

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

I. Preliminaries

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on January 21, 2025, 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 January 21, 2025 meeting
- b. Annual MODOT Highway Safety Program Authorization
- c. Planning and Zoning Recommendations:
 - i. Site Plan – Chris Carter
- d. Bid – Digger Derrick
- e. Library Board Appointment:
 - i. Annie Noblin – Reappointment for term expiring March 2025- set to expire March 2028.

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

III. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2025-02** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with the Howell County Health Department for Environmental Public Health Services. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

IV. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4788 to become Ordinance 4788** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri authorizing the city administrator to execute a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Railway-Highway Crossing Improvement Program second supplemental agreement. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion carried.

	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 4789 to become Ordinance 4789** – Second reading. An ordinance rezoning certain property thereby changing the official zoning map of the City of West Plains, Missouri and defining the boundaries of the area to be changed on said official zoning map (properties located in block 12 of the Morrison subdivision). Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Bill failed.

Maureen Demarks spoke in opposition to the rezone bill citing stormwater flooding.

Avery Grant spoke in favor of the bill citing affordable quality units in West Plains and tax dollars going to West Plains schools.

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Not Present

Councilmember Collins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Niesen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- c. **Bill 4790** – First reading. An ordinance vacating an excess right-of-way section along Jackson Street and further reserving a utility easement within the area to be vacated. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion carried.

	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 4791** – First reading. An ordinance annexing real estate into the City of West Plains, Missouri, located on Creamery Road and currently owned by Ivan Voytukhov. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

	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 4792** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of a fee schedule for certain services and approvals by the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion carried.

	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. City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm encouraged everyone to stay safe during the current inclement weather. He urged everyone to check the media outlets for notifications of closures. There will be warming stations available in West Plains. Chief Monticelli announced that there is a hotline number for warming shelter.

VI. Citizen Comments

- a. David Neal – Spoke regarding various topics and concerns.
- b. Maureen DeMarks- Thanked the council for their time and consideration of proposed bill #4789.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.