

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
July 8th, 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 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.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

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.

Appointment of Police Chief

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to table this until after the interviews
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- No new information
USDA- No new information

Cochran- WWTF is going 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

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

City Facebook page

Alderman Bange has proposed a policy regarding a City Facebook page. He would like the board to look it over and discuss it again at a later meeting.

Alderman Harper made a motion to table until next meeting

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Approval to publish financial statement in the Elsberry Democrat

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to publish the financial statement in the Elsberry Democrat

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Removal to tree in Cemetery

Alderman Harper made a motion to go out for bids to removal the split tree in the cemetery

Alderman Claussen seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried

Condition of trees in City park

Mayor Wilch said the trees in the park need attention.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to go out for bids on the trees in the city park

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Pay Request #6 for KCI in the amount of \$440,712.73

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve pay request #6 in the amount of \$440,712.73.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

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

Motion carried.

American Legion liquor license renewal

City Clerk Rachel Reed said that everything is in order except the no tax due letter. They produced the receipt from paying the taxes.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the license pending receipt of the no tax due letter

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- Alderman Hunter said that the library celebrated 35 in June. There is a display in the library that you can see. Library cards are free.

Cemetery/Parks- Alderman Harper noticed that Alliance needs straw for the cemetery and would like to make sure that they get it.

Infrastructure- Alderman Bange said that the light poles on David Street are leaning. City Clerk Rachel Reed said that they were reported as soon as it happened and Ameren will be taking care of it. Mayor Wilch would like to get a meeting scheduled soon.

Emergency Services- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch would like to thank the legion for putting on a great fireworks show, he would also like to thank Alliance for having the flags out at the cemetery

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper wanted to ask about selling produce at the flag pole. Could we make it so that only local residents could sell produce there. This property is not owned by the City and we can't stop them from selling produce.

She would also like to make sure that when accusations are made we have proof before any action is taken. She would also like to make sure that the entire board gets to see all the applicants when people apply and not just the committees.

Alderman Bange- nothing to report

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

City Clerk Rachel Reed- nothing to report

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

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 Harper seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Closes Session began at 6:53 PM

Open Session resumed at 8:05

Appointment of Police Chief

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Chris Walter as police chief

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve this appointment

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Harper seconded that motion.

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

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 8:07 pm