

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on February 17, 2026, 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, and Mayor Michael Topliff. Members absent: Councilmember Jessica Nease. Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order, established a quorum, and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - i. January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- b. West Plains Housing Authority Board Appointments
  - i. Barbara Butler renewing a 4-year term set to expire February 2030
  - ii. Patty Goss renewing a 4-year term set to expire February 2030
- c. Industrial Development Authority Board Appointments
  - i. Lou Citro renewing a 6-year term set to expire February 2032
- d. Highway 160 Overpass Change Orders
  - i. Change Order 10: Final Value Engineering Quantities - \$77,221.62
  - ii. Change Order 11: Hand Pour Requirements - \$15,395.60
  - iii. Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly (CMT) Extension - \$232,234.79

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

**II. Guest Presentation**

- a. Downtown Coordinator Emily Edwards-Long – Missouri Arts Council Award  
Emily Edwards-Long presented the West Plains Downtown Revitalization report from 2025. West Plains was recently recognized by the Missouri Arts Council as the 2025 Creative Community. Emily and the group thanked Mayor Topliff who attended the ceremony in Jefferson City and presented the resolutions to Mayor and City Council.

**III. Resolutions**

- a. **Resolution 2026-03** – 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 Murrell motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried.

**IV. Ordinances**

- a. **Bill 4816 to become Ordinance 4816** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Section 28-141 of the West Plains Municipal Code relating to Lewd and Immoral Conduct.  
Councilmember Murrell 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b. **Bill 4817 to become Ordinance 4817** – Second reading. An ordinance amending Article XI of Chapter 10 and Article VI of Chapter 38 by the addition of new regulations for trenchless excavations on public and private property and in the right-of-way.  
 Councilmember Murrell 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 expressed appreciation for the patience with the recent snow event and invited everyone to the bingo at Library this weekend. He urged residents to stay tuned to the city’s media for updates.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.