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REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Woodson Terrace City Hall

December 18th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Woodson Terrace was held on Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. Mayor Besmer presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Besmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen Present

John Belford
Caroline Martin
Gregory Mills
Stephen Stewart
Joan Willey
Maryanne Zaiz

Aldermen Absent

Robert Welby

Also present were Mayor Lawrence Besmer, City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Chief of Police Danny Brown, City Clerk Sarah Piel, City Collector Lindsey Buxman Serna and members of the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following a motion from Alderman Greg Mills, seconded by Alderman Maryanne Zaiz; the Board unanimously approved minutes from November's Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT
OF THE BILLS**

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

**OPEN FORUM FOR
CITIZENS**

Resident, Leon Hart spoke to the Board about ongoing issues with trash service from Waste Connections. Leon urged the aldermen to advocate for the resident of Woodson Terrace with Waste Connections. Alderman Mills and Alderman Willy both said that would call Waste Connections.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Lieutenant Benenati introduced Stephen Moellering, who was sworn in as a Reserve Officer.

Chief Danny Brown presented Mayor Besmer with a Police Badge celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the City of Woodson Terrace.

Captain Wactor informed the Board that 49.48 total cubic feet of records were destroyed on November 25th, 2025 in accordance with Missouri State Law.

CITY COLLECTOR

City Collector Lindsey Buxman Serna announced the November Collector's Report. The official document is available at City Hall.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Doug Zaiz informed the Board that during the most recent snow event, Public Works utilized brine to pre-treat the roads. City Administrator Doug Zaiz notified the Board that Public Works employees Scott Doerr and Jim Rickard plan to retire in 2026. City Administrator Doug Zaiz also reported to the Board that the City Pool received the 2025 Silver International Aquatic Safety Award from Jeff Ellis & Associates, recognizing that the pool and staff ranked in the top 66% of all audited facilities. City Administrator Doug Zaiz informed the Board that a new maintenance company has been hired at Sloan Square/Timberplace Apartments.

CITY CLERK

No Report

COURT CLERK

City Clerk Sarah Peil announced the Court totals for November, \$5,671.47.

**ALDERMEN
COMMENTS**

Alderman Willey commended City Clerk Sarah Piel for her work on the Winter Newsletter.

MAYOR

No Report

COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC WORKS

No Report.

BUDGET, WAGE & JOB STUDY

Alderman Greg Mills made a motion for the approval of the FY2026 DOJ COPS Hiring Grant, seconded by Alderman Stephen Stewart. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion Passes.

Alderman Greg Mills made a motion for the approval of the Purchase of Sighthound Redactor, seconded by Alderman Maryanne Zaiz. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion Passes.

PLANNING & ZONING

No Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No Report

**SPECIAL PROJECTS/
PARK BOARD**

Alderman Joan Willey thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Alderman Joan Willey announced the Christmas Lights Winners:

Grand Prize – 3719 Marvin
Ward 1 – 3840 Keats
Ward 2 – 9209 Kathlyn
Ward 3 – 9238 Guthrie
Ward 4 – 9463 Stansberry

No Report.

**VETERANS
COMMITTEE**

LEGISLATION:

**BILL 2246 – PEACE
DISTURBANCE 210.670**

Mayor Lawrence Besmer called for a motion to have Bill 2246 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Willey, and unanimously carried. Bill 2246 reads:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 210.670 OF CHAPTER 210 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF PEACE DISTURBANCE AND REPEALING SECTION 210.680 AS THOSE PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRIVATE PEACE DISTURBANCE ARE NOW INCLUDED IN AMENDED SECTION 210.670.

Introduced by Alderman Greg Mills, read by title only. With do discussion; read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Bill 2246 passes and becomes Ordinance 2088.

LEGISLATION:

BILL 2247 – DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Mayor Lawrence Besmer called for a motion to have Bill 2247 introduced and read twice by title only. Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Willey, and unanimously carried. Bill 2247 reads:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 210 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION ADDRESSING THE OFFENSE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Introduced by Alderman Greg Mills, read by title only. With do discussion; read a second time by title only. The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Bill 2247 passes and becomes Ordinance 2089.

ADJURNMENT

With nothing further Mayor Lawrence Besmer entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Greg Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Caroline Martin, and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Buxman Serna, City Collector