MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
1910 HOLIDAY LANE, WEST PLAINS, MO 65775
Monday, May 18, 2026
5:30 p.m. Regular Session

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2026, in the council chambers at the West Plains City Hall, 1910 Holiday Lane, with the following members present: Councilmember Greg Collins, Councilmember Ron Grennan, Councilmember Crockett Oaks III, and Mayor Michael Topliff. Mayor Topliff called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., established a quorum, and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Councilmember Johnny Murrell arrived at 5:31 p.m.

I. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes
   i. April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting
b. Fireworks Permits
   i. Give Local First – 7/3/2026- 2205 Porter Wagoner Blvd.
   ii. Freedom Patch Fireworks/Sons of the American Revolution – 7/8/2026- 602 Olden Street
c. Park Board Appointments
   i. Kevin Smith renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2029
   ii. Michelle Miller renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2029
   iii. Bruce Vincent renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2029
   iv. Jeremiah Jones renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2029
d. Surplus Vehicles & Equipment
   i. Bleachers
   ii. 27 CPU's
   iii. 1997 Samsung Excavator
   iv. Case 580 Super Backhoe
   v. Case 580 Turbo Backhoe
   vi. 2009 Goschen Coach Bus
   vii. 2001 Ford Taurus
   viii. Transportation Tilt Trailer

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

II. Resolutions

a. **Resolution 2026-06** – A resolution of the City Council of the City of West Plains, Missouri, affirming its commitment to public safety and establishing a comprehensive initiative to reduce violent crime within the city and authorizing the pursuit of the Missouri Blue Shield Designation. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

b. **Resolution 2026-07** – A resolution of the City Council of the City of West Plains, Missouri, stating intent to seek funding through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and

Communities (BRIC) Program, administered by FEMA, and to designate and appoint the mayor or city administrator to give them the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award on behalf of the city. This resolution will also commit to a minimum of 25% of the total project cost. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

III. Ordinances

a. **Bill 4819 to become Ordinance 4819** – Second 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	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Grennan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Murrell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Oaks	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

b. **Bill 4820 to become Ordinance 4820** – Second 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.

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Councilmember Collins	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Grennan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Murrell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Oaks	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

c. **Bill 4821 to become Ordinance 4821** – Second 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. Council discussed with the city administrator about timeline, upcoming potential projects, and projected revenue should the ballot issue sales tax pass at the election by voters.

MJ Prows of 2602 Kody Dr. asked whether the proposed 1% sales tax would be temporary or permanent and why 1% was proposed instead of 3/4% like Mountain Home, Arkansas. The city administrator explained that the additional revenue would support expanded services, infrastructure and safety improvements, and potential expansion of the proposed sports complex. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

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Councilmember Collins	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Grennan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Murrell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Oaks	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

d. **Bill 4822** – First reading. 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. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Not Present
Councilmember Collins	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Grennan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Murrell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Oaks	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

e. **Bill 4823** – First reading. An ordinance repealing Sections 2-499 through 2-501 of the Municipal Code for the reason that the city must adopt a resolution including these provisions or similar provisions on a biennial basis as required by Section 105.485.4 RSMo and other reasons as discussed herein. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

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Councilmember Collins	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Grennan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Murrell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Oaks	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

IV. Council Action

a. Park Board Appointment

i. Matt Legler renewing a 3-year term set to expire June 2029

Mayor Topliff recused himself from discussion and voting on this item. Councilmember Murrell motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Oaks. Motion carried, 4-0, with Mayor Topliff recused and voting.

b. Conditional Use Permit – 212 Worcester
Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

c. Conditional Use Permit – 419 Farrell Street
Councilmember Murrell motioned to hear the reading of the permit, seconded by Councilmember Collins. Councilmember Oaks then motioned to deny the conditional use permit request, seconded by Councilmember Grennan. The motion to deny passed by a vote of 5-0 and the permit request was denied.

V. Proclamation

Mayor Michael Topliff presented an Aloha proclamation encouraging residents and visitors to wear aloha shirts on Fridays from Memorial to Labor Day to engage in the aloha spirit of kindness and community.

VI. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm invited residents to the youth and adult summer reading programs at the West Plains Public Library, stating that registration is now open. He stated that the Civic Center roof is being prepped for a new maintenance coating.

VII. Adjourn

Mayor Topliff invited residents to assist in placing flags at Oaklawn Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day and the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____DAY OF _____, 20____.

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

(SEAL)

BY:

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MAYOR MICHAEL TOPLIFF

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK KELLIE MAYERS