



City of  
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Missouri  
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REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
Woodson Terrace City Hall  
September 18, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Woodson Terrace was held on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. Alderman Mills presided and called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Aldermen Present

John Belford  
Caroline Martin  
Gregory Mills  
Stephen Stewart  
Joan Willey  
Robert Welby

Aldermen Absent

Maryanne Zaiz

Also present were Mayor Lawrence Besmer, City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Director of Public Works Doug Hill, Chief of Police Danny Brown, City Clerk Sarah Piel, members of the general public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Following a motion from Alderman Greg Mills, seconded by Alderman Caroline Martin; the Board unanimously approved minutes from the August's Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT  
OF THE BILLS**

Following a motion from Alderman Mills seconded by Alderman Willey, the Board unanimously approved the payment of the bills. Motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM FOR  
CITIZENS**

Mayor Besmer advised that this month we will not allow time for citizens due to the large size of the meeting.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Police Chief Danny Brown presented some officers with unit awards for a homicide on Lilly Jean on July 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Seven officers were involved and did an excellent job, Captain Wactor, Detectives Anton and Steinhauer, Sergeants Wright and Preston, and officers McGrotty and Hapgood.

**CITY COLLECTOR**

City Clerk Sarah announced August's Collector's Report. The official document is available at City Hall.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

City Administrator Doug Zaiz advised the board the city has had trouble communicating with citizens for a long time. We found TextMyGov a company that works with our current code enforcement program IWorks. This will allow for the city to text our residents. This program will allow for residents to sign up and it will also allow them to opt in or out of texts. This will be great for emergencies and road closures along with other news we need to let residents know about.

Doug Zaiz also advised the board that the Town Hall is back up and running and we have made adjustments to the rules and pricing. The biggest changes are we are charging per hour instead of the entire day and we are doubling the deposit. We are hoping this will help combat some of the trouble we were having with damages and rowdiness from the rentals. We also will allow alcohol if a police officer is present.

Alderman Belford made a motion to make these changes to the Town Hall. Seconded by Alderman Mills. With all in favor motion carried.

**CITY CLERK**

No comment

**COURT CLERK**

No comment

**ALDERMAN COMMENTS**

No comment

**MAYOR**

No comment

**COMMITTEES:**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

No Report

**BUDGET, WAGE & JOB STUDY**

Alderman Mills recommended to the board to approve the TextMyGov for the price of \$5,000 a year. A 3-year contract. First year is \$5,500.

Alderman Martin made a motion seconded by Alderman. The vote was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye’
Alderman Martin	“Aye”
Alderman Mills	“Aye”
Alderman Stewart	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“No”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Motion Passed.

Alderman Mills recommended to the board to approve the commemorative Badges for the Police department for the price of \$4,473.50.

Alderman Martin made a motion seconded by Alderman Stewart. The vote was as follows:

Alderman Belford	“Aye’
Alderman Martin	“Aye”
Alderman Mills	“Aye”
Alderman Stewart	“Aye”
Alderman Willey	“Aye”
Alderman Welby	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

Motion Passed.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

No Report

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No Report

**SPECIAL PROJECTS/  
PARK BOARD**

Alderman Joan Willey announced August’s Beautification winner.

**VETERANS  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Martin advised the Board that the Veterans Day Programs will be at the park in November on Veterans Day this year. She also let everyone know about the toys for tots parade on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGILATION:**

**BILL 2241 – TAX RATE  
2025**

Mayor Lawrence Besmer called for a motion to have Bill 2241 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Martin, and unanimously carried. Bill 2241 reads:

*AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED ON ALL REAL, PERSONAL, AND TANGIBLE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF WOODSON TERRACE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF SAID TAXES ON THE BOOKS OF THE COLLECTOR BY THE COUNTY CLERK*

There was no discussion. The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further Mayor Besmer called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Mills made the motion. Seconded by Alderman Martin. With all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Sarah Piel, City Clerk