

LOWRY CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:00 pm
Draft Minutes

Prior to the start of the Lowry City Board of Aldermen meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, East Ward Alderman Jackie Cutler announced she would not be able to stay for a closed session that was scheduled after the regular meeting. With East Ward Alderman Charles Cone absent, the closed session was cancelled due to no quorum of the board to hold the meeting.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Patricia Landes called the regular session to order at 6 p.m. in the council room at city hall. Board members attending included Cutler, West Ward Aldermen Sean Langston and Shirley Edmunds.

City employees attending the meeting included Water and Wastewater Superintendent Josh Muller and City Clerk John Farrell.

Notice of the meeting was given pursuant to RSMo. 610.020.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Landes.

Approval of Minutes:

The board reviewed the regular session minutes from June 16, 2025. Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Bills:

A list of bills was presented for approval.

The mayor noted included in the bills list are two invoices from Wommack Monuments for damage from mowers at the cemetery. One is for a bronze flower vase that was beyond repair and the other to a marker with a large chip out of the side. The replacement vase is \$757 and the replacement marker is \$892. She noted Wommack discounted both items for the city and they are also going to pick-up and reseal three tablets that were knocked over during storms at no charge while out here doing the work.

Langston moved and Edmunds seconded the motion to approve the bills presented and to carry-over discussion regarding the damage from mowers at the cemetery until the August 19, 2025 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Financial reports for the month ending June 30, 2025 were presented and reviewed. Langston moved and Cutler seconded to accept the financial reports. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Old or Unfinished business:

There was no old business for the board.

New business:

A. Set a date for the tax levy public hearing-On a motion from Langston and a second from Cutler the board unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing for setting the tax levy on Aug. 19 at 5:45pm prior to regular meeting.

B. Propane bids 2025-2026- Farrell stated there were no bids turned in. It was noted Will's LP gas currently services the city. There was no action taken by the board on this matter.

C. Bids for tree removal at Lucas and Burdette Streets- The board reviewed four bids received for removal of the tree. On a motion from Edmunds and a second from Langston, the job was unanimously awarded to Gary's All Around Tree Trimming, Appleton City, with a bid of \$2,500. Other bids included Coop's Mowing and Tree Service, \$2,250; Truman Lake Tree and Lawn Care, \$4,000; and C&R Lawncare and Tree Service, \$1,500.

Future of city hosting fireworks display- The board briefly discussed the future of the city hosting the annual fireworks show. It was estimated the cost to the city for this year's show was \$2,500 after receiving \$970 in donations. The mayor stated she would like to see the city host the show again next year and have an area group included to make the event larger due to it being the 250th anniversary of the United States. No action was taken.

Lowry City Community Betterment update:

No representatives attended with an update.

Citizen input:

There was no input.

Department Reports:

Police Department: Police Chief Charles Hodges was not in attendance due to scheduled training and vacation. No report was presented.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Justin Norris was absent from the meeting. A report turned in noted the department has been busy with medicals, a few car accidents and false alarm calls.

Norris stated new structure gloves were received, but they are still waiting on the new fire hose ordered back in late March. Norris' report noted the department is hosting a vehicle firefighting class Saturday, July 26 from 8am-5pm. The class is put on by MU and will be a certified class. It was also noted the Lowry City Fire Women's Auxiliary will host Christmas July Friday, July 18 at the Lowry City Civic Center. Doors open around 6. Events planned include bingo, silent auction and a live auction.

Public Works:

During a brief public works report Muller reported a new bulk water sales dispenser was installed. He also reported recent work completed at the south-west lift station.

Mayor's notes:

Mayor Landes had nothing to add.

Adjournment of regular open session:

Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

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Patricia Landes, Mayor

Attest:

John Farrell, City Clerk