

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1910 HOLIDAY LANE, WEST PLAINS, MO 65775

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:30 p.m. Regular Session

I. Preliminaries

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on August 18, 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. Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 21, 2025 – Regular Meeting
 - ii. July 31, 2025 – Special Meeting
 - iii. August 11, 2025 – Special Meeting
- b. Planning & Zoning Recommendations:
 - i. Site Plan- Deer Meadows Minor Subdivision
- c. Library Board Appointment:
 - i. Ed Button filling a 3-year term set to expire September 2028
- d. Planning & Zoning Board Appointments:
 - i. Crockett Oaks renewing a 4-year term set to expire September 2029
 - ii. Andy Stauffer renewing a 4-year term set to expire September 2029
- e. Civic Center Board Appointments:
 - i. Shelby Barton renewing a 3-year term set to expire September 2028
 - ii. Matt Orchard renewing a 3-year term set to expire September 2028
- f. Tourist Development Advisory Board Appointment:
 - i. Stewart Walters filling the unexpired 2-year term of Kinsey Mincey set to expire October 2025

Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

III. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2025-15** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, stating support for the proposed 48-unit multi-family development known as Garner Family Phase 2, which will be located adjacent to Garner Villas on County Road 6420 and Bruce Smith Parkway. All units will be affordable and leased to families earning at or below 60% of the area median income. Councilmember Nease motioned to strike through 6420 and replace with 6460, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2025-15** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, stating support for the proposed 48-unit multi-family development known as Garner Family Phase 2, which will be located adjacent to Garner Villas on County Road 6460 and Bruce Smith Parkway. All units will be affordable and leased to families earning at or below 60% of the area median income. Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2025-16** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an agreement between the City of West Plains and N-Form Architecture, LLC for the purpose of architectural services for the renovation of city property located at 601 Washington Avenue. Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried.

- d. **Resolution 2025-17** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, adopting the West Plains Transit System Title VI Program as amended August 13, 2025. Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

IV. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4802 to become Ordinance 4802** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the mayor or city administrator to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of West Plains and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of West Plains and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission-approved transit projects. Councilmember Nease motioned 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 4803 to become Ordinance 4803** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending certain provisions of Chapter 21 (“Floodplain Management”) to meet the current minimum requirements for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and, further, adopting floodplain standard operating procedures. Councilmember Nease motioned 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"/>

- c. **Bill 4804 to become Ordinance 4804** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an amendment to a State Block Grant agreement increasing the original grant amount by \$882,959 for the purpose of the airport fuel system install and, further, extending the project timeline to August 30, 2027. Councilmember Nease motioned 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"/>

- d. **Bill 4805 to become Ordinance 4805** – Second reading. An ordinance providing for the levying and collection of a tax for the general revenue fund within the City of West Plains, Missouri for the year 2025, upon all real, personal and mixed property within the corporate limits of the City of West Plains, Missouri subject to taxation. Councilmember Nease motioned 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. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm reminded residents that school is back in session and to use caution while traveling. He commended the West Plains Downtown Revitalization group on the receipt of their Outstanding Community Empowerment grant.

VI. Citizen Comments

- a. Stevie Miller – Thanked the West Plains Civic Center staff for a smooth Pride event held at the center. Stevie spoke in opposition to a local drag ban and educated council on the history of drag performance. Stevie suggested that West Plains be deemed a sanctuary city in the future when the LGBTQIA community has more support and cited mental health challenges of the group.
- b. Timothy W. White – Spoke in favor of banning live drag show performances in city parks/spaces via city ordinance and proposed holding those shows in private spaces such as the downtown entertainment district.
- c. Cammie Storm – Stated that banning drag shows would box in the LGBTQIA community to where they can't express themselves and said that prohibiting expression in city parks would go against U.S. Constitutional rights. Cammie noted that the group has never been in violation of any ordinances and requested that West Plains be deemed a sanctuary city citing tax revenue for hosting Pride events.

VII. Adjourn

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