

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Monday, April 15, 2024
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2024, in the council chambers at City Hall, 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Mayor Michael Topliff, Councilmember Jessica Nease, Councilmember John Niesen, Councilmember Johnny Murrell, and Councilmember Greg Collins.

I. Preliminaries

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

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes for the March 18, 2024 regular meeting
- b. Review Election Results
- c. Administer Oath of Office
 - a. Council Member – John W. “Johnny” Murrell Jr.
- d. Council Appointments
 - a. Vice President of Council (Mayor Pro-Tem) – Councilmember Nease
 - b. Planning & Zoning – Councilmember Collins
 - c. Tourism – Councilmember Niesen
 - d. Parks & Recreation – Mayor Topliff
 - e. Civic Center – Councilmember Nease
 - f. Library – Councilmember Murrell
- e. Bid – Skid Steer for Transportation
- f. Bid – Bathroom for Galloway
- g. Bid – Lighting for Hilburn Complex
- h. Bid – Shading for Hilburn Complex
- i. Bid – OTR Truck for Sanitation
- j. Bid – Library HVAC Upgrades
- k. Approval of Park Board Member:
 - a. Clint Berry - Reappointment Set to Expire in June 2027

Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve the consent agenda seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

III. Recognition of Guests

- a. Patrick Keefe – Discount for Seniors on Utilities. Did not speak.
- b. State Fire Marshal Tim Bean – Life Saving Awards- Assistant Fire Chief Sterner presented awards to Fire Lieutenant Wayne Cormier, and Police

Corporal Brandon Stephens for their lifesaving efforts during a structure fire on Amyx Street. Fire Chief Wilbanks presented awards to Asst. Fire Chief Sterner, Firefighter Barks, and Firefighter Wilcox for their lifesaving efforts on a medical emergency call.

- c. Bob Wallen – Water Bills – Expressed concerns regarding plumbing customer’s water meters and bills.

IV. Ordinances

1. **Bill 4767 to become Ordinance 4767** – Second Reading. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 27 – Nuisance. Repeal Section 27-2(6) – Penalty, and Section 27-2(7); Add Sections 27-2.1 – Notice to Abate and 27-3.2 – Penalty; Replace Section 27-4 – Weeds. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by councilmember Niesen. Motion passed.

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Not Present
Councilmember Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Murrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Nease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Niesen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **Bill 4768 to become Ordinance 4768** – Second Reading. An Ordinance to approve the adoption of amended budgets for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Collins. Moton passed.

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Not Present
Councilmember Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Murrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Nease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Niesen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. **Bill 4769 to become Ordinance 4769** – Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City of West Plains to create an Entertainment District by adding the following section 50-455 to the city code: Chapter 50 – Zoning, Article III. – Districts, Division 14. – Entertainment District, section 50-455 Downtown West Plains Entertainment District; Open Cup. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion passed.

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Not Present
Councilmember Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Murrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Nease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Niesen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

V. Resolutions

1. **Resolution 2024-07** – A resolution authorizing an agreement between the city and CivicPlus, LLC for the purpose of printing, supplementing, and maintaining the city’s published and online code of ordinances. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2024-08** – A resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the city of West Plains, Missouri, and Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of making a consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvement grant application with respect to certain existing railroad crossings within the city and further authorizing the city administrator to execute the application, the grant agreement and other necessary documents to effectuate the purposes of the grant. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion passed.

VI. Council Action

VII. City Administrator’s Report

Sam Anselm stated that he wanted to thank everyone who assisted with the eclipse event. The Missouri Division of Tourism will provide statistics to the city at a later date. Several residents from other states attended the 38 Special concert. Hats off to Melissa, Terry, other employees and volunteers who assisted in different departments that they weren’t familiar with before the event.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.