

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

Monday, April 20, 2026
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on April 20, 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

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. March 23, 2026, Regular Meeting
- b. Review Election Results

Councilmember Nease motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Motion carried, 5-0.

II. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4818 to become Ordinance 4818** – Second 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 Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

	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"/>

III. Council Member Recognition

Councilmember Jessica Nease – 2018 through 2026

Mayor Topliff recognized Councilmember Jessica Nease and thanked her for her service for the past 8 years.

IV. Adjourn Sine Die

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 5:36 p.m.

V. Preliminaries

Councilmember Crockett Oaks III was sworn into office.

Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order and established a quorum with the following members present: Councilmember Greg Collins, Councilmember Ron Grennan, Councilmember Johnny Murrell, Councilmember Crockett Oaks III, and Mayor Michael Topliff.

VI. Mayor Pro-Tempore Election

- a. West Plains, Missouri – Code of Ordinances/Part 1– Charter/Article III – City Council/ Sec. 3.4 – Mayor Pro Tempore: The council shall elect from among its members a Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Grennan nominated Councilmember Collins for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Councilmember Collins was elected Mayor Pro Tem by unanimous vote.

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. Council Appointments:
 - i. Planning & Zoning – Councilmember Collins & Mayor Topliff
 - ii. Tourist Advisory Committee – Councilmember Grennan
 - iii. Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Oaks III
 - iv. Civic Center – Councilmember Murrell
 - v. Library – Councilmember Murrell
 - vi. Airport – Councilmember Grennan
- b. Tree City USA Board Appointment
 - i. Taylor Butler to fill the unexpired 3-year term of Bailey White set to expire June 2028
- c. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment
 - i. Jayden Wiley to fill the unexpired 4-year term of Crockett Oaks III set to expire September 2029
- d. Approval of Disposal of Records: City Clerk Department
 - i. GS 050: Permits and Licenses, 1967-2023, 7 cu ft
- e. Surplus Vehicle & Equipment
 - i. 2011 Ford F-550 Altec Bucket Truck
 - ii. Ditch Witch Zahn R300 Tracked Trencher
- f. Surplus Property
 - i. City block generally located at 435 Aid Avenue- east of Aid Avenue, west of Walnut Street, north of Poplar Avenue, and south of Prospect Street.

Councilmember Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Grennan. Motion carried, 5-0.

VIII. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2026-04** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing a lease agreement between the City of West Plains and the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of leasing to the university certain space within the West Plains Civic Center for office, storage, and certain types of events. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Grennan. Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. **Resolution 2026-05** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving the adoption of dilapidated to new, demolition programs under certain guidelines. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

IX. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4819** – First 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 Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

	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 Oaks	<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 4820** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 10, Sections 2-400 through 2-404 of the City of West Plains Municipal Code relating to Airport Advisory Board. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

	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 Oaks	<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 4821** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, calling an election to be held on August 4, 2026, in order to submit a proposition to the qualified voters regarding authorization for a one percent sales tax which would be in addition to the city’s existing one percent sales tax.

City Administrator Sam Anselm spoke with council members regarding the potential sales tax proposition noting that funds will continue to be controlled through the budget process. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

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Councilmember Grennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor Topliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

X. Council Action

- a. Conditional Use Permit – 530 East Main Street
 Council discussed the home-based retail space, including inventory placement, parking, alley considerations, public notice, and neighbor communication. The permit would be limited to the current owner and reverted to R-1 if discontinued.
 Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Grennan. Motion carried, 4-1, with Councilmember Murrell voting no.

XI. Citizen Comments

- a. David Neal – Commented on rising electricity costs and encouraged stronger enforcement of regulations related to smoking at gas pumps, handicap parking, and seatbelt use, including consideration of increased fines and limited discretion.

XII. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm highlighted upcoming community events, aquatic center staffing needs, right-of-way maintenance, and city responsibility regarding rights-of-way. Utility updates included billing program options, planned rollout of online usage tools, and rising electricity costs to the city.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.