-year sunset on the April 2027 Ballot. This would help fund the Parks department operations. review 2026 budgeted items and give the new metrics a chance before deciding, Mayor Smith added we should consider moving forward with an ordinance to have this added on the ballot and let the community decide.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

City Administrator Wes Young updated the website making it more user friendly, employee policy manual under review, cleaning up City Hall with the parking lot next striping and sealing with a sign out front. This is part of the branding effort. Hoping to have the State of the City memo ready for the next meeting. Economic Development Task Force upcoming meeting date of March 2nd for 2 hours, bring your thinking caps. The Park Board meeting had a lot of ideas, and we want to add a couple seats to the Park Board.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Director Mike Rousch informed the board the active transportation plan is with Planning and Zoning and foresees it being there at least a month, they're going over public comment, recommendations, reviewing comprehensive and actives plans.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

12. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alder Biellier and seconded by Alder Mathison Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Voting Aye: Alders Biellier, Keene, Lancaster, Mathison and Wilson. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Courtney Myers, City Clerk