



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Widaman called the September 5, 2026, City of Dardenne Prairie, Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mayor Widaman	X	
Ald Detweiler	X	
Ald Gittemeier	X	
Ald Johnson	X	
Ald Nay	X	
Ald Waters	X	
Ald Wilson	X	

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Kyle Michel, City Attorney John Young and City Clerk Deborah Ryan

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board of Aldermen Work Session Minutes – 08 05 26
2. Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes – 08 05 26
3. Board of Aldermen Work Session Minutes – 08 19 26
4. Expenditures Report dated - 08 19 26
5. Expenditures Report dated – 09 02 26
6. Treasurers Report dated – 07 31 26

Moved by Alderman Gittemeier seconded by Alderman Detweiler to approve the consent agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items removed

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following spoke during public comment:

- Arnie C. AC "Honest-Abe" DIENOFF - City/County Public Advocate

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill No. 26-35

An Ordinance Of The City Of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into The Agreement Between St Charles County, The City Of O'Fallon, The City Of St. Charles, The City Of St. Peters, The City Of Wentzville, The City Of Lake St. Louis, The City Of Dardenne Prairie, The City Of Weldon Spring, And The City Of Cottleville, Missouri, Municipalities To Share Costs Regarding Ortho And Oblique Imagery From

Moved by Alderman Gittemeier, seconded by Alderman Wilson for the first reading of Bill No. 26-35, by title only. All ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney read Bill No. 26-35 for the first time, by title only

City Administrator Michel stated this is the imagery the County uses to establish the mapping database for the Assessor's website. But also mapping data that we, as a City, have access to, to use for our own internal needs. Any of the maps we create we can use. This layered data is, a renewal of the Pictometry contract and runs from the beginning of 202 and runs through the end of 2031. Annual cost is \$2,080.25.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Nay for the second reading of Bill No. 26-35, by title only. All ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney read Bill No. 26-35 for the second time, by title only.

Motioned by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Gittemeier for the final passage of Bill No. 26-35.

Roll call vote:

Alderman Waters, Aye
Alderman Johnson, Aye
Alderman Gittemeier, Aye
Alderman Deweiler, Aye
Alderman Wilson, Aye
Alderman Nay, Aye

The vote on the motion, 6 ayes and 0 nay, motion carried. Bill No. 26-35 becomes Ordinance No. 2430.

2. Bill No. 26-36

An Ordinance Of The City Of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, Authorizing The Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding By And Between The City Of Cottleville, The City Of Dardenne Prairie, And The City Of Weldon Spring, Missouri

Moved by Alderman Gittemeier, seconded by Alderman Wilson for the first reading of Bill No. 26-36, by title only. All ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney read Bill No. 26-36 for the first time, by title only.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wilson for the second reading of Bill No. 26-36, by title only. All ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney read Bill No. 26-36 for the second time, by title only.

Motioned by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Detweiler for the final passage of Bill No. 26-36.

Roll call vote:

Alderman Detweiler, Aye
Alderman Gittemeier, Aye

Alderman Johnson, Aye
Alderman Nay, Aye
Alderman Waters, Aye
Alderman Wilson, Aye

The vote on the motion, 6 ayes and 0 nay, motion carried. Bill No. 26-36 becomes Ordinance No. 2431.

3. Bill No. 26-37

An Ordinance Of The City Of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, Authorizing The City Administrator To Negotiate And Execute A Professional Services Contract By And Between The City And Oates Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Related To The Bates Road Phase 1 Improvements - Stbg-5407(622)

Moved by Alderman Gittemeier, seconded by Alderman Wilson for the first reading of Bill No. 26-37, by title only. All ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney read Bill No. 26-37 for the first time, by title only.

Alderman Johnson stated his understanding, after speaking with Matt Davidson, that this was the lowest bid with the most qualified Engineering Firm.

City Administrator Michel stated this was put out as request for qualifications and not a request for pricing, but yes, this was the most qualified firm. Of the six that were submitted, by an independent review group of staff members that went through all those proposals and scored them the highest. The price reflected is an negotiated price by Matt Davidson after the firm was selected as the top-rated firm.

Alderman Detweiler stated she has questions regarding the proposal for this project. It was her understanding the last time this issue was discussed, the Board was allowed to make the changes that the Board was originally asking to make and subsequently told the changes were not going to be allowed. Matt Davidson came back to the Board and reported that he spoke with Amanda with MoDOT and the change was going to be allowed to be made. This proposal, under task 4.0, is proposing to design bike lanes, and the thought was those lanes were going to be removed. Under task 6.0, right of way easements and have a concern with the new development Stillwater and how that is going to affect their easement. And under 9.0, traffic study, feasibility for the three lanes to two lanes. Alderman Detweiler stated she is comfortable with moving ahead with phase 1, but uncomfortable with allowing them to dictate how Bates Road is going to be developed and do not want this to turn into another Stump Road issue.

Alderman Gittemeier stated she is in agreement and the previous discussions on how important it is to have the center turn lanes. Stump Road residents were forced to have the center lane and what we need to be doing is listen to the residents that travel these roads. The point system used on the Stump Road debacle and the over run on cost because that road was over improved. We need not make the same mistakes. Biggest concern here is removing the center lane and adding a bike lane we are not listening to our residents. Alderman Gittemeier asked if the City has used Oates on other projects before and it seems that Weise Group has done several projects for the City and has the knowledge.

City Administrator Michel the City's adopted procurement policies were used or followed for the acquisition of this contract as well as the requirements for the grant. City Administrator Michel stated there was extensive discussion in 2025. The grant application was approved by the Board in February 2025 and subsequently the approval of the cost share agreement that was approved in November 2025, even after extensive discussion, the agreement, as presented, did not change the grant application. As it currently stands the grant application contemplates bike improvements. The intention for Oates, or any other qualified firm that could have been awarded out of the six that submitted, would be to go through the required public outreach, the required public hearings and move forward with a design that will ultimately meet, not only with public and the Board wants to see on Post Road. If that ultimately ends up being no bike lane, no one is going to lose any sleep over it, but will undoubtedly lose funding and will change the cost share agreement, but that question hasn't been asked directly to date and no amendment to the grant application has been made. The intent is to come back to the Board with some options that everyone can review and consider. This also raises questions on our other road improvement projects which also have protected bike lanes. Part of the current grant application does not include right of way acquisitions or funding, but if that is the direction the Board wants to go, staff will gather information on what those costs would look like and there will have to be a grant amendment. The end goal is to connect several areas around the city via a bike lane/path into a continuous loop.

Alderman Wilson asked if the grant is changed, and funding is lost, is that something that the City's budget can absorb and if not, is there a middle ground.

City Administrator Michel stated that is the goal and why there will be a few different options through the public feedback process and will be presented to the Board for consideration. Allowing an engineer to get on the ground out there and figure out what can be done and come back with some options. Obviously, we need to be in contact with the County Road Board to start discussing a potential grant amendment should that be the direction we go. When the Board discussed this issue last fall there was no concept of what the impact could be to the City. The Federal funding is over \$800,000 and County Cost Share is a total, not out of the City's pocket of \$1.2 million. Presumably the County funding would hold but the Federal money would be reduced due to the change in the scope of the grant.

Alderman Nay stated he recalls this was simply a repaving and paint the different lines. We are going to have a public meeting on this and have the engineer present and if it doesn't work out and people say no, then the project get stopped. The grant funding has been issued and we should use it to plan and the intent was to use this opportunity to do some planning and see where it takes us.

Alderman Detweiler asked if Oates is aware that potentially, the Board does not want the bike lanes.

City Administrator Michel stated yes, Oates is aware that options are requested in the design process.

4. Bill No. 26-38

An Ordinance Of The City Of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, Amending Various Provisions Of Article II Of Chapter 110 Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, And Providing For The Standard Practices Of Board Of Aldermen Meetings

Moved by Alderman Gittemeier, seconded by Alderman Detweiler for the first reading of Bill No. 26-38, by title only. All ayes, motion carried.

City Attorney read Bill No. 26-38 for the first time, by title only

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

OFFICER & STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Attorney

No report.

2. City Engineer

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Michel stated Matt Davidson, previous City Engineer's last day was the 21st of August, but left a comprehensive internal document going over some of the projects and their status. Some projects have been reassigned, and some are going to need review of an engineer. Staff has been talking with some firms and some that the City currently works with what their services would look like if we wanted to entertain using them for projects. We will continue to review this and see if it is in the best interest to contract out engineering work or to hire another PE to be on staff.

City Administrator Michel stated there will be several bids for award at the next meeting. Trying to stay on track for the bids that were in this fiscal year cycle.

City Administrator Michel stated Bingo will be this Friday, registration is required.

City Administrator Michel stated there is a date change for Municipal Court this month and rescheduled to Thursday, September 24th.

City Administrator Michel stated Prairie Day 2026 is scheduled for September 26th from noon to 5 pm with vendors and 6 to 9 pm with music from Well Hungarians and fireworks to follow.

City Administrator Michel stated the annual MML Conference is coming up.

City Administrator Michel stated all Elected Officials should have an invitation from the Historical Society for their annual Gala. Please let the City Clerk know if you are interested in attending so that the City can handle your registration.

City Administrator Michel stated City Hall Park equipment inspection has been completed and expect the bid package should be available at the September 16th meeting.

City Administrator Michel stated City Staff has been working on their initial round of department budget requests for the FY 2027 so we can start planning.

City Administrator Michel stated Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for September will review a CUP for a dog grooming business in the strip center on Bryan Road and the October meeting we tentatively have resubmittal for Sagebrook PUD and easement vacation for a private relocate for a public storm sewer. Forthcoming is submittal for Building #2 at Commerce Park on Technology Drive, and the Rawlings wood bat expansion is underway in Building #1.

City Administrator Michel stated the new security cameras will be installed in the next couple of weeks and waiting on the equipment. And Concourse the new permitting software will begin user testing with staff in the next couple of weeks.

4. Aldermen

Alderman Wilson encouraged residents to contact the City and elected officials if you see anything out of place.

5. Mayor

Mayor Widaman thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thanked our officer, Jamie Neukirch.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Detweiler, seconded by Alderman Gittemeier to adjourn the meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 09 16 26

Respectfully submitted:



Deborah Ryan, City Clerk