

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

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

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on July 20, 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. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - i. June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting
- b. Library Board Appointments
  - i. Kyle Pompeii – appointed to a 3-year term expiring August 2029
  - ii. Rachel Peterson – appointed to a 3-year term expiring August 2029
  - iii. Sarah Drago – appointed to a 3-year term expiring August 2029
  - iv. Ray Williams – reappointed to a 3-year term expiring August 2029
- c. Charter Review Commission Appointments – terms expiring 12 months from first meeting
  - i. Sylvia Biggers
  - ii. Amanda Parker
  - iii. Amber Miller
  - iv. Justin Collins
  - v. Thomas Meyer
  - vi. Judy Ogden
  - vii. Jessica Nease
  - viii. Reid Grigsby
  - ix. Karen Eggert
  - x. David Evans
  - xi. Jonathan Hanshaw
  - xii. Bryan Adcock
- d. Board of Adjustments Appointments
  - i. Myles Smith – appointed to a vacant alternate seat, 5-year term expiring July 2031
  - ii. Lana Snodgras – appointed to a vacant alternate seat, 5-year term expiring July 2031
- e. Firework Displays
  - i. West Plains R-VII Zizzer Stadium – 9/4/26, 9/17/26, 9/25/26, 10/2/26, and 10/23/26
  - ii. United Freewill Baptist Church – 7/22/26
- f. Bid – OxyLift WWTP Upgrade Construction Cost \$1,437,119
- g. Request to Purchase
  - i. Gilcrest PavMaster 314 Asphalt Pull Paver - \$45,000

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

## II. Guest Speaker

- a. **KPM CPA's – Presentation of FY2025 Annual Audit Report**  
Auditor Matt Wallace from KPM CPA's presented the annual financial audit report to the council, noting that the audit received an unmodified opinion with no findings. The presentation included a review of the financial statements, general funds, grants fund activity, operating reserves, net income, fund balances, sales tax growth, grant-funded capital outlay, enterprise fund debt obligations, significant accounting policies, and internal balance transfers between funds. The auditor reported that the general fund remains financially healthy, there were no new audit notes this year, and the federal awards audit, including the CDBG program, also received an unmodified opinion with no findings. The auditor recommended that the city investigate its average water loss of 26%. Councilmember Murrell asked the auditor if there were any recommendations for improvement. The auditor stated that there were no significant recommendations, saying that the city's financial management was very impressive.

## III. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2026-09** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri affirming its method of disclosing potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. **Resolution 2026-10** – A resolution of the City of West Plains adopting an updated (May 2026) official West Plains/Howell County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. **Resolution 2026-11** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, stating intent to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the mayor or city administrator to pursue activities in an attempt to secure funding and dedicating \$50,000 of local cash funds. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.
- d. **Resolution 2026-12** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the submission of an application to the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for funding through the States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) for the City of West Plains First Street Workforce Parking Improvement Project; designating the city administrator to serve as the city's authorized representative for all matters relating to the application and administration of the grant. Councilmember Collins motioned to designate and appoint Sam Anselm, City Administrator, to perform all duties and administration of said award, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0. Councilmember Collins motioned to provide additional funds of zero dollars to said award, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0. Councilmember Collins motioned to make no in-kind contribution with a fair market value of zero dollars to said award, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Collins motioned that in the event of an administration change, the new city administrator shall continue to have such authority under this resolution, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Collins motioned to approve resolution 2026-12 in its entirety, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

- e. **Resolution 2026-13** – A resolution of the City of West Plains, Missouri, stating support for the proposed 48-unit development of multifamily housing known as Garner Phase 3 which will be located adjacent to Garner Villas on County Road 6460 and Bruce Smith Parkway. All units will be affordable and be leased to families earning at or below 60% of the area median income. Building Official Dustin Harrison spoke and noted the proposed development will be 32 units. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### IV. **Ordinances**

- a. **Bill 4824 to become Ordinance 4824** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, amending several provisions of Articles I, II, and III of Chapter 6 of the City of West Plains municipal code relating to the keeping and control of animals, fowl and livestock. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

|                       | Aye                                 | Nay                      | Not Voting               | Not Present              |
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| 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 4825 to become Ordinance 4825** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Chapter 27 – Nuisances: Section 27-2 Prohibited and Section 27-4 Grass and Weeds of the City of West Plains municipal code. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

|                       | Aye                                 | Nay                      | Not Voting               | Not Present              |
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- c. **Bill 4826 to become Ordinance 4826** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Chapter 50 – Zoning: Section 50-113 – Additional District Regulations and Section 50-115 – Fences, of the City of West Plains municipal code. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

|                       | Aye                                 | Nay                      | Not Voting               | Not Present              |
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- d. **Bill 4827** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri amending several provisions of Division 5 of the City of West Plains Municipal Code relating to the Tourist Development Advisory Council. Councilmember Collins recused himself from discussion and voting. Councilmember Grennan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 4-0, with Councilmember Collins not voting.

|                       | Aye                                 | Nay                      | Not Voting                          | Not Present              |
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**V. City Administrator Report**

City Administrator Sam Anselm provided updates on Civic Center events and noted that the city provided informal flyers for the August 4<sup>th</sup> ballot measure. He also reported on the new playground equipment at Children's Park, noting that installation depends on the installers' schedule. Appreciation was expressed for city crews working in the heat, with special recognition given to the sewer crews for their responsiveness. It was confirmed that the park board also reviewed the new playground structures. Based on industry standards and the insurance provider's recommendation, it was approved to dispose of the old equipment for safety and liability concerns.

**VI. Adjourn**

Mayor emphasized the spark in community interest and the August 4<sup>th</sup> election. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.