City of Dearborn Board of Alderman Regular Meeting September 8, 2025

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on September 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 Cindy Atkison.

Citizens and visitors present: Lesia Woodson, Elaine Greer.

Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve the August 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve the August 11, 2025 executive session with correction of Amy Acock was in attendance, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve the August 28, 2025 public hearing, second motion made by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve the August 28, 2025 special meeting minutes, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

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

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

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Lesia Woodson brought up concerns about Dearborn Housing not having hot water in some of the units, along with several other issues and asked for guidance.

Elaine Greer suggested the city hold sessions with citizens to find out what they want for their town and to form a partnership with the school.

New Business:

Missouri State Park Grant – Alderman Acock said these grants are much larger than the county's, it is a 50% match. Alex attended a session about these grants and they are approved on year and you can not start on the grant until the next year. They involve engineering studies and environmental surveys, during the waiting period if any maintenance is done on something that breaks the grant could be denied. Several hoops need to be jumped through and it is a lot of work.

Alex presented some figures for playground equipment at Vaughn Park and said there is more in it than we asked for, they will resubmit with less equipment. Alex asked to lock in the 2025 prices with Kompan. Alderman Downing made motion to move forward with Kompan playground equipment for the Platte County Parks and Rec grant, second by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Walking Trail - Ribbon cutting ceremony will be October 4th at 10am.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

Department Reports:

<u>Public Works</u> – Alex said it appears that we no longer have an agreement with the county for salt and sand. He went ahead and ordered some for the winter from Holliday Sand. The school has been using water from the park and the school to water the football field because their pump in the creek caught fire and is being repaired. Alex told them they would have to pay for the extra water from the park.

<u>Parks and Recreation</u> – Alderman Downing asked what is going on with the property next to the bridge on Main Street and suggested the city cut down the remaining vegetation and charge him. It was decided to send a second letter informing him that if vegetation is not cut the city will do so and charge him accordingly.

<u>Community Center</u> – Cindy informed the board that there are 10 Buchanan County seniors who attend the senior programs. Alderman Acock suggested we meet with Marcus Flores soon to get set up for 2026.

Law Enforcement – No information.

<u>Planning and Zoning</u> – Matt Dillman, 106 Wagers Circle, Fence. Alderman Downing made motion to approve, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Steven Perry, 108 N August, Fence. Alderman Acock made motion to approve, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Homes by Patty Farr, Single Family Residence, 107 Johnson Circle. Alderman Acock made motion to approve, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

<u>City Clerk</u> – Cindy asked for approval to attend the MRWA office professional conference October 1st and 2nd in St. Charles, class will cost \$200, plus hotel, meals, and mileage. Alderman Downing made motion to approve Cindy attending the conference, second by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Before contacting Vantage the manufacturer of the digital sign, Cindy wants to know what else has been observed, like the sign flickering then going out.

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

Board returned from executive session, Mayor Gaume announced that no votes were taken in executive session.

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

Cindy Alkison, City Clerk

Paul Gaume, Mayor