

LOWRY CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:00 pm
Draft Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025 Mayor Patricia Landes called the regular session of the Lowry City Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the council room at city hall. Board members attending included West Ward Aldermen Sean Langston and Shirley Edmunds and East Ward Alderman Jackie Cutler. East Ward Alderman Charles Cone was absent. City employees attending the meeting included Water and Wastewater Superintendent Josh Muller, Police Chief Charles Hodges and City Clerk John Farrell. Volunteer Firefighter and Resident Sean Langston Jr. was also in attendance. 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 May 20, 2025 and the special budget session meeting from June 16, 2025. Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Bills:

A list of bills was presented for approval. After review, Langston moved and Edmunds seconded the motion to approve the bills presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Financial reports for the month ending May 31, 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:

A. Jackson Bates-Sign concerning autistic child on 4th Street.

Farrell said Mr. Bates came in the office on June 16 and explained he has to postpone appearing in front of the board due to work.

B. Damage to a bronze flower vase at cemetery

Farrell said the monument company has been notified and will pick-up to give estimate when convenient.

New Business:

A. Resolution 2025-03 – Budget FY 2025-2026

Resolution 2025-03 – Budget FY 2025-2026 was presented for approval. Langston noted that he and city office staff worked on preparing the budget for several hours. He explained the budget is balanced with expenditures totaling \$701,195.80.

On a motion from Cutler and a second by Edmunds the board unanimously agreed to have the first reading of the resolution establishing a budget for FY 2025-2026 July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Landes read the resolution in its entirety. Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to accept the reading of the bill. The vote was unanimous.

Langston moved and Cutler seconded to have the second reading by title only. The vote was unanimous. Landes read the bill by title only. Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to

accept the second reading of the bill by title only. The vote was unanimous. Langston moved to adopt the bill as resolution 2025-03. Edmunds seconded and the vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

Lowry City Community Betterment update:

No representatives attended with an update. Farrell did note that LCCB Member Marley McLarren reported repairs have been made to the shelter house in the park near city hall. It was noted the 13th Annual Music on Main Street event is slated for Saturday, September 13.

Citizen input:

There was no input.

Department Reports:

Police Department:

Police Chief Charles Hodges reported officers have issued 23 tickets since the last report in April. He noted one officer resigned due to moving and the position has already been filled.

Hodges asked for approval of a subscription for a records management system at a cost of \$2,200 annually. On a motion from Langston and a second from Edmunds the board unanimously agreed to the expenditure. The chief also requested purchasing a set of stop sticks at a cost of \$554. On a motion from Edmunds and a second from Langston the purchase was unanimously approved.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Justin Norris was absent from the meeting and no report was given.

Public Works:

During the public works report Muller reported city workers are done with the clean-up from the storm. He said the brush pile at the lagoon has been burnt, but explained there has to be a cut-off for when they pick-up brush. After discussion it was mutually agreed, the city will stop picking up storm debris two-weeks following a storm. Muller noted special conditions will apply to elderly or disabled residents. Muller said if residents need access to the lagoon to get rid of brush from their property, the lagoon is unlocked during business hours Monday-Friday. He noted if access is needed at another time, to contact city hall and he can make special arrangements to have it open.

He reported ordering several parts for one of the city's mowers and also parts for the dump truck. Muller said a tree located on a city easement needs removed. The tree is located at Lucas and Burdette Streets next to 302 E Fourth Street. The board mutually agreed to place the job out for bids. Bids must be received at City Hall no later than July 15 at 3pm. Bids can be mailed to the City of Lowry City, P.O. Box 143, Lowry City, Mo. 64763, Faxed 417-646-2035, emailed to cityclerk@lowrycitymo.gov or turned into City Hall at 406 W. 4th. The city has the right to reject any or all bids.

Mayor's notes:

Mayor Landes had nothing to add.

Adjourn to closed session:

Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to adjourn to closed session pursuant to 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Adjournment of regular open session:

Edmunds moved and Cutler 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