

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
5:30 p.m. – Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Mayor Mike Topliff, Councilman Johnny Murrell, Councilwoman Jessica Nease and Councilman John Niesen. Councilman Josh Cotter joined the meeting via Zoom. City Administrator Sam Anselm, City Attorney Charles Cantrell and City Clerk Allison Skinner also attended.

I. Preliminaries

Mayor Topliff established a quorum and gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman John Niesen. Motion carried.

III. Recognition of Guests

- a. Sam Hobbs, BETA Technologies, aircraft electric charging stations. Mr. Hobbs' request to speak was moved to the discussion of Resolution 2023-05.
- b. Christopher Foster, Consumer Credit Counseling, did not attend.
- c. Kathleen Morrissey, one of the organizers of the annual Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival, provided updates on the upcoming plans for this year's event, which includes Trish Knight Street west from the West Plains Civic Center to the Hass-Darr building owned by Missouri State University-West Plains.

IV. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2023-03.** A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an agreement with West Plains Downtown Revitalization Inc., for economic development.
Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman John Niesen. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2023-04.** A Resolution approving the public officials code of conduct for the City of West Plains.
Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman John Niesen. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2023-05.** A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an agreement with BETA Technologies for aircraft electric charging stations at the airport.
Councilman John Niesen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Murrell. Motion carried.

V. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4734 to become Ordinance 4734.** First Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, to amend Chapter 28, Offenses, Article II – Offenses Against Public Peace, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of West Plains, Missouri, by adding a new section 28-44 titled Disorderly Conduct. Councilman John Niesen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Murrell. Motion carried.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Councilwoman Nease	X			
Councilman Cotter	X			
Councilman Murrell	X			
Councilman Niesen	X			
Mayor Topliff	X			

- b. **Bill 4735 to become Ordinance 4735.** First Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, (the “City”) authorizing the mayor or city administrator to execute a real estate contract for the conveyance of real estate (the “real estate”) currently owned by City and known as Lincoln Park or Lincoln School to Crockett W. Oaks and Tonya Oaks (the “Oaks”) subject to certain restrictions. Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman John Niesen. Motion carried.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Councilwoman Nease	X			
Councilman Cotter	X			
Councilman Murrell	X			
Councilman Niesen	X			
Mayor Topliff	X			

VI. Council Action

VII. Administrator’s Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm gave updates on the ongoing Comprehensive Plan meetings; Butler Park progress; and noted the possibility of the forecasted high winds.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.