

LOWRY CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 21, 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 several 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.

Amend agenda:

Edmunds made a motion to add Sean Langston Jr. to new business to discuss city ordinance City Ordinance 8003 section 11 BURNING REGULATIONS. Cone questioned why we needed to amend the agenda when the matter was listed on the current agenda under new business. Farrell explained the matter was added after the agenda was already posted. Cutler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The board reviewed the regular session minutes from September 16, 2025. Cone moved and Langston 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 September 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: None

New business:

Clyde Keith Trust funds received- It was noted a final distribution of funds from the reserve account for the Clyde Keith Trust was received. The Lowry City Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund received \$10,050.50. There was discussion in reference to depositing the funds in a certified deposit (CD). Farrell presented current rates that were given from St. Clair County State Bank as well as a list of the city's current CDs and when they expire.

On a motion from Cone and a second from Langston the board unanimously agreed to withdraw funds from a cemetery CD set to expire in November 2025, add them to the funds received from the Keith Trust and purchase a new CD for a six-month term at four-percent interest.

Mobile home stored at 3rd and Dixon- Farrell explained last week a mobile home was moved into the city limits and placed on a property located at 3rd and Dixon. He explained the owner of the mobile home called and stated it would be located on the property temporarily and was approved by the fire chief. Farrell stated he explained the placement of the mobile home violates several city ordinances and would have to be moved immediately. Contact was made with Norris who explained he did not authorize but rather suggested getting board approval prior.

Farrell noted an ordinance violation letter was sent to the property owner the same day, October 15, 2025. The letter gives 10-days to move the mobile home before citations can be issued. Farrell noted city police are aware of the situation and have been in contact with the owner of the mobile home. During the meeting, Norris affirmed he did not authorize the move of the mobile home.

Sean Langston Jr. to discuss city burning regulations- Langston Jr. appeared to discuss City Ordinance 8003 section 11 BURNING REGULATIONS. He noted his frustration when this ordinance is being violated and is going unnoticed and not enforced. He spoke of a chemical smell and smoke lingering due to a neighbor burning in an incinerator on several occasions. Langston Jr. stated contact with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) discovered information an inspection was completed on the incinerator and allegedly there was evidence of other materials than allowed by the city's ordinance being burnt. Logan Orr spoke from the audience stating DNR inspected his incinerator and has "cleared" him. He noted pine lumber is being burnt. After much discussion, Langston Jr. and Orr came to an agreement that burning in the incinerator late at night would be permissible.

Citizen input: Cutler stated her appreciation to those who have cleaned properties after receiving letters from the city in reference to ordinance violations. Others from the board agreed with her.

Department and group reports/updates:

Lowry City Community Betterment Update: It was noted Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween, Oct. 31 beginning at 6pm. The public is welcome to set up and give out candy in the civic center/city hall/ballpark area. Last year there were over 300 trick or treaters.

Police Department: Farrell noted Police Chief Charles Chief Hodges was planning to attend the meeting and went home ill. No report was submitted. Langston suggested inquiring with Hodges about the possibility of adding another officer. Langston explained the police department has not been using all the hours budgeted. It was mutually agreed to discuss the matter with Hodges to see if there may be any interest from other deputies.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Norris noted the department will be assisting with the Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 31. He reported a free, open to the public CPR class will be held at the Sac-Osage Fire Protection District Fire House on Nov. 6.

The chief said the department has been busy with calls. Norris said he is still looking for a brush truck to place a bid on at Purplewave.com, an auction website for used equipment. At last month's meeting the board approved Norris placing a bid up to \$15,000 for a truck.

He reviewed several mechanical issues with the fleet. On a motion from Langston and a second from Edmunds the board unanimously agreed to allow up to \$1,500 for repairs to a pumper truck.

In other business, Norris updated the board on a remodel of the training room stating it was near complete. The board mutually agreed to allow the fire department to utilize an ice machine that was donated to the city. Norris mentioned the need for a fire reporting program for the department. He noted he is currently looking at options to purchase. Norris requested the city crew spray or cut weeds on the fire station property.

Lowry City Fire Women's Auxiliary-Schaelyn Bell reported the auxiliary will host "Stirring Up Christmas" at the firehouse on December 13. The event will feature a chili cook off with Santa as well as pictures with Santa and the Grinch. Chili tasting begins at 5pm with

pictures starting at 5:30pm.

Public Works: Wastewater Superintendent Josh Muller was absent from the meeting, but left a report. It stated crews repaired leaks, installed culverts at two properties, cut and pulled saplings from around lagoon berms, picked up brush, burned brush piles out at the lagoon.

The report noted Mike Clark and Kenneth Walker, a city employee, trimmed foliage from around street signs in the city. It stated Walker has been busy mowing and weed eating.

There was a lengthy discussion as to why Clark is doing the type of work mentioned. It was noted Clark was to be contracted only for certain projects that include the city's water and sewer systems. Muller's attendance was discussed. Cutler mentioned the lack of access to tools on Muller's truck when he's absent. It was mutually agreed a meeting with Muller and Clark is needed.

Mayor's notes: Landes had nothing to add.

Adjournment of regular open session:

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

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Patricia Landes, Mayor

Attest:

John Farrell, City Clerk