

MINUTES
REGULAR + SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
1910 HOLIDAY LANE

Monday, March 17, 2025
5:00 p.m. Closed Session – Board Room
5:30 p.m. Regular Session – Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

The West Plains City Council met in closed session on March 17, 2025, at West Plains City Hall 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Councilmember Greg Collins, Councilmember Johnny Murrell, Councilmember John Niesen, and Mayor Michael Topliff. Members absent: Councilmember Jessica Nease.

I. Preliminaries

Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order.

II. Adjourn to Closed Session

- a. **RSMo 610.021(2)** for the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration. Councilmember Collins made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

III. Adjourn to Open Session

At 5:19 p.m. Councilmember Murrell made a motion to go into open session, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

OPEN SESSION

IV. Preliminaries

Mayor Topliff gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes for the February 18, 2025, regular meeting, February 14, 2025 and February 19, 2025 special meetings.
- b. Fireworks Permit
 - i. Child Advocacy Center Balloon Glow Event 4/12/25
- c. Planning and Zoning Recommendations:
 - i. Site Plan- Olden Street & St. Louis Street
 - ii. Site Plan- Car Lot on Worley Drive

- d. Surplus Property
Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Niesen. Motion carried.

VI. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2025-03** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri adopting a new city seal. Councilmember Niesen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

VII. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4790 to become Ordinance 4790** – Second 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 Collins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4791 to become Ordinance 4791** – Second reading. An ordinance annexing real estate into the City of West Plains, Missouri, located on Creamery Road and currently owned by Ivan Voytukhov. Councilmember Murrell 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4792 to become Ordinance 4792** – Second reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of a fee schedule for certain services and approvals by the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Niesen 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4793** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Chapter 50, Article II, Division 2, Section 50-83 of the City of West Plains code of city ordinances dealing with protest petitions in zoning matters and the requisite majority for approval of certain zoning matters. Councilmember Murrell 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4794** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of amended budgets for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025. Councilmember Niesen 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4795** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an amendment to the state block grant agreement increasing the original grant amount by \$22,950.00 for the purpose of the airport fuel system install and, further, extending the project timeline to August 30, 2025. Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4796** – First 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 at 923 and 925 Missouri Avenue). Councilmember Niesen 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 4797** – First reading. An ordinance vacating a 25-foot alley located in the Hickory Hills subdivision and further reserving a utility easement within the area to be vacated. Councilmember Murrell 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"/>
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VIII. Mayor’s State of the City Address

Mayor Michael Topliff presented an update regarding city financials and major progresses and events which occurred in 2024 such as the stormwater detention basins, downtown revitalization pocket parks, Highway 160/Independence overpass, and a total solar eclipse. The mayor cited future plans such as continued overpass construction, downtown development, public safety enhancements, infrastructure & roadway improvements, and economic growth.

IX. City Employee Service Recognition

Mayor Michael Topliff presented a years of service award to retiring police chief Stephen Monticelli. Chief Monticelli addressed the city council, citizens, and employees and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community. Councilmember Murrell congratulated Chief Monticelli.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.