

AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, September 18, 2023
5:30 p.m. – Public Hearing followed by Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on September 18, 2023, in the council chambers at City Hall, 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Mayor Mike Topliff, Mayor Pro-Tem Jessica Nease, Councilman John Niesen, Councilman Johnny Murrell and Councilman Greg Collins. City Administrator Sam Anselm and City Clerk Allison Skinner were also present. City Attorney Charles Cantrell attended virtually via Zoom.

I. Preliminaries

Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order and gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Hearing

Transit project partially funded by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department City employee Mike Fallwell spoke to the council about the application. He said, previously the grant application was for one year and now it is for two. No one appeared from the public to speak either for or against the issue.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes for the August 23, 2023, special session meeting
- b. Surplus vehicles and equipment
- c. Bid – Flood buyout demolition
- d. Bid – Lincoln Substation Rebuild: Switches
- e. Patrol Vehicle for the police department
- f. Approval of appointments to the Civic Center Board:
 - a. Aaron Wheeler, re-appointment, three-year term to expire in October 2026
 - b. Haley Mitchell, new member, three-year term to expire in October 2026, previously held by Jack Randolph

Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

IV. Recognition of Guests

V. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4744 to become Ordinance 4744 - Second Reading.** An Ordinance by the City of West Plains, Missouri, to amend and replace the following existing section of the City Code: Chapter 28, Offenses, Article III – Offenses against public health and safety, Section 28-77 Rockets, Missiles and Projectiles.
Councilman Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- b. **Bill 4745 to become Ordinance 4745 – Second Reading.** An Ordinance by the City of West Plains, Missouri, to add the following section to the City Code: Chapter 28, Offenses, Article III – Offenses against public health and safety, Section 28-83 Discharge of Firearms.

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

- c. **Bill 4746 to become Ordinance 4746.** Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, to amend and replace four sections of City Code: Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4-20 approval of application, Section 4-23 (a) Sale on Premises of Charitable, Fraternal, Religious, Service or Veterans' Organizations, Section 4-29 issuance, and 4-41 Prerequisites for Renewal. Councilman Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.

VI. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2023-24** – A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, in support for the proposed Thayer Heights housing development. Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2023-25** – A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the loan of bound and boxed copies of the West Plains Daily Quill to the West Plains Public Library. Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2023-26** – A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the participation in Missouri's Highway Safety Program through the Missouri Department of Transportation. Councilman Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Niesen. Motion carried.
- d. **Resolution 2023-27** – A Resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, to approve an engineering agreement with Burns & McDonnell for Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase I improvements. Councilman Johnny Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

VII. Council Action

- a. Interim Airport Board appointments:
 - a. Jacob Garrett
 - b. John Reed
 - c. Mark Dake
 - d. John Niesen

Mayor Topliff appointed members to what will be a new city advisory board for the airport. City Attorney Charles Cantrell said he will be drafting an ordinance to go before council at a later date, adding, "this (board) will give the local pilots a voice."

VIII. City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm reported the council will be meeting for a work session on the city budget at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the council chambers at City Hall. If needed, a second workshop will take place at the same time the following day. Anselm updated the council on the progress of the new housing development Garner Villas, indicating permits have been issued and the developers will soon be breaking ground.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.