

City of Willow Springs

Regular Council Meeting Thursday, October 16, 2025 **City Hall Council Chambers, 5:30 pm**

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

Absent: Mayor Adam Webb.

City Officials & Employees Present: City Administrator Beverly Hicks, City Clerk Heather Tooley, City Attorney Zane Privette, Police Chief Wes Ellison, Assistant Police Chief Ryan Boyle, Fire Chief Andy Logan, Assistant Fire Chief Sam Waldron, Building Inspector Shay Collins, Wastewater Supervisor Dawson Bunch, Water/Sewer Supervisor Joe Wagner.

Other Guests: Kim McCormick, Robert Hollis, Dennis Walton, Andy Gilmore, Kelli Neel, Clint Neel, Tommi Hagen, John Bailey.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

City Clerk Heather Tooley called the roll.

Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Owens opened the meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 5:30 pm with a quorum present.

Invocation was led by Dennis Walton.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Alderman Hogan, second by Alderman Rich to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included Approval of Minutes – (RM 9/18), Approval of Bills for Payment, Receipt of Financial Reports, and YMCA, Department Head's & Board's Reports. Motion carried 4-0.

VISITORS

Christos House: Kelli Neel and Tommi Hagen were present on behalf of Christos House. Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Owens read a Proclamation declaring October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and photos were taken.

Chamber of Commerce: Executive Director Kim McCormick requested street closures for Bearly Spring Festival on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 5:00 am to 4:00 pm. Street closures would be Main Street from Ferguson to Cherry, and Center, Harris, Walnut, and Maple from the alleyway south of Main to Third Street.

Motion by Alderman Rich, second by Alderman Tooley to approve street closures as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

EXISTING BUSINESS

2026 Budget Discussion: City Administrator Beverly Hicks discussed the budget process, specifically discussing established costs, how projections are made for revenues, and balancing financial support for 17 departments, while keeping the City financially healthy.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Records Policy: City Clerk Heather Tooley discussed changes that have been made to the Sunshine Law based on House Bill 145 that was signed into law and went into effect on August 28, 2025. Tooley stated that proposed amendments mirror State Statute.

Motion by Alderman Tooley, second by Alderman Rich to read Bill No. 41-25. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 41-25.

BILL NO. 41-25

ORDINANCE NO. 1641

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120: OPEN MEETINGS AND RECORDS POLICY OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI

Motion by Alderman Tooley, second by Alderman Rich to read Bill No. 41-25 as Ordinance No. 1641. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Ordinance No. 1641.

BILL NO. 41-25

ORDINANCE NO. 1641

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120: OPEN MEETINGS AND RECORDS POLICY OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI

Motion by Alderman Tooley, second by Alderman Rich to adopt Ordinance No. 1641. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Rich, Owens, Hogan, Tooley

Nays: None.

PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public or the media.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: Owens, Hogan, Tooley, Rich

Nays: None.

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 5:55 pm.

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

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:51 pm.

OPEN SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS

ATTEST:

Adam Webb, Mayor

Heather Tooley, City Clerk