

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
August 12th, 2025
Elsberry City Hall**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall, 6:30pm. Mayor Wilch presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Harper, Alderman Bange, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Claussen, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Hunter, City Clerk Rachel Reed, and City Collector Tammy Ridings. Also present were Taylor Burnett, and Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources.

Mayor Wilch called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call deemed a quorum present.

Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings

Alderman Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning-All of the CDBG funding has been spent.

USDA- No new information

Cochran- The flooding did not have an impact on the project. Everything is moving forward as planned.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS AND THE
HEARING OF ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD,
EACH OF WHOM HAVE FILED PRIOR REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE
AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105
PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE**

Jill Marye- not present

Bill Rockwell-Signs on Powell- Mr. Rockwell would like to get signs on Harris St. that say no outlet. People are using his driveway to turn around.

Repairs on 2nd St- He would like to City to consider repairing 2nd st. It is in bad shape and is lowering property value.

Curtissa Kerr- Hole in Levee- Ms. Kerr asked about the mosquitoes and if they could spray. She is also very worried about the levee. When it flooded the water came very fast. She would like to know what is going to be done. Mayor Wilch said that they are working to find a solution.

Alderman Harper said that she would reach at to the City of Louisiana to see if they will come spray.

Elsberry Police Chief Attack- Ms. Kerr asked why nothing has been done about the attack on her from June 9, 2024. There have been several more attacks of the same nature and nothing has been done. She said that the old Chief did nothing and wouldn't help her.

Alderman Harper asked Chief Walter if he can check into this matter. He said that he would.

Public Hearing as required by law

Public Hearing to discuss the city's submission of an application for the fiscal year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in response to the recent flooding.

Mayor Wilch opened the public hearing.

Dawn with Boonslick explained that this public hearing is to apply for emergency funds for the flooding and cleanup.

No comments were made for or against the matter.

Mayor Wilch closed the public hearing.

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Alderman Meyer to committees

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Alderman Meyer to the Infrastructure committee and Cemetery committee.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve these appointments
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

Appointment of Long-Term flood recovery committee

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Curtissa Kerr, Justin Bange, Wade O'Heron, Tammie Taubig, and Laura Taylor to the long-term recovery committee.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve these appointments
Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

Approval of Police Chiefs salary

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve the Chiefs Salary to be \$70,000.
Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes, Harper-yes
Motion carried.

Approval of officer Schriefer to from full time to part time

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve officer Schriefer to move from full time to part-time
Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes
Motion carried

Pay request #7 for KCI in the amount of \$199,538.10

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve pay request # 7 in the amount of \$199,538.10.
Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

Flash Flooding update

Mayor Wilch is working on levee maintenance and possible funding sources

Extending timeline for accepting bids for police cars

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to extend the bids for the police cars to September 9, 2025
Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes
Motion carried.

Generator maintenance

Rachel Reed said that Alliance provided 3 different bids on the generator maintenance.

Gateway for \$ 1833.20 and \$1762.16 for the 2 different generators.

Evapar for \$ 2280 total

Central Power for \$ 943 and \$ 972 for the 2 different generators.

Taylor said that they would recommend Gateway.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve maintenance with Gateway
Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Hunter-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes

Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

Resolution to adopt City Facebook policy

Mayor Wilch would like to consider paying the City Clerk for her time to maintain the Facebook page. The board would like more time to review this.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to table the resolution

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote

Hunter-yes, Bange-yes, Harper-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes

Motion carried.

Resolution to apply for Emergency CDBG Funding

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve the resolution

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion carried

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- nothing to report

Emergency Services-Alderman Rockwell would like to introduce the new Police Chief Chris Walter.

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch would like to thank everyone that helped with the flood. The amount of community support was outstanding.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper also wanted to thank everyone.

Alderman Bange- Alderman Bange wanted to thank Laura from the Methodist Church.

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Claussen- nothing to report

Alderman Meyer- nothing to report

Alderman Nora Hunter – nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- nothing to report

Alliance Water Resources – nothing to report

Police Chief Chris Walter-Chief Walter is hoping to bring on 2 more officers. He is working on some grants for the department.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- Rachel Reed wanted to thank Mayor Wilch for all the hard work he has put in with the flood.

City Collector Tammy Ridings- Nothing to report

City Treasurer Lisa Grumich-Nothing to report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

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Dean Sickmeier- The city sewer needs a lot of work. Mr. Sickmeier also offered to help fix the hydro jet.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with its attorneys (3) Hiring, Firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees (13) Individually identifiable personnel records (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

Closes Session began at 7:44 PM

Open Session resumed at 8:23

City Clerk Rachel Reed announced that the board Hired Jacob Tyron and Andrew Harper as full time officers.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Bange seconded that motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Hunter-yes

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 8:24 pm

