

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
February 10, 2026
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 Bange, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Claussen, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Hunter, City Clerk Rachel Reed, and City Collector Tammy Ridings. Also present was Lucas Drullinger of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Harper was absent.

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

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to amend the agenda for add resolution 2026-02-001 to the agenda.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Bange seconded the motion.

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

Ayes-5

Nayes-0

Absent-1

Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Claussen seconded the motion.

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

Ayes-5
Nays-0
Absent-1

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- no new information

USDA- No new information

Cochran- The project is still moving ahead of schedule. The I & I study is with USDA engineer.

**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 as required by law

No public hearing

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

New Tires for Ford Explorer

Chief Walter has provided three bids for new tires for the Ford Explorer. The bids are from Buds Auto, Jackson's Automotive and Plaza Tire Service.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve purchasing the tires from Jackson's Automotive for \$914.92.

Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

New Battery for Dodge Charger

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase the battery from Jackson's Automotive
Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried

Attorney General Report

Chief Walter provided a summarized report of the report that he submitted to the attorney
general. The police are now in compliance with the AG.

Veteran Banners

City Clerk Rachel Reed would like to ask for the board's approval to allow the City to collect the
money for the banners and then pay for them. There would be no profit on these banners, it
would be strictly money and money out.

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

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried

Rachel also said that Bonnies Blume with Troy DAR recommended buying some the brackets a
head of time so we are ready when the banners are done.

Alderman Bange made a motion to approve
Alderman Claussen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Alderman Claussen-yes

Motion carried.

The time frame that the banners are up needs to be determined. The thought was from Memorial day to Veterans day.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to have them up before Memorial day and take them down after Veterans day

Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Pay Request #13 for KCI in the amount of \$534,521.49

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve pay request #12 in the amount of \$308,133.44
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE
INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

2026-02-001

This resolution is to allow the Mayor to sign the application to apply for a grant to extend a water line from Winfield to Elsberry to provide pfas free water.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- There will be a fundraiser for the library March 28.

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- nothing to report

Emergency Services-Alderman Rockwell gave a report about the emergency services meeting with the fire chief to discuss the fire hydrants. Mayor Wilch said that the following day they met at the water tower and they came up with a solution for them to get water from that hydrant which will help them get better water.

Long Term Recovery- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch went over all of the grants that have been received and applied for over the last 10 years.

Alderman Harper- nothing report

Alderman Bange- nothing to report

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Claussen- nothing to report

Alderman Meyer- nothing to report

Alderman Nora Hunter – Alderman Hunter would like to thank our police department for going above and beyond by helping an elderly woman until her kids could get to her.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- nothing to report

Alliance Water Resources – Luke went over the financials for 2025 and we are over our chemical allowance.

Police Chief Chris Walter-Chief Walter went over his monthly report.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- Rachel Reed said that the new computers are here and everything is working well. She also wanted to clarify that the \$400,000 deficit was not found by the auditors. What the auditors wanted changed was the language of the in the ordinances to make it clear to anyone who reads it how we bill.

City Collector Tammy Ridings- Nothing to report

City Treasurer Lisa Grumich-Nothing to report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT BY ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WHO HAS NOT FILED A PRIOR REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105

There was not public comment

Alderman Hunter 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 Claussen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Closes Session began at 7:02 PM

Open Session resumed at 7:35

City Clerk Rachel Reed announced that the board has hired William Harrington and Chase Bascio as part time police officers.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Claussen seconded that motion.

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

Ayes-5

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 7:40 pm

