

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

Monday, November 18, 2024  
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

**I. Preliminaries**

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on November 18, 2024, in the council chambers at West Plains City Hall 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Councilmember Greg Collins, Councilmember Johnny Murrell, Councilmember Jessica Nease, Councilmember John Niesen, and Mayor Michael Topliff.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of minutes for the October 21, 2024 regular meeting
- b. Approval of park board members
  - i. Sean Feiler – to fill the vacant position set to expire November 2027
  - ii. Dr. Clara Applegate – to fill the vacant position set to expire November 2027
- c. Tourism board grant application recommendations:
  - i. Heart of the Ozarks Half Marathon, \$5,000.00
  - ii. OzCon, \$7,500.00
  - iii. Cystic Fibrosis Concert, \$5,000.00
  - iv. Lincoln School – Reflection Plaza, \$2,000.00
  - v. Yellow House – August Bazaar, \$1,000.00
  - vi. OzFaire, \$7,500.00

Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion passed.

**III. Recognition of Guests**

- a. JC News Now – Spoke regarding utility rate increases, freedom of press, flooding and drainage issues.

**IV. Resolutions**

- a. **Resolution 2024-27** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri adopting the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion passed.
- b. **Resolution 2024-28** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the mayor or city administrator to execute an agreement between the City of West Plains and Glass Sword Cinema for concession rights. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion passed.

**V. Ordinances**

- a. **Bill 4779 to become Ordinance 4779** – Second reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of the tax increment financing (TIF) #2 budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. 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"/>

- b. **Bill 4780 to become Ordinance 4780** – Second reading. An ordinance increasing electric rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Collins. 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"/>

- c. **Bill 4781 to become Ordinance 4781** – Second reading. An ordinance increasing water rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. 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"/>

- d. **Bill 4782 to become Ordinance 4782** – Second reading. An ordinance increasing sewer rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Collins. 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"/>

- e. **Bill 4783 to become Ordinance 4783** – Second reading. An ordinance increasing sanitation rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. 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"/>

- f. **Bill 4784 to become Ordinance 4784** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains approving the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending

December 31, 2025. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Collins. 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"/>

- g. **Bill 4785 to become Ordinance 4785** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri amending chapter 10 of the municipal code by the addition of a new article and several new provisions pertaining to alarm systems. 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"/>

- h. **Bill 4786 to become Ordinance 4786** – First reading. An ordinance approving 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. 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"/>

## VI. **City Administrator’s Report**

City Administrator Sam Anselm stated that the parks bathrooms will be winterized soon. Construction is happening around town and citizens should proceed with caution at detour routes. Residents are encouraged to stay tuned to the city’s online presence for holiday gatherings including the Christmas tree lighting downtown on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor and Sam congratulated the West Plains High School cross country and football teams and MSU-West Plains volleyball team on their victories. Mayor Topliff reminded citizens to check for sanitation route changes for the upcoming holidays.

## VII. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.