

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

Monday, March 23, 2026
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on March 23, 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, Councilmember Jessica Nease, and Mayor Michael Topliff. Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order, established a quorum, and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Murrell arrived at 5:31 p.m.

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - ii. March 4, 2026 Special Meeting
- b. Bid – Surplus Vehicles and Equipment:
 - i. 2007 Crafc0 SS125 Crack Seal Trailer & Product
 - ii. 1972 AM General Truck
 - iii. 1974 2800 Tire Roller
 - iv. 1993 International 4700 Flatbed
 - v. B160 Series IH Distributor Truck
 - vi. Flink Spreader Bed
 - vii. Henderson Chief FSh10 Spreader Bed
 - viii. Henderson Chief FSh-M9 Spreader Bed
 - ix. Swenson Spreader Bed
 - x. 3 Fuel Oil Tanks
 - xi. American Steel Works Foot Foller
 - xii. Rhino 484 Brush Hog
 - xiii. Tire Machine
 - xiv. Land Pride Finish Mower
 - xv. Flink HD6-4 Chipper Gate #1638
 - xvi. Flink HD6 Chipper Gate #1620
 - xvii. Coats 2020 SuperStar Tire Machine
 - xviii. 2015 International Street Sweeper
- c. Approval of Disposal of Records: Human Resources Department
 - i. GS 028: Time and Attendance Records, 2016-2021, 1 cu ft

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

II. Guest Presentation

- a. Hunden & Partners – Presented findings from a feasibility study showing strong demand for an indoor sports complex, including tournament play and pickleball, with comparisons to similar facilities. Three development scenarios were outlined with costs, economic impact, and potential tax benefits; similar projects rely on public funding and

high utilization. Estimated annual operating loss of ~\$150,000, not including possible sales tax revenue. Council discussed whether sales tax could offset losses. Timeline options align with August or November elections; current sales tax is 1%.

III. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4818** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of amended budgets for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. 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"/>

IV. Citizen Comments

- a. Kathleen Morrisey – Spoke regarding the 2026 Creative Community Award and presented a copy of the poster to the mayor and city council members. Kathleen thanked the mayor and council for their support of the arts.

V. Mayor’s State of the City Address

Mayor Topliff presented the 2026 State of the City Address which highlights a year of progress in West Plains, including the near completion of the Independence Drive Overpass to improve safety and traffic flow, new job opportunities with Provalus and upcoming expansions, and the “Homes for Tomorrow” initiative to improve housing. Together, these efforts reflect the city’s commitment to growth, safety, and a strong future, made possible by dedicated employees, leadership, and community pride.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

BY:

MAYOR MICHAEL TOPLIFF

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK KELLIE MAYERS