

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEST PLAINS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Thursday, November  
17, 2022  
5:00 P.M. – Work  
Session  
5:30 P.M. – Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met for a work session at 5:00 p.m. followed by regular session on Monday, October 17, 2022, at West Plains City Hall Council Chambers, 1910 Holiday Lane with the following members present: Mayor Mike Topliff, Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem Josh Cotter, Councilwoman Jessica Nease, Councilman Johnny Murrell and Councilman John Niesen. City Administrator Sam Anselm, City Attorney Charles Cantrell and City Clerk Allison Skinner also attended in person.

- I. **Preliminaries**  
Mayor Topliff established a quorum and called the meeting to order. He gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Work Session**  
The council discussed sewer rate increase options.
- III. **Public Hearing**  
West Plains citizen Mike Burgess spoke, asking the council to give consideration for the best possible choice for the citizens and business on the upcoming utility rate increases. Citizen Stacy McCallister spoke in opposition of rate increases.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**  
Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- V. **Recognition of Guests**
- VI. **Resolutions**
  - A. **Resolution 2022-29.** A Resolution to authorize the City of West Plains to pursue right of way acquisition for the Independence Railroad overpass project. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
  - B. **Resolution 2022-30.** A Resolution to authorize the City of West Plains to pursue right of way acquisition for the Saint Louis Bridge project. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.

- C. **Resolution 2022-31.** A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, to implement measures necessary to create federal railroad authority quiet zones inside of the city limits. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Murrell. Motion carried.

## VII. Ordinances

- A. **Bill 4723 to become Ordinance 4723.** Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, (the "City") to amend Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinance for the City of West Plains, Missouri, by replacing section 2-410 pertaining to the fiscal year of the City of West Plains. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- B. **Bill 4724 to become Ordinance 4724.** First Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving the adoption of amended budgets for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Murrell. Motion carried.
- C. **Bill 4725 to become Ordinance 4725.** First Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- D. **Bill 4726 to become Ordinance 4726.** First Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #1, #2 and #3 budgets for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- E. **Bill 4727 to become Ordinance 4727.** First Reading. An Ordinance increasing the electric rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Murrell. Motion carried.
- F. **Bill 4728 to become Ordinance 4728.** First Reading. An Ordinance increasing the water rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- G. **Bill 4729 to become Ordinance 4729.** First Reading. An Ordinance increasing the sewer rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- H. **Bill 4730 to become Ordinance 4730.** First Reading. An Ordinance increasing the sanitation rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Murrell. Motion carried.

**VIII. Council Action**

1. Bid – Erts for inventory  
Councilman Cotter made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nease, to accept the bid for \$63,000.00 from United Systems of Benton, Ky.
2. Bid – 2023 Visitor’s Guide  
Councilwoman Jessica Nease made a motion, seconded by Councilman Murrell, to accept the bid for \$25,588.00, plus shipping, from Breese Printing of Breese, Ill.
3. Bid – Fence for Southern Hills Substation  
Councilman Cotter made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nease, to accept the bid for \$42,786.00 from Ozark Fence, West Plains, Mo.
4. Bid – Rental Clothing  
Councilman Cotter made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nease, to accept the bid from Unifirst of Springfield, Mo.
5. Bid – Title Services  
Councilman Cotter made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nease, to approve the bid by Southern Missouri Land Services, LLC.

**IX. Administrator’s Report**

City Administrator Sam Anselm reported on the following:

- The offices at City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday
- City crews are hanging up Christmas lights in town
- The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is set for December 10

The mayor also invited all to attend the NJCAA National Volleyball Championship tournament being held at the civic center; the Zizzer football game; and the Community Foundation of West Plains’ Whiskey and Bourbon Fest.

**X. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF December, 2022.

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

BY:

Michael Topliff  
MAYOR MICHAEL TOPLIFF

ATTEST:

Allison Skinner  
CITY CLERK ALLISON SKINNER