

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 27, 2026

THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
MAY 26, 2026, AT 10:00 AM IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 121 EAST HIGH STREET POTOSI, MISSOURI.

CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT
10:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT LED THE BOARD AND GUESTS IN
SAYING OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT PRESIDING WITH TAKING OF ROLL
CALL. THOSE PRESENT WERE AS FOLLOWS, ALDERMAN ELMER
AKERS, ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN, ALDERMAN KENNETH
MORGAN, ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER AND CITY CLERK TIFFANY
CAIN.

GUESTS

POLICE CHIEF MIKE GUM, CFO CAREY RULO, WATER
SUPERVISOR BRANDON CASEY, STREET SUPERVISOR ROBERT RUGH,
NATURAL GAS SUPERVISOR SAM JOHNSON, BUILDING INSPECTOR
DENNIS HILL.

APPROVE AGENDA

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN
KENNETH MORGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA.
THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS.

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE

ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE

ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

CITY CLERK TIFFANY CAIN HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN EACH ALDERMAN A COPY OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM 04-14-26. BUDGET MEETINGS 04-14-2026.

ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE CHECK REGISTER, TREASURE’S REPORT AND PAY BILLS

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID MORGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CHECK REGISTER, TREASURE’S REPORT AND PAY THE BILLS. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

CD BIDS

CITY CLERK TIFFANY CAIN OPENED THREE (3) CD BIDS FOR THREE (3) CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

- 1. 3002861 - ALL FUNDS - \$ 100,065.54 - Maturity Date: 5/30/2026
- 2. 3002856 - PCC RESERVE - \$ 294,782.44 - Maturity Date: 5/16/2026
- 3. 3002857 - PCC RESERVE - \$294,837.73 - Maturity Date: 5/16/2026

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT READ THREE (3) BIDS ALOUD FOR THE THREE (3) CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

	<u>3 MO</u>	<u>6 MO</u>	<u>7MO</u>	<u>9MO</u>	<u>12MO</u>	<u>18MO</u>
BELGRADE		3.98%		3.98%	3.96%	
OZARK FEDERAL			3.79%		3.79%	
UNICO BANK	NO BID					
FIRST STATE BANK		3.61%			3.51%	

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO KEEP ALL THREE (3) CD'S AT BELGRADE STATE BANK FOR 12 MONTHS AT 3.96 %. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

MEGAN SUMMERS – WATER LEAK

MEGAN SUMMERS PRESENTED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO ASK FOR A BIGGER WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT THAN THE NORMAL.

MS. SUMMERS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THE LEAK WAS NOTHING CAUSED THAT WAS HER FAULT AND SHE FELT IT WAS DIRECTLY DUE TO CITY WORK BEING DONE NEAR THE METER AND AT THE METER PIT.

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL LEAK ADJUSTMENT. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

ANNIE DICUS AND JERRY GIBSON II – POLICE DEPARTMENT

MS. DICUS AND MR. GIBSON PRESENTED BEFORE THE COUNCIL. MR. GIBSON STATED HE HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY FOLLOWED BY THE POTOSI POLICE DEPARTMENT. MR. GIBSON STATES WHEN HE WORKED AT WALMART THAT HIS VEHICLE WAS LOOKED INTO.

ON ANOTHER INCIDENT MR. GIBSON STATED HE WAS VISITING HIS MOTHER IN THE HOSPITAL AND STOPPED BY A SECURITY GUARD AT WASHINGTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED FOR TRESPASSING. HE STATES HE WAS ASSULTED BY A POTOSI POLICE OFFICER.

MS. DICUS STATED WHEN THE POLICE FIRST GOT THERE, THEY WERE TRYING TO IDENTIFY HIM, AND SHE DIDN'T THINK HE SHOULD GET ID'D TO VISIT A HOSPITAL.

MAYOR BLOUNT ASKED POLICE CHIEF MIKE GUM IF HE HAS LOOKED INTO THIS.

MR. GUM INFORMED THE MAYOR TO CAUTION AGAINST FURTHER DISCUSSION DUE TO POSSIBLE LITIGATION. CHIEF STATED HE WOULD ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS REGARDING SOME OF THE THINGS ASKED.

CHIEF GUM STATED THAT IF YOU ARE A SUSPECT IN A POSSIBLE CRIME, YOU BY LAW HAVE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF, AND BOTH OF THE OFFICERS HAD BODY CAMERA'S ON, AND WHAT THE CAMERA'S SHOW IS CONTRADICTING TO WHAT IS BEING TOLD IN THE MEETING, AND THAT MR. GIBSON WAS CONVICTED BY A COURT OF LAW.

MAYOR BLOUNT INFORMED MS. DICUS AND MR. GIBSON THAT IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH A LITIGATION PROCESS, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THEIR ATTORNEY'S CONTACT THE CITY'S ATTORNEY'S AND PROCEED THAT WAY.

WASHINGTON COUNTY GARDEN CLUB

MARIA MCCAULLY, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY GARDEN CLUB, PRESENTED BEFORE THE COUNCIL ASKING FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAUTIFICATION GRANT.

MAYOR BLOUNT STATED THE CITY IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE GRANT PROCESS AND THERE ARE THINGS IN THAT GRANT THAT ARE PLANNED FOR THE GARDEN CLUB.

CECIL AND DON MISSEY- MASONIC CEMETARY

CECIL SPOKE TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE NEW MASONIC CEMETARY, STATING THERE IS NOONE TO TAKE CARE OF IT ANY LONGER. MAYOR BLOUNT STATED THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THE CEMETARY.

MAYOR BLOUNT STATED HE WILL TALK TO THE CITY ATTORNEY AND SEE IF THE CITY CAN LEGALLY TAKE ON THE TASK AND EXPENSE TO MAINTAIN THE CEMETARY.

MAYOR BLOUNT STATED HE WOULD LET CECIL KNOW WHAT THE ATTORNEY SAYS AND WE CAN SET A MEETING UP.

APPROVE WATER WORTH PURCHASE

ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION OF \$7900.00 FOR THE WATERWORTH PROGRAM. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT ALDERMEN TO DEPARTMENTS

MAYOR BLOUNT APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING:

ALDERMAN AKERS- POLICE COMMISIONER

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID MORGAN SECONDED TO APPOINT

ALDERMAN MALUGEN – WATER COMMISSIONER

ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO APPOINT

ALDERMAN MORGAN – NATURAL GAS COMMISSIONER

ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN SECONDED TO APPOINT

ALDERMAN HEIFNER – STREET DEPARTMENT

ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN SECONDED TO APPOINT

THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

HANDBOOK CHANGES

DISCUSSED IN CLOSED

RATES

DISCUSSED IN CLOSED

AMEND SEC 25-131- ORDINANCE #1255

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF THE SEWER TRANSFER TO 4% AND NATURAL GAS TO 5.5% FOR THE QUARTERLY PAYMENT.THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

AGENDA AMENDMENT- LUCAS BERRY- CHICKEN COOP

MR. BERRY AT 808 RICHESON CAME ASKING PERMISSION BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE BUILDING HIS CHICKEN COOP AND KEEP HIS CHICKENS AND ASKING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER MAKING CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO CHICKEN COOPS INSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS.

POLICE CHIEF MIKE GUM SAID HE WOULD HELP DO SOME RESEARCH ON OTHER CITY'S ORDINANCES THAT ALLOW THEM.

MR. BERRY WAS INFORMED TO GO AHEAD AND PROCEED WITH WHAT HE WAS DOING AND THE COUNCIL WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM ONCE THE CITY ATTORNEY HELPED MAKE THE CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCES.

AZAVAR REVENUE AUDIT

CAREY RULO PRESENTED BEFORE THE COUNCIL A COMPANY THAT LOOKS INTO WHERE FRANCHISE TAX INCOME COMES INTO THE CITY BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF SALES DONE EACH MONTH FROM THINGS LIKE ELECTRIC, TELEPHONES, ETC.

AZAVAR DOES AN AUDIT TO MAKE SURE THE CITY IS GETTING THE CORRECT SHARE FROM EACH COMPANY.

THERE IS NO UP-FRONT CHARGE, AND ONCE COLLECTED, 37% OF ANY MONEY RECOVERED WILL GO TO AZAVAR.

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE CAREY RULO TO PROCEED WITH THE CONTRACT WITH AZAVAR REVENUE AUDIT. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
MOTION CARRIED	

ONE TIME TRANSFER FROM NATURAL GAS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ONE TIME TRANSFERS FROM THE NATURAL GAS FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPORVEMENT FUNDS. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE ST. JAMES LIQUOR LICENCE

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONED TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENCE FOR ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THEIR CHURCH PICNIC. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FOR WWTP 1 & 2

ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE YEARLY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WITH THE PUMP SHOP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120.00 YEARLY. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

PICKLEBALL BIDS

THERE WERE THREE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS,

- COURTS IN SESSION- \$48,400.00
- PROTRACK AND TENNIS INC. - \$52,300.00

- MCCONNELLS - \$67,955.00

ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO APPROVE COURTS IN SESSION FOR \$48,400.00 TO DO THE PICKLBALL COURTS AT THE CITY PARK. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

OUTDOOR WASH STATION

ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A WASH STATION FOR THE CITY PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,687.00 THROUGH OMAHA SPROTS AND GAMES. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

HIRE FULL TIME STREET EMPLOYEE

DISCUSSED IN CLOSED

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRACTOR FOR CITY PARK

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SECONDARY TRACTOR FOR THE CITY PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3500.00, BLADE AND BRUSH HOG COMES WITH IT. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

NEXT BUDGET MEETING DATE:

COUNCIL SET BUDGET MEETING DATE FOR JUNE 23, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

BUILDING INSPECTOR DENNIS HILL PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

- MR. HILL ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THE ORDINANCE FOR CUTTING DITCH LINES COULD BE POSTED ON THE CITY FACEBOOK PAGE.

GRANT/PROJECT UPDATES

MAYOR BLOUNT PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

- MAYOR BLOUNT REQUESTED JACLYN ROWE TO BE PUT ON THE NEXT AGENDA FOR IDA ANNEXATION DISCUSSION

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

POLICE CHIEF MIKE GUM PRESENTED BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

- K-9 VEHICLE – DONE AND READY FOR PICKUP
- NEW DRONE PURCHASE- DRONE IS BEING SHIPPED
- MIKE TO LOOK INTO NEW LOCKS FOR THE CITY.

CLOSED SESSION-GO IN

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION, ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO LEAVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS.

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE	
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE	
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE	
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE	MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION-COME OUT

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION, ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO LEAVE THE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN	-AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER	-AYE
	MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT REPORTED THAT PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE WERE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

CLOSED

LEE BRAND

ALDERMAN DAVID HEIFNER MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN ELMER AKERS SECONDED TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR PAY FOR LEE BRAND STARTING JULY 1, 2026. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS	-AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN	-AYE

ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

ANDY SKILES

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN
DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF PART TIME
OFFICER ANDY SKILES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STARTING 05-
20-2026. THE VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

ZANE WILLIAMS

ALDERMAN KENNETH MORGAN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN
DAVID HEIFNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE HIRING FOR FULL TIME
POLICE OFFICER ZANE WILLIAMS, STARTING 5-29-2026. THE VOTE
THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

BLAKE HENSON

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN
KENNETH MORGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE TO MOVE BLAKE
HENSON TO FULL TIME STREET DEPARTMENT STARTING 7-1-2026,
WITH BENEFITS STARTING IMMEDIETLY. THE VOTE THERE ON AS
FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE

ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HEIFNER -AYE MOTION CARRIED

CFO CAREY RULO WENT OVER BULLET POINTS ON THE BUDGET
DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNCIL.

ADJOURNMENT

ALDERMAN WAYNE MALUGEN MADE MOTION; ALDERMAN
ELMER AKERS SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING. THE
VOTE THERE ON AS FOLLOWS:

ALDERMAN AKERS -AYE
ALDERMAN MALUGEN -AYE
ALDERMAN MORGAN -AYE
ALDERMAN HARVEY -AYE MOTION CARRIED

BEING THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED,
MAYOR JOSEPH BLOUNT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.



JOSEPH BLOUNT, MAYOR

ATTEST:



TIFFANY CAIN, CITY CLERK