



City of
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Missouri
Minutes

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REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
Woodson Terrace City Hall
April 16th, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Woodson Terrace was held on Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. Mayor Besmer presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lawrence Besmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen Present

John Belford
Caroline Martin
Stephen Stewart
Lisa Walton
Robert Welby
Joan Willey
Maryanne Zaiz

Aldermen Absent

Gregory Mills

Also present were City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Director of Public Works Doug Hill, Chief Bret Carbray, City Clerk Sarah Piel, City Collector Lindsey Buxman Serna and members of the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following a motion from Alderman Willey, seconded by Alderman Zaiz; the Board unanimously approved minutes from March 19th Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT
OF THE BILLS**

Following a motion from Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Zaiz; the Board unanimously approved the payment of the bills. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION R2-2026 –
ACCEPTING THE
CERTIFIED RESULTS
FROM APRIL 7,2026
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Mayor Lawrence Besmer called for a motion to have Resolution R2-2026 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Martin made the motion, seconded by Alderman Zaiz, and unanimously carried. Resolution R2-2026 reads:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WOODSON TERRACE, MISSOURI, OFFICALLY ACCEPTING THE CERTIFIED RESULTS OF THE APRIL 7,2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mayor Besmer read R2-2026 by title only. With no discussion, read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye”
Alderman Martin	“Aye”
Alderman Stewart	“Aye”
Alderman Walton	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Motin passed.

At this time City Clerk Sarah Piel read the official certified results they are as follows:

Caroline Martine – mayor
Lisa Walton – Alderman, Ward 1
Ryan Marshall – Alderman, Ward 1
Robert Welby- Alderman, Ward 2
Joseph Earls – Alderman, Ward 2
Joan Willey – Alderman, Ward 3
Maryanne Zaiz – Alderman, Ward 4

City Clerk Sarah Piel Swore in all Newley elected officials and everyone took their seat.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR
NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICIALS**

Mayor Caroline Martin called the meeting to order at 7:10. She thanked Butch Besmer and Stephen Stewart for their service to the city.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen Present

John Belford
Joseph Earls
Ryan Marshall
Lisa Walton
Robert Welby
Joan Willey
Maryanne Zaiz

Aldermen Absent

Gregory Mills

**OPEN FORUM FOR
CITIZENS**

Missouri State Representative Stephanie Boykin presented former mayor Besmer with a Resolution for his 20 years of service as Mayor to the City of Woodson Terrace along with her was Walter Lobster from the American Legion post 143 commander and the vice commander Fred of post 2365 VFW.

Sage Coram from ACLU Missouri, Erika Gravely from Harmony United Methodist Church, Missy Barnstand from Ritenour School district, Jeremy Kane from Ritenour Middle school and Vanessa Herriquez all spoke in disagreement of Bill 287 G the Police department signed in regard to working with "ICE"

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Carbray addressed the citizens that talked about Bill 287G saying the police department only reaches out to ICE if they commit and crime and are arrested, they never go out of their way to help them "find" people.

Chief Carbray and Major Wactor presented 3 awards to 2 different officers.

Officer Andrew Hapgood was present the combat cross award and the Meritorious Commendation Award. Sergeant Michael Preston was also presented with the Meritorious Commendation Award.

Chief Carbray also advised they have hired a new Evidence/Police Clerk who will be starting in May.

CITY COLLECTOR

City collector Lindsey Serna read the March collectors report. A copy is available at City Hall.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Doug Zaiz congratulated Caroline Martin on her new roll as Mayor and handed her the Keys to her new office.

CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sarah Piel asked for a roll call vote and a motion to have former Mayor Besmer removed from following accounts and have Caroline Martin added. The city treasures, collectors, capital improvement, municipal court bonds, sewer lateral, municipal court CVC, parks & storm water, general revenue, economic development, police escrow, public safety, lodging hosp management, DEA justice, and DEA treasures accounts.

Alderman Belford made the motion, seconded by Alderman Ryan Marshall. The vote was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye”
Alderman Earls	“Aye”
Alderman Marshall	“Aye”
Alderman Walton	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Motion passes.

City Clerk Sarah Piel read for the record 4 cubic feet of court documents totaling 187 files for the years 1971 -1973 and 2012- 2013 will be destroyed. She also read for the record the Police department will be destroying a large range of documents that have met their retention. These lists are on file at City Hall.

COURT CLERK

City Clerk Sarah Piel announced the court totals for March are \$8,611.40

CITY CONSULTANT

No report

CITY ATTORNEY

No Report

**ALDERMAN
COMMENTS**

No Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Alderman Zaiz gave the public works report that included updates on the pool, MO Dot safety grant update for road signs, and vacant buildings along Woodson Road.

PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

BUDGET, WAGE & JOB STUDY

No Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No Report

SPECIAL PROJECTS/PARKS

Caroline Martin announced the Memorial Day service will be on Monday May 25th at the veterans memorial at John L Brown Park.

VETERAN'S

LEGISLATION:

Mayor Caroline Martin called for a motion to have Resolution R-3-2026 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Willey made the motion, seconded by Alderman Marshall, and unanimously carried. Resolution R-3-2026 reads:

R-3-2026 – CONTRACT FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KYLE CRONIN AND CURTIS, HEINZ GARRETT & O'KEEFE, P.C FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASSISTANT SERVICES

Introduced by Alderman Martin, read by title only. With no discussion, read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye”
Alderman Earls	“Aye”
Alderman Marshall	“Aye”
Alderman Walton	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Motion passed.

LEGISLATION
CONTINUED:

**BILL 2250 – CONDUCT IN
PUBLIC PARKS &
RECREATION
FACILITIES**

Mayor Caroline Martin called for a motion to have Bill 2250 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Marshall, and unanimously carried. Bill 2250 reads:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 230.040 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODSON TERRACE, MISSOURI PERTAINING TO CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Introduced by Alderman Willey, read by title only. With no discussion, read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye”
Alderman Earls	“Aye”
Alderman Marshall	“Aye”
Alderman Walton	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Bill 2250 becomes Ordinance 2092

**BILL 2251 -
RECREATIONAL
EQUIPMENT**

Mayor Caroline Martin called for a motion to have Bill 2251 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Walton made the motion, seconded by Alderman Marshall, and unanimously carried. Bill 2251 reads:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 500.110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODSON TERRACE, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Introduced by Alderman Zaiz, read by title only. With no discussion, read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye”
Alderman Earls	“Aye”
Alderman Marshall	“Aye”
Alderman Walton	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Bill 2251 becomes Ordinance 2093

LEGISLATION
CONTINUED:

BILL 2252 –
COMPENSATION OF THE
PROSECUTING
ATTORNEY

Mayor Caroline Martin called for a motion to have Bill 2252 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Willey made the motion, seconded by Alderman Marshall, and unanimously carried. Bill 2252 reads:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1915 PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND ANY SPECIAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Introduced by Alderman Mills, read by title only. With no discussion, read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye”
Alderman Earls	“Aye”
Alderman Marshall	“Aye”
Alderman Walton	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Bill 2252 becomes Ordinance 2094.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business Mayor Martin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Belford made the motion followed by Alderman Earls, with an all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Piel, City Clerk