

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
November 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 was Taylor Burnett, and Lucas Drullinger 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 with the change made to the emergency services meeting minutes to reflect that the Chief does not want a pay raise. Alderman Hunter 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 Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- no new information

USDA- No new information

Cochran- The project is moving along well. The board could possibly be able to do a walk through next month.

**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**

Steve Keiser- Mr. Keiser would like to ask the board to allow him to have a yearly outdoor liquor license for the outdoor patio that he is making on Broadway. There will be one building between that bar and the patio. He owns this building as well.

Alderman Bange made a motion to table until the board can do some research on this matter
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Jason Hudson- Mr. Hudson had a water leak in his yard and would like to ask for an abatement of the sewer and some of the water.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to abate all of the sewer in the amount of \$603.33 and half the water in the amount of \$1110.53

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Hudson would also like a payment agreement.

Alderman Harper made a motion to allow a payment agreement of \$185.92 plus the monthly bill for 6 months.

Alderman Bange seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Public Hearing as required by law

No public hearing

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to fix Kubota Tractor

The infrastructure committee made a recommendation to fix the tractor and then sell it.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to fix the tractor
Alderman Claussen seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Approval of purchasing back up lift station pumps

Taylor with Alliance provided bids for purchasing pumps.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve the Flyght pump for Lakeview lift station
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase 2 Franklin pumps for Brooksher and Old Tollgate Rd

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Approval of purchasing 3' trash pump

Taylor provided 3 bids for this pump. His recommendation is the core and main pump.

Alderman Harper made a motion to purchase the core and main pump.
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried

Approval of purchasing tracks for the Bobcat

Taylor provided 3 bids for the tracks. Taylor recommendation is Craig Equipment.

Alderman Bange made a motion to approve purchasing the tracks from Craig Equipment for \$2320.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion Carried.

Approval of purchasing VFD for lime pump

Taylor provided 3 bids to the board. His recommendation is Vandevanter

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase a VFD from Vandevanter

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Approval to stop taking pennies due to Bank no longer taking them

First Mid Bank & Trust has stopped taking banks. City Hall has also stopped taking pennies and applied any over payments as credit to the account.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to continue this procedure for pennies.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Proclamation for first responder day

Mayor Wilch would like approval to issue a proclamation for first responders' day.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

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

Motion Carried.

Pay Request #10 in the amount of \$335,755.80

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve the pay request

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

Bill 2025-11-001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ELSBERRY CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TENURE AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, AND CITY COLLECTOR BY AMENDING SECTION 21.500, 21.600, 21.700 AND 21.800 OF THE ELSBERRY MUNICIPAL CODE.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to table bill 2025-11-001

Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Rockwell-no, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-no

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- The infrastructure committee meet and discussed the budget and equipment.

The Facebook page has been tabled until after the beginning of the year.

Emergency Services-nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

Long Term Recovery- Alderman Bange said that the Alliance shed has been completely cleaned out. Everything that wasn't taken was sent to organizations that could use it.

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- nothing to report

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper wanted to thank Alliance for the work on the water main break in Hillcrest

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- Mr. Guinness asked Sue Beck what she was referring to when she stated on the internet that Mr. Guinness was keeping something from the board that would result in a lawsuit against the City. Mrs. Beck had nothing to say. He stated that he knew it was a lie and now everyone else does too.

Alliance Water Resources – Lucas Drullinger with Alliance announced that he is now our District Manager. He also brought the numbers for the budget for the yearly increase per the contract.

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

City Clerk Rachel Reed- Rachel Reed said that Christmas in the park will be December 6.

Santa will be here from 3pm-4:30pm and the Parade at 5pm

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

Sue Beck- Mrs. Beck stated the street light is out at N 7th and Broadway. She was told to let City hall the number and it would get reported as out.

Craig Cox- Thanked the board for taking the time to research the items that were tabled.

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 personal 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 7:31 PM

Open Session resumed at 7:51

City Clerk Rachel Reed announced that the board hired David Dudley, and Raymond Bumbales as reserve officers.

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 8:01 pm

