

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING + PUBLIC HEARING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
1910 HOLIDAY LANE, WEST PLAINS, MO 65775

Monday, August 10, 2026
5:30 p.m. Special Session

The West Plains City Council met in special session on August 10, 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 Johnny Murrell, 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.

I. Public Hearing

- a. Ad Valorem (property) Tax Levy for General Fund
Finance Director Earlene Rich spoke regarding the annual property tax levy. The proposed total property tax levy is \$0.3088 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The State auditor's office provides assessed valuations and formula for the city. She stated that the recent ballot initiative is a completely different type of tax. This tax rate is lower than most years other than last year. Rich stated that the proposed revenue does not include senior tax credits and two readings of the bill must be completed prior to September 1 each year.
Councilmember Murrell confirmed that this was a non- reassessment year.

II. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4828** – First reading. An ordinance providing for the levying and collection of a tax for the general revenue fund within the City of West Plains, Missouri for the year 2026, upon all real, personal and mixed property within the corporate limits of the City of West Plains, Missouri subject to taxation. 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	☒	☐	☐	☐

III. Adjourn

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