

LOWRY CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:00 pm
Draft Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Patricia Landes called the regular session of the Lowry City Board of Aldermen to order at 6 p.m. in the council room at city hall. Board members attending included East Ward Aldermen Charles Cone and Jackie Cutler, West Ward Aldermen Sean Langston and Shirley Edmunds. City Clerk John Farrell, Fire Chief Justin Norris and four others from the community were 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 October 21, 2025. Cone moved and Cutler seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Bills:

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

Financial reports:

Financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2025 were presented and reviewed. Langston moved and Edmunds seconded to accept the financial reports. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Old or unfinished business-

(Info Only) Mobile home stored at 3rd and Dixon- It was noted the mobile home that was moved into the city limits and stored prior to the October meeting, was moved out on Tuesday, Nov. 4 with no issues.

(Info Only) Purchase CD- Farrell noted two account signers will need to go to the bank on November 25 to close the maturing CD and purchase a new one including the added Clyde Keith Trust funds. It was mutually agreed Langston and City Collector/Treasurer Stephanie Porter will be available.

Discuss access to public works supervisor's city truck when tools are needed-

Wastewater Superintendent Josh Muller was absent from the meeting. The mayor noted she discussed this matter with Muller after last month's meeting and he stated the same tools on his truck are also available at the city maintenance shop.

Discuss public works employee training in case of emergency- The board discussed several options related to getting another employee trained and certified to operate the city's water and sewer system in case Muller is not available. On a motion from Langston and a second from Edmunds the board unanimously agreed to advertise to hire an individual to work toward gaining the certifications needed.

There was a brief discussion as to whether the summer help employee was still working. It was noted the employee was working on Mondays as needed. It was mutually agreed the employee will no longer be needed.

Discuss projects contractor is utilized for- After discussion, the board mutually agreed projects City Contractor Mike Clark is involved in should be limited to issues related to water and sewer.

Discuss adding another police officer to utilize budgeted funds for coverage- Police Chief Charles Hodges was absent from the meeting attending training. In his report left for the

board he noted he read minutes from last month's meeting regarding the possibility of adding another officer. He stated he has no problem, if he can find the right person to fill the position.

New business:

Bill 2025-06 – Call for General Election- Bill 2025-06 was presented for approval. Candidate filing begins Dec. 9. Openings include mayor, east ward alderman and westward alderman.

Langston moved to have the first reading of the bill in full. Cone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The bill was read in full by Landes. Cone moved to approve the first reading. Langston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Cone moved to have the second reading of the bill by title only. Cutler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The bill was read by title only. Langston moved to accept the second reading by title only. Cutler seconded and the vote and it passed unanimously. Langston moved to adopt Bill 2025-06 as ordinance 2025-06. Cone seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Citizen input: Edmunds noted she was discouraged with not having people in attendance to discuss city matters on the agenda.

Department and group reports/updates:

Police Department: The police report noted 17 citations issued in the past two months. It stated officers have taken two information reports, made one drug arrest from a traffic stop, one arrest for car theft and one arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Norris noted the department. He reported a free, open to the public CPR class will be held at the Sac-Osage Fire Protection District Fire House on Nov. 19 and reviewed mechanical issues with the fleet.

Norris reported he has located a truck that will work for a new brush truck. He noted the truck is a 2012 F250 with a 6.0L gas engine. It is a four-door with 161,000 miles and located at Worley Farm and Lawn Equipment, Weaubleau. Norris said he test drove the truck and it drives well. The price is \$17,995 and will include an aluminum flat-bed. During the September meeting board approval was given to purchase a truck up to \$15,000. On a motion from Langston and a second from Edmunds the board unanimously agreed to allow up to \$18,000 from the fire department checking account for the purchase of the truck. Norris explained there will also be some other costs associated with lettering the new truck.

Norris explained fire dues notices were mailed out. Fire dues are \$50 for the first property owned, \$25 for each additional up to \$100. He explained if there is a road separating the properties it counts as another property. Norris noted if dues are not paid for a property the property owner is billed at \$100 for when the tone sounds and \$500 per hour the department is on scene.

Public Works: There was no report due to Muller's absence. Langston noted it has been several months since he has seen a water loss report. He also requested a report known as an "I and I" with is the wastewater inflow and infiltration or the unwanted entry of clean groundwater and stormwater into a sanitary sewer system. Norris noted he has not seen a flow test from the hydrants.

Mayor's notes: Landes had nothing to add.

Adjournment of regular open session:

Langston moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Cutler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Patricia Landes, Mayor

Attest:

John Farrell, City Clerk