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Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
Regular Session

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ITEM I: Call to Order

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at Grain Valley City Hall
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Todd

ITEM II: Roll Call

- City Clerk Jamie Logan called roll.
- *Present: Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray*
- *Absent: Sole*

-QUORUM PRESENT-

ITEM III: Invocation

- Invocation was given by Pastor Chris Sims of First Baptist Church

ITEM IV: Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Rick Knox

ITEM V: Approval of Agenda

- No changes

ITEM VI: Proclamations

- None

ITEM VII: Public Comment

- Randy Price; 1601 NW Pond Ave. He shared he is a retired police captain, and he's done consulting in police agencies since then. He stated during (FOP) negotiations he wanted to share the importance of not and looping all employees and officers into the same group for raise purposes due to job differences. He doesn't believe all employees and police officers cannot be lumped into the same bucket. He feels having to retrain an officer and their experience should be considered as part of wage considerations.
- Jan Brill; 1035 Ephraim. She wanted to re-address & clarify her request for political signage rules and restrictions. She is asking for a clearer rule or stricter enforcement. She doesn't feel the 10-day time frame to correct this issue is fair as after a sign is out early it has already done the unfair advantage.
 - Mayor Todd shared feedback. He stated the law doesn't allow a distinction between a political sign and a regular sign. This has changed since the time of the original ordinance. "Political Sign" cannot be called out and there must be caution for the first amendment considerations.
 - Ms. Brill does not think the ordinance is fair in its current form.

ITEM VIII: Consent Agenda

- October 13, 2025 – Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Mike Todd
Alderman Rick Knox
Alderman Limberg-Gardner
Alderman Jim Myers
Alderman Ryan Skinner
Alderman Brian Bray

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- October 14, 2025 – Board of Aldermen Budget Workshop Minutes
- November 10, 2025 – Accounts Payable
- *Alderman Skinner made a Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - *No discussion*
- *Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 5-0-

ITEM IX: Previous Business

- None

ITEM X: New Business

- None

ITEM XI: Presentations

- None

ITEM XII: Public Hearing

*- Mayor Todd opened the public hearing for **Big O's Equipment Rental and Sales** at 6:40PM –*

- This CUP application is requesting a concrete mixing plant in small batches and load onto trailers. Noise, dust, and air pollutants were considered as part of this application. Staff recommends approval for 3-years, screening from adjacent properties, containment structures, and to execute a minor plat to consolidate two plats into one.
- Mayor Todd shared there was a concern initially about the cleaning out of materials; Mr. Martin stated that it was addressed with the containment structures.
- Alderman Knox stated Planning and Zoning approves this.
- *Mayor Todd opened the floor to citizens for comment at 6:43PM for **Big O's Equipment Rental and Sales***
 - None

*-Mayor Todd closed the public hearing for **Big O's Equipment Rental and Sales** at 6:43PM -*

ITEM XIII: Resolutions

Resolution No. R25-49 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly for Engineering Services on the Water Tower Project

- *Alderman Limberg-Gardner moved to approve Resolution No. R25-49*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Myers*

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- This is with our on-call engineer and goes along with the new water tower agreement with the new contractor. Any oversight of the construction would be done by them.
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-49 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R25-49 Approved 5-0

Resolution No. R25-50 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Authorizing the Write Off of Doubtful Utility Account Balances

- *Alderman Skinner moved to approve Resolution No. R25-50*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - This is an annual task the city performs where any utility billing debts that cannot or likely not able to be collected; there is just over \$9,000 this year and the trend has been improving over the years for the amount written off.
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-50 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R25-50 Approved 5-0

Resolution No. R25-51 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Shawnee Mission Ford to Purchase one Police Rated Ford Explorer

- *Alderman Bray moved to approve Resolution No. R25-51*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Limberg-Gardner*
 - This vehicle would be for the 5th sergeant spot that was recently created.
 - Alderman Knox asked the ETA for the vehicle; Chief Turner stated the vehicle is ready now and the next meeting, there will be a resolution for the equipment to outfit it.
 - Alderman Bray asked if having Dodge and Ford cause issues for fleet maintenance; Chief stated the goal was to move back to Ford, but there was a competitive issue for the last year and a half.
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-51 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R25-51 Approved 5-0

ITEM XIV: Ordinances

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Bill No. B25-15: An Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Marijuana Dispensary

Bill No. B25-15 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the second reading by title only.

- *Alderman Knox moved to approve the second reading of Bill No. **B25-15** by title only and approve it as ordinance #2476.*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bray*
 - None
- *The motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B25-15** and approve it as ordinance #2476 was voted on with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye:* Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Bill No. B25-15 Became Ordinance #2476 5-0-

Bill No. B25-16: An Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Concrete Mixing Plant

Bill No. B25-16 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the first reading by title only.

- *Alderman Myers moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. **B25-16** and bring it back for a second reading at the next regular meeting.*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Skinner*
 - This is the ordinance that goes along with the public hearing.
- *Motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. **B25-16** and bring it back for a second reading at the next regular meeting was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye:* Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 5-0-

Bill No. B25-17: An Ordinance Calling an Election in the City of Grain Valley, Missouri on April 7, 2026

Bill No. B25-17 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the first reading by title only.

- *Alderman Skinner moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. **B25-17** and bring it back for a second reading at the next regular meeting.*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - This is a necessary step to give notice of the general election in April; Filing begins 12/9 at 8am and closes on 12/30 at 5PM
- *Motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. **B25-17** and bring it back for a second reading at the next regular meeting was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye:* Knox, Limberg-Gardner, Myers, Skinner, Bray
 - *Nay:*

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- *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 5-0-

ITEM XV: City Attorney Report

- City Attorney Purifoy shared they are working on a sign code draft.

ITEM XVI: City Administrator & Staff Reports

- City Administrator Ken Murphy
 - None
- Deputy City Administrator Theresa Osenbaugh
 - Absent
- Police Chief Ed Turner
 - None
- Finance Director Steven Craig
 - None
- Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies
 - None
- Community Development Director Patrick Martin
 - Provided a Front Street update; the water line is 100% complete, the contractor is working on road grade for the new install, they have started the installation for the curbing to be followed by the roadway. They are hoping to be complete by the end of the month.
 - Mayor clarified the hope is to have the road in before the first snow; yes, that is the intent if the weather holds.
- City Clerk Jamie Logan
 - None

ITEM XVII: Board of Aldermen Reports & Comments

- Alderman Brian Bray
 - He attended the Community Service League to sit in on a press conference related to a community food drive.
- Alderman Rick Knox
 - None
- Alderman Lisa Limberg-Gardner
 - None
- Alderman Jim Myers
 - Grain Valley schools on their ranking with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education just gave its performance report and – Grain Valley school district scored the highest in Jackson County and the top 10% in the state.
- Alderman Ryan Skinner
 - He referred back to the public comment related to officer pay funding; he looks forward to working with the city for alternative funding mechanisms for pay.

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- He stated there was a graffiti incident behind Dollar General. There is a new zoning requirement in the works for the future to have a buffer between residential and commercial properties. The residential homeowner in this case put in a nice fence and Dollar General didn't have to go to this expense and Dollar General put a parking lot up against it. He's concerned about the closeness of commercial to residential neighborhoods. He related this to blighting influence (graffiti); he cited a right-hand rule – that if someone benefits from a fence, they are 50% responsible and should be responsible for this clean-up as they are benefitting from the fence. He is urging the city again to talk to Dollar General about taking care of their part. He feels the current code failed our residents there.
- City Attorney Purifoy shared per city code 225.030 Nuisances does not include the authority to abate graffiti clean-up; Alderman Skinner asked if a motion was needed to add this and how soon can this happen; Mr. Purifoy stated this is already in the works and it will take two reads once written.
- Alderman Skinner pointed out a KC MO and Lawrence KS took stances on graffiti and the blighting influence; Mr. Purifoy stated the code doesn't currently call out graffiti and it needs to be added to provide the abatement authority/powers.
- Alderman Knox stated that the city could add it, but it could get confusing between art/murals vs. graffiti and be sure to define graffiti per what Mr. Purifoy stated.
- Mayor Todd asked what material (spray paint or other) was used on the fence; Alderman Skinner stated he doesn't know, but feels this is Dollar General's issue. Mr. Martin is working on this now and had another exchange with Dollar General today.
- Alderman Skinner stated every day this goes on; it invites more crime. He wants this handled quickly.
- Mr. Purifoy stated they can work on something that can be ready for a double read at the next meeting.
- Mayor asked if the fence can be cleaned up before this next meeting and asked if the homeowner is okay with it being taken care of; The homeowner hasn't accepted any assistance for clean up (on social media) as she's wanting Dollar General to take care of it.
- Alderman Skinner reiterated that he would like graffiti added to that ordinance.
- Alderman Kyle Sole
 - Absent

ITEM XVIII: Mayor Report

- "Voices and Votes" is now open at the Grain Valley Historical Society
- He asked Chief Turner about the plan for this year and the Santa Bus; They have had a meeting last year and this year. They went through exposures and concerns of the city by shutting down roads, where the bus stops of random vs. set stops. A special event permit will be needed for this event; the police department does not have this submitted yet at this point. Chief has not heard from him about any assistance as of today. He did not feel it was up to the police department to reach out to him. A special event permit

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has not been pulled.

- Alderman Knox asked how much lead time is needed to process a permit; Chief Turner stated it should be started now with the size of this and the amount of resources needed.
- Alderman Knox clarified if a permit application was submitted Thanksgiving week is that enough time. Chief stated it would be an issue if they cannot figure out how to get the people and vehicles allocated and all of the logistics figured out.
- Chief stated he is willing to take direction from the board on if they want him to reach out to follow up, but he didn't feel like that was his place.

ITEM XIX: Executive Session

- None

ITEM XX: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Jamie Logan
City Clerk

Date

Minutes approved by:

Mike Todd
Mayor

Date

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