

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2026
4:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Work Session to Follow

The West Plains City Council met on September 29, 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 4:00 p.m., established a quorum, and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Ordinances

- a. **Bill 4830 to become Ordinance 4830** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, authorizing the city administrator to execute an amendment to a State Block Grant Agreement for airport improvements including the remainder of the construction contract and Woolpert's construction administration services, and further authorizing local matching funds for said project. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

	Yes	No	Abstaining	Not Present
Councilmember Collins	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Grennan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Murrell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Councilmember Oaks	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

II. Council Action

- a. Civic Center Chiller Unit Repair - \$81,360
Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell.
Motion carried, 5-0.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

IV. Work Session

Mayor Topliff called the work session to order at 4:06 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmember Greg Collins, Councilmember Ron Grennan, Councilmember Johnny Murrell, Councilmember Crockett Oaks III, and Mayor Michael Topliff.

- a. FY27 Budget

Finance Director Earlene Rich and city council members reviewed the FY2027 budget process, including the adoption timeline, amendments, council's approval role, and differences between proposed and adopted budgets. Discussion covered revenues and expenditures by fund, employee investments and benefits, police scheduling, staffing reclassification, utility rate and user fee changes, and unfunded requests. The proposed Capital Improvement Plan (2027-2031) and vehicle/heavy equipment replacement plan were also reviewed. Additional topics included the proposed tax increase, balanced budget requirements, priority-based budgeting metrics, fund reserves and expenditures, a downtown façade grant, transportation, library, tourism, utility, fiber, and TIF #2 budgets.

V. **Adjourn Work Session**

The work session was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Kellie Mayers - City Clerk

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

(SEAL)

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

BY:

MAYOR MICHAEL TOPLIFF

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK KELLIE MAYERS