MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING + PUBLIC HEARING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEST PLAINS CITY HALL
1910 HOLIDAY LANE, WEST PLAINS, MO 65775
Monday, October 19, 2026
5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

The West Plains City Council met in regular session on October 19, 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. September 18, 2026, Special Meeting
   ii. September 21, 2026, Regular Meeting
   iii. September 29, 2026, Special Meeting + Work Session
b. Approval of Disposal of Records:
   i. Prosecuting Attorney Department
      1. PS 002.04: Criminal Case Files – Driving While Intoxicated, 2006-2015, 3 cu ft
      2. PS 002.08: Criminal Case Files – Misdemeanors, Infractions, Ordinance, or Other Violations, 2014-2022, 75 cu ft
   ii. Finance Department
      1. MS 1602: Customer Account File – Utility, 1943-1945, 2006, 0.3 cu ft
c. Housing Authority Board Appointment
   i. Pat Smith – renewing a 4-year term set to expire November 2030
   Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

II. Public Hearing

a. FY2027 City Budget, TIF #2 Budget, and Adoption of City Fee Schedule, Electric, Water, Sewer, and Sanitation Rates
   Lisa Mayhail, 608 West Main Street, spoke about the water quality, dumpster removal, and sewer usage.
   Michael Myers, 608 West Main Street, opposed water meters, propane billing, taxes, rising insurance, and food rates, while advocating for larger trash cans, lower bills, and fixes for the high lime content causing his kidney stones.

III. Resolutions

a. **Resolution 2026-19** – A resolution of the city council of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving the appointment of Jodi B. Brunson as the city prosecutor and authorizing the city administrator to execute an agreement for legal services.
   Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

IV. Ordinances

a. **Bill 4831 to become Ordinance 4831** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Chapter 18 – Courts: Section 18-23. – Designation of acting municipal judge; vacancy in office of municipal judge, of the City of West Plains Municipal Code. 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	☒	☐	☐	☐

b. **Bill 4832 to become Ordinance 4832** – Second reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, amending Article III of Chapter 28 by enacting a new section 28-88 relating to hemp-derived and intoxicating cannabinoid products to conform to new legislation (HB 2641) passed this year by the Missouri General Assembly which is effective November 12, 2026. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Lisa Mayhail spoke in opposition to city regulation and then reversed her position in favor of the bill. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

c. **Bill 4833** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains approving the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Michael Myers spoke regarding the city budget and fire department, while criticizing city workers on job sites, parades, and parade candy. Motion carried, 4-1.

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

d. **Bill 4834** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #2 budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027. 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	☒	☐	☐	☐

e. **Bill 4835** – First reading. An ordinance approving the adoption of a fee schedule for certain city services and approvals by the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

f. **Bill 4836** – First reading. An ordinance increasing electric rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. 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	☒	☐	☐	☐

g. **Bill 4837** – First reading. An ordinance increasing water rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. David Neal, 106 Dana Street, opposed all water fees for residents. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

Mayor Topliff	☒	☐	☐	☐

h. **Bill 4838** – First reading. An ordinance increasing sewer rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Michael Myers opposed rising sewer rates and sewer usage based on water usage, threatening the city with a lawsuit. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

i. **Bill 4839** – First reading. An ordinance increasing sanitation rates for customers of the City of West Plains, Missouri. 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	☒	☐	☐	☐

j. **Bill 4840** – First reading. An ordinance of the City of West Plains, Missouri, approving a standard ground lease agreement for the West Plains Regional Airport and authorizing the city administrator to execute such lease agreements from time to time with individual lessees. Councilmember Collins motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Murrell. Motion carried, 5-0.

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V. Citizen Comments

a. David Neal, 106 Dana Street, accused a police officer of not citing a near-miss traffic encounter and requested private company surveillance footage. He requested a public database of city information, increased governmental oversight on handicapped parking violations, and a ban on Flock brand cameras.

VI. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Sam Anselm invited the public to attend the Movie in the Park on 10/24/26 at Carmichael Field as well as the public library 10/30/26 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. for candy and books provided by the library foundation.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.