

City of Willow Springs

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

2025 Tax Rate Levy Hearing:

Mayor Adam Webb opened the public hearing at 5:30 pm and asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

When no one appeared for questions or comments, Mayor Webb closed the hearing at 5:31 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Adam Webb, Alderman Mike Tooley, Alderman Kim Rich, Alderman Jennifer Owens, Alderman Bryan Hogan.

City Officials Present: City Administrator Beverly Hicks, City Clerk Heather Tooley, City Attorney Zane Privette.

Other Guests: Officer David Hocking, Officer Joe Barnhouse, Amanda Mendez, Nick Tooley, Joe Wagner, Dawson Bunch, Assistant Fire Chief Sam Waldron, John Bailey.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

City Clerk Heather Tooley called the roll.

Mayor Adam Webb opened the meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 5:31 pm with a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Rich to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Hogan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included Approval of Minutes – (RM 7/24), Approval of Bills for Payment, Receipt of Financial Reports, and YMCA, Department Head's & Board's Reports. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Budget Amendments: City Administrator Beverly Hicks presented budget amendments for the 2025 fiscal year, commenting that it was to true-up the numbers and moving funds from one line item to another rather than opening up new revenue. Hicks further discussed an increase in use tax, a decrease in sales tax, an increase in court revenue, and an increase in interest on bank accounts.

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Owens to read Bill No. 107-25 as Resolution No. 25-107. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 107-25.

BILL No. 107-25

RESOLUTION No. 25-107

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF
WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, JANUARY 1,
2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2025, INCLUDING APPROPRIATING THE
FUNDS AS ALLOCATED TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS FOR THE
PURPOSES INDICATED**

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Tooley to adopt Resolution No. 25-107. A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Tooley, Rich, Owens, Hogan

Nay: None.

2025 Tax Rate Levy: City Clerk Heather Tooley informed Council that the State sets the rate ceiling each year, which fluctuates as assessed valuations fluctuate in order to keep revenues similar from year to year.

General Tax:

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Rich to read Bill No. 38-25. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 38-25.

BILL NO. 38-25

ORDINANCE NO. 1638

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF A TAX
FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS,
MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2025 UPON ALL PERSONAL AND MIXED PROPERTY,
NOT INCLUDING REAL ESTATE, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI, SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Rich to read Bill No. 38-25 as Ordinance No. 1638. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Ordinance No. 1638.

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Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Rich to adopt Ordinance No. 1638. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Rich, Owens, Hogan, Tooley

Nays: None.

Library Tax:

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Tooley to read Bill No. 39-25. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 39-25.

BILL NO. 39-25

ORDINANCE NO. 1639

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF A TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2025 UPON ALL PERSONAL AND MIXED PROPERTY, NOT INCLUDING REAL ESTATE, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Tooley to read Bill No. 39-25 as Ordinance No. 1639. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Ordinance No. 1639.

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Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Tooley to adopt Ordinance No. 1639. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Owens, Hogan, Tooley, Rich

Nays: None.

Surplus Vehicles: City Administrator Beverly Hicks presented a list of vehicles and equipment for surplus in a public auction setting:

- 2014 White Dodge Charger
- 2002 Toro Multi-Sprayer
- 1994 Nissan Pick-up
- 580 Case Loader

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Owens to approve the surplus of vehicles as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Surplus Property: City Administrator Beverly Hicks discussed the sale of real estate located across the street from City Hall, giving history of the reason for purchase in 2010. Hicks further discussed options of deeming it as surplus, which would require the sale at a public auction, or selling it for the purpose of economic development after presentation of specific plans. After discussion, Council unanimously agreed to sell the property for economic development.

No further action was taken by Council.

Airport Runway: City Administrator Beverly Hicks stated that the total cost to the City is expected to decrease from the allocated \$43,500.00 previously discussed to \$34,458.93, which

includes the \$8,098.00 already paid for engineering costs. Hicks added that crews anticipate starting the project in mid-October.

Contractor's Bid:

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Tooley to read Bill No. 108-25 as Resolution No. 25-108. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 108-25.

BILL NO. 108-25

RESOLUTION NO. 25-108

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS LLC

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Tooley to adopt Resolution No. 25-108. A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Hogan, Tooley, Rich, Owens
Nay: None.

Consultant Agreement:

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Rich to read Bill No. 109-25 as Resolution No. 25-109. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 109-25.

BILL NO. 109-25

RESOLUTION NO. 25-109

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH ALFRED BENESCH AND COMPANY

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Tooley to adopt Resolution No. 25-109. A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Tooley, Rich, Owens, Hogan
Nay: None.

Airfield Pavement Maintenance Agreement:

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Owens to read Bill No. 110-25 as Resolution No. 25-110. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 110-25.

BILL NO. 110-25

RESOLUTION NO. 25-110

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR AIRFIELD PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE AS MODOT AVIATION PROJECT NO. AIR 256-104A-1.

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Owens to adopt Resolution No. 25-110 as amended. A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Rich, Owens, Hogan, Tooley

Nay: None.

PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

John Bailey addressed the Council regarding Mosaic at the airport and thanked City Administrator Beverly Hicks for her work on the runway resurfacing project.

Amanda Mendez from Howell County News had questions regarding the budget amendments, property sale, and the new Police Department truck, all of which were answered by City Administrator Beverly Hicks and Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Hogan to move to executive session for (1) Legal and (2) Real Estate pursuant to §610.021. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Tooley, Rich, Owens, Hogan

Nays: None.

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:27 pm.

Real Estate: Discussion was held regarding a real estate matter. No action was taken.

Legal: Discussion was held regarding a legal matter. No action was taken.

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Owens to move the meeting back into open session. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting moved back into Open Session at 6:46 pm.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Alderman Owens, second by Alderman Rich to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS

ATTEST:

Adam Webb, Mayor

Heather Tooley, City Clerk