

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
September 9th, 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 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 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.

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**

Sam Byers

Closing S4th and S5th between Broadway and Griffen on Oct4th

Closing streets in Hillcrest on Halloween

Mr. Byers was not present at the meeting. This was not discussed.

Bonnie Blume D.A.R. Troy Chamber

Placing banners on poles

Ms. Blume asked the board if they would be interested in allowing them to pursue getting banners to put on the electric poles with veterans from our area.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to express interest with D.A.R proposal and to come back when they have more information.

Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

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

Kelly Hadnott

SBA Disaster assistance

SBA has left their station at City Hall however they are still available by phone and their website. They provide low interest loans for disaster relief.

Craig Cox

Infrastructure

Mr. Cox is concerned about the fire hydrants in town and that some of them don't seem to be in working order. He would like to have them checked.

Alliance said that they will check them and give a report next month.

Public Hearing as required by law

No public hearing

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Training Program for Police officers

Chief Walter would like to start using virtual academy for training. The cost is \$70 per officer per year.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve using Virtual Academy for training.
Alderman Claussen seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

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

New evidence refrigerator for Police department

Chief Walter would like to purchase a new refrigerator for the police department. The evidence refrigerator does not work. He found one at Wal-Mart for \$ 165.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase a refrigerator from Wal-Mart
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

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

Snowplow parts

Alliance prepared 3 bids for snow parts to get the plows ready for the winter.
The first bid is from Amazon in the amount of \$578.96, the second bid is also from Amazon in the amount of \$ 472.15, and the third bid is from Western for \$1228.31. Alliance recommends the first bid for \$578.96.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion the approve the first bid in the amount of \$578.96.
Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Tracks for the Bobcat

Alliance got 3 bids for new tracks for the bobcat. This item is not budgeted for this year but will need to be budgeted for next year. The tracks are starting to show wear.

Alderman Bange made a motion table until next month
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Extending bidding for police cars

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to extend the bidding until the next meeting.
Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

Pay request #8 for KCI

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, Harper-yes

Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

Bill 2025-09-001

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TEES AND OTHER VEGETATION THAT OVERHANG OR
OBSTRUCT CITY STREETS BY REPLACING SECTIONS 31.150 AND 68.170. OF THE CITY
MUNICIPAL CODE.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Elsberry Municipal Code shall be amended by deleting §31.160 adding a new §31.16 as follows:

§31.160. PRUNING, CORNER CLEARANCE

1. Every owner of any property on which a tree overhangs any street or right-of-way within the City shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection. At a minimum, every owner of any property on which a tree overhangs any street or right-of-way within the City shall prune the branches so that there shall be a clear space of ten feet (10') above the surface of the street or sidewalk. This obligation shall include trees that are on the area between the sidewalk and street adjacent to the Owner's property.
2. All trees, bushes or vegetation which overhang a public thoroughfare in such a way as to hinder the movement, obstruct the view or otherwise create a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians shall be trimmed or removed by their owner or occupant of the property where such trees, bushes or vegetation are located or growing.
3. Every person owning or occupying any lot located alongside any street in the City shall keep all trees trimmed of limbs, branches, and leaves which hang down, or obstruct the vision of motorists, between a point ten (10) feet above the crown of any such street and a point three (3) feet above the crown of any such street where such trees are located nearer than eight (8) feet from the curb of any such street, and the failure to so maintain said trees in such condition is deemed a nuisance. It is deemed a nuisance for the owner or occupant of any such lot or land to keep or maintain any plants, flowers, shrubs, or bushes, other than trees, on any such lot or land at a point nearer than eight (8) feet to the curb of any street at a greater height than three (3) feet above the crown of such street, unless the same are trimmed of limbs, branches and leaves between a point ten (10) feet above the crown of such street and a point three (3) feet above the crown of such street.
4. Violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed a nuisance.
4. The City shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when the tree or shrub violates the City of Elsberry Municipal Code requirements.

SECTION 2. The City of Elsberry Municipal Code shall be amended by deleting §68.170 adding a new §68.170 as follows:

§68.170. OBSTRUCTIONS AS NUISANCE.

It is deemed a nuisance for the owner or occupant of any lot or land in the City located at the intersection of any street to have or to permit any fences, wall, sign, signboard, or billboard to be erected nearer than thirty (30) feet to the curb of such street or to erect such structure to a height greater than three (3) feet above the crown of the street at the point of intersection. Every person owning any lot located alongside any street in the City shall keep all trees trimmed of limbs, branches, and leaves which hang down or obstruct the vision between a point ten (10) feet above the crown of any such street and a point three (3) feet above the crown of any such street where such trees are located nearer than eight (8) feet from the curb of any such street, and the failure to so maintain said trees in such condition is deemed a nuisance. It

is deemed a nuisance for the owner or occupant of any such lot or land to keep or maintain any plants, flowers, shrubs, or bushes, other than trees, on any such lot or land at a point nearer than eight (8) feet to the curb of any street at a greater height than three (3) feet above the crown of such street, unless the same are trimmed of limbs, branches and leaves between a point ten (10) feet above the crown of such street and a point three (3) feet above the crown of such street.

SECTION 3. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are valid unless the Court finds the valid provisions of this ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot be presumed that the Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid provisions without the void ones or unless the Court finds that the valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

SECTION 4: Effective Upon Passage

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

SECTION 5: Incorporation into the Municipal Code

The City Clerk shall incorporate the terms of this Ordinance into the official City of Elsberry Municipal Code with all due dispatch.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to read bill 2025-09-001 2 times by title only

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read bill 2025-09-001 2 times by title only

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adopt

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion

Roll call vote

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

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- nothing to report

Emergency Services-nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

Long Term Recovery- Alderman Bange has been doing research into who owns the levee. They are trying to get it sandbagged.

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch and Alderman Bange went to a meeting with representatives from the state, they are trying to find a path forward with levee and get it taken care of.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper wanted to thank the City of Louisiana for coming a spraying for Mosquitos. Alderman Harper would like to see the ordinances enforced.

Alderman Bange- Alderman Bange asked about the Facebook page and why it wasn't on the agenda. It was explained that it was tabled to the committees and there haven't been any committee meetings since the last meeting.

Alderman Rockwell- Alderman Rockwell wanted to thank Alliance for helping the school when they had the water leak.

Alderman Claussen- Alderman Claussen would like to see some of the properties cleaned up.

Alderman Meyer- nothing to report

Alderman Nora Hunter – Alderman Hunter would like to remind people that we have a leash law and we have a dog catcher.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- nothing to report

Alliance Water Resources – Alliance would like to remind everyone that the black GMC went down last year and we might need another truck for the snow season.

Police Chief Chris Walter-Chief Walter stated that he has brought the department into compliance with all reporting requirements. He has applied for some zero match grants. He will be receiving some free equipment from the highway patrol. He is working on building more community engagement and trust.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- Rachel Reed said the Carla Potts will be here September 17 to take applications for grants to owner occupied homes that were damaged in the flood.

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- Asked about the DNR grant and if we would be applying for it in time this year. It was explained that we will be applying in March when it's due.

She also asked about the levee the runs north and south and said that no one is talking about this levee.

Mayor Wilch let her know that her time was up.

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 (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 7:43 PM

Open Session resumed at 7:58

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Harper 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 8:01 pm

