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To: West Plains City Council

Re: Dissolution of the Galloway Creek Advisory Board

### **Executive Summary**

This ordinance would formally dissolve the Galloway Creek Advisory Board, which was established in 2003 to provide recommendations, guidance and oversight regarding matters related to Galloway Park.

### **Discussion**

The Galloway Creek Advisory Board was first created 23 years ago to support the original LWCF grant that established the park. It then continued to meet on a monthly basis after the park was established to provide guidance on matters pertaining to the park. However, over time, there has been less need for board oversight, with the park firmly established as the city's premier nature park. Galloway Park now has paved walking trails, new bathrooms, and is maintained daily by parks staff.

The board last met in the summer of 2024. In lieu of formal board meetings, the parks manager and community services director have both offered to meet with the most recent board chairwoman on an as-needed basis to address any concerns she or other past board members might have about the park. Galloway Park also has representation on the park board from a member of the community who utilizes the park grounds for the Boy Scouts.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the dissolution of the Galloway Creek Advisory Board.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI, REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 7, SECTIONS 2-349 THROUGH 2-353 OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO GALLOWAY CREEK ADVISORY BOARD; DISSOLVING SAID BOARD; AND ADDRESSING THE DISPOSITION OF ITS DUTIES, RECORDS, AND RELATED MATTERS.

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Plains, Missouri previously established the Galloway Creek Advisory Board via Ordinance 3811 in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Galloway Creed Advisory Board was to provide recommendations, guidance, and oversight regarding matters related to Galloway Creek and associated environmental, recreational, and community interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council has determined that the functions and responsibilities previously assigned to the Galloway Creek Advisory Board can be more effectively administered by existing city staff, departments, or other boards and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council finds that it is in the best interests of the city to repeal the provisions establishing the Galloway Creek Advisory Board and to formally dissolve said board; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council desires to ensure an orderly transition of any remaining responsibilities, records, and matters previously under the purview of the Galloway Creek Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1:** REPEAL OF CODE PROVISIONS

Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 7, Sections 2-349 through 2-353 of the Municipal Code of the City of West Plains, Missouri, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

**Section 2:** DISSOLUTION OF BOARD

The Galloway Creek Advisory Board is hereby dissolved and shall cease to exist as of the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section 3:** TRANSFER OF DUTIES

Any duties, responsibilities, or functions previously assigned to the Galloway Creek Advisory Board shall be transferred and administered by such city departments, officials, or boards as designated by the city administrator, unless otherwise directed by the city council.

**Section 4:** RECORDS AND PROPERTY

All records, documents, files, and any property of the Galloway Creek Advisory Board shall be transferred to the custody of the city clerk or other appropriate city department as designated by the city administrator, in accordance with applicable records retention policies.

**Section 5:** EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the city council and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR MICHAEL TOPLIFF

(SEAL)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK KELLIE MAYERS