

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
December 8, 2025**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on December 8, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri.

The following officers and city personnel being present: Mayor Paul Gaume, Aldermen Pat Downing, Cole Reed, Amy Acock and Stacey Carter. Public Works Alex Ball and City Clerk

Citizens and visitors present: Trace Stone, Leslie Wagers, Bob Wagers, Don Kerns, Ryan Davis, Mike Lyon, Jacob Peterson, Sgt. Justin Hanway.

Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve the November 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve the November 19, 2025 work session minutes, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Financial statement – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

New Business:

Redgate Disposal Landfill Cost Increase – Jacob Peterson with Redgate Disposal informed the board Saint Joseph landfill will increase their rate starting on January 1, 2026. Due to the rising cost of the landfill Redgate is asking for an eighty-nine (.89) cent increase. This is a regulatory cost change and they are not asking the City to compensate for increasing labor, insurance, maintenance and other costs, only the regulatory change that is out of their control. They would like the increase to start in January for it to be on the February water billing. Alderman Acock said it is hard to ask our citizens for more since we just did that a few months ago, unless there is some type of added value to the increase. Jacob explained they are only trying to cover the landfill cost to break even. Attorney Fowler advised this topic be tabled for discussion in executive session.

Ryan Davis, North Platte School District – Ryan Davis, Superintendent of North Platte School District informed the Board of declining enrollment in the district and wants to encourage the city to do everything possible to grow the town. He was informed there is resistance to build up the new development and thought this information would help the board.

Maintenance Building & Truck – Alex reported the 2008 Chevy truck caught on fire inside the maintenance shed. The truck is probably a total loss and the shed has a lot of smoke damage. The truck was used that day to salt/sand the streets, he noticed the smoke when he left the office to go home. He used three fire extinguishers to contain the fire until the Fire Department arrived.

Senior Program at Community Center – The contract with Parkville Living Center needs to be updated for 2026, to include a monthly rent of \$200. Alderman Carter attended the senior program in Parkville, they provide lunch twice a week and lunch is provided through Don Bosco. While she was there a senior fell and she discovered they have a chair that lowers to the ground to assist the senior getting up. It would be desirable for the person overseeing the program to have a medical background otherwise 911 would have to be called. Alderman Acock found a grant from AARP that is open and

pays out in 2027. She wants to talk to a couple towns that have received the grant to find out more details. Discussion of having the school provide lunch if the restaurants are not able to.

Community Board Advertising – A possible revenue stream to help fund the community center, is to offer advertising on the digital sign outside the community center. Alderman Acock provided an outline of rates, and what could be offered. As long as the sign works this will be a great

2026 Budget – Once the budget is ready a workshop meeting will be set to review.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex reported there were two water leaks that have been fixed. Approved Paving will do patch work this Friday on Main Street and a couple other places.

Parks and Recreation – Alex is working on the park grants that need to be turned in on January 19th.

Community Center – Discussion about a storage unit to hold a TV and mini fridge for the senior programs. Suggestion was made about using a projector and the wall instead of a TV. Mayor Gaume will contact Marcus to confirm what is needed and where it will go. New tables will be needed in the near future.

Planning and Zoning – No permits.

Law Enforcement – Sgt. Hanway said reports were sent to the city and he asked to confirm that the city will only pay for 55 hours. Mayor Gaume said a certified letter was sent to the Sheriff Holland informing him.

City Clerk – Cindy confirmed with the board that brush-drop off will remain on the first Saturday of the month. Received insurance check of \$2,710.29 for wind damage to the salt/sand shed. A couple properties in Paradise Lake have not paid city property tax, one owes several years back taxes. Another property sold and the previous owner said he was not responsible for the taxes. She suggested getting an agreement with Buchanan County in order to be able to place a tax lien on the property and possibly have them collect the city taxes. Tomorrow is opening day for candidates to file for the election and closing day is December 30th at 5pm. Discussion whether Buchanan county is paying portion of property tax collected at Paradise Lake to the city.

Alderman Downing made motion to go into executive session per RSMo #610.021 (1) to confer with attorney, second by Carter. Roll call vote: Ayes – Downing, Reed, Acock, and Carter.

Board returned to open session, no votes taken in executive session. Alderman Downing made motion to accept the .89 cent increase for Redgate Disposal, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Redgate and the city will coordinate timing of letters to be mailed out to customers. Jacob Peterson made the board aware Saint Joseph will have another increase in January 2027.

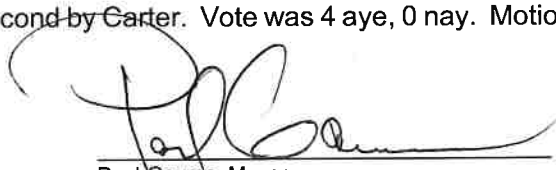
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Alderman Downing made motion to adjourn, second by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.



Cindy Atkison, City Clerk



Paul Gaume, Mayor