

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

Monday, October 20, 2025
5:30 p.m. Regular Session
Work Session to Follow

I. Preliminaries

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on October 20, 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. September 15, 2025 – Regular Meeting + Work Session
- b. Surplus Vehicles
 - i. 2011 Ford F-550
 - ii. 1998 Ford Econoline

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

III. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2025-20** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute a parking lot lease agreement with West Plains R-VII school district. Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2025-21** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an intergovernmental cost share agreement between the City of West Plains and Howell County for the improvement of a portion of County Road 1770 in Howell County, Missouri. Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2025-22** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute a contract with Hunden Partners for a feasibility study to determine the viability of an indoor sport complex for the City of West Plains. Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

IV. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4807** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains approving the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Councilmember Nease motioned 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 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 4808** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #2 budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

Councilmember Nease motioned 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 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 4809** – First reading. An ordinance increasing electric rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri.

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"/>

David Neal inquired regarding the increase of resident electric usage.

Ryan Hughes mentioned that the city's power purchasing rate increase could be a result of Meta's data center in Kansas City.

- d. **Bill 4810** – First reading. An ordinance increasing sanitation rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri.

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"/>

- e. **Bill 4811** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of a fee schedule for certain city services and approvals by the City of West Plains, Missouri.

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"/>

- f. **Bill 4812** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-34(c) of the City of West Plains Municipal Code relating to Public Addresses to Council.

Councilmember Nease motioned 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 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 everyone about the library reception on 10/22/25 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for the Library of the Year Award and commended them on their increased usage and programming options. Residents need to be on the lookout for a new online payment vendor for utility payments which is the same billing agency as the utility software. The new portal should provide fee savings to residents who pay their bill online.

VI. Citizen Comments

- a. Jacob Garrett – Spoke regarding the airport advisory board, airport management, and the history of the airport. He requested that the airport hire a manager who specializes in airport management. He criticized the city budget and funding of the airport.
- b. Mike Burgess – Spoke regarding protests occurring at the intersection of Porter Wagoner and Broadway. He believes that the Veteran’s Memorial area needs to be protected by the city to not allow protests.
- c. David Neal – Spoke about suspending minimum utility rates and offered his environmental expertise to residents to help reduce usage. He raised concerns about non-handicapped parking in designated spaces at private businesses, requested that train whistles not be blown at intersections, noted pavement repairs needed at several locations. He also suggested closing St. Louis Street, mentioned issues with right-of-way on roads, and reported a dispute with a former landlord.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

VIII. Work Session

Mayor Topliff called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Grennan, Councilmember Murrell, Councilmember Nease, and Mayor Topliff.

- a. Business Licenses
City Administrator Sam Anselm and City Clerk Kellie Mayers presented city council with a business license overview.
Discussion included:
 - Business classification
 - License statistics
 - City code
 - State regulations
 - Sales tax
 - Business compliance
 - Occupancy inspections

IX. Adjourn Work Session

Work session was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.