

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

Monday, June 16, 2025  
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on June 16, 2025, in the council chambers at West Plains City Hall 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Councilmember Greg Collins, Councilmember Ron Grennan, Councilmember Johnny Murrell, Councilmember Jessica Nease, and Mayor Michael Topliff.

**I. Preliminaries**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Establishment of Quorum
- d. Invocation
- e. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - i. May 19, 2025 – Regular Meeting
  - ii. June 9, 2025 – Special Work Session Meeting
- b. Tree City USA Forestry Board Appointments:
  - i. David Dunlap renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2028
  - ii. Michael McMahon renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2028
  - iii. Cheri Stump filling a 3-year term set to expire June 2028
  - iv. Ashley Rhoads filling a 3-year term set to expire June 2028
  - v. Bailey White filling a 3-year term set to expire June 2028
- c. Planning and Zoning Recommendations:
  - i. Site Plan – 7 Brew
- d. Fireworks Permit Requests:
  - i. West Plains Country Club – 7/4/2025

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

**III. Resolutions**

- a. **Resolution 2025-08** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri authorizing the city administrator to execute an agreement with West Plains Downtown Revitalization Inc. for economic development. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2025-09** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri authorizing a lease agreement between the City of West Plains and the board of governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of leasing to the university certain space within the West Plains Civic Center for office, storage, and certain types of events. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Grennan. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2025-10** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri authorizing an agreement between the City of West Plains and Stag Luizza, LLC and Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O’Keffe, P.C., for the purpose of providing legal services in connection with the AFFF Product Liability Multi-District Litigation. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

#### IV. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4800** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an agreement with BNSF Railway for the permanent closure and vacation of the Thornburgh Street grade crossing, and for other related purposes. 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 Grennan	<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"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b. **Bill 4801** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving and adopting a utility billing policy for the City of West Plains. 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 Grennan	<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"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### V. Council Action

- a. Bid – Evans Ballfield Repair - \$36,000. Councilmember Nease made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.
- b. Bid – Hilburn Infield Turf
- i. Option 1 – Two Fields \$262, 995.71. No action.
- ii. Option 2 – Four Fields \$516,759.40. Councilmember Murrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

#### VI. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm recognized Transportation Director Brian Mitchell for his upcoming retirement. Mitchell addressed the city council regarding his tenure at the city.

#### VII. Citizen Comments

- a. MJ Prows – Spoke regarding the parks and recreation department citing the drafting of teams for children's softball and basketball and the difference and unbalance between formed teams versus draft teams. Suggested random selections or different seasons for draft and formed teams.

#### VIII. Adjourn

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