



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Widaman called August 5, 2026, Dardenne Prairie Work Session to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call vote:

	Present	Absent
Mayor Widaman	X	
Alderman Detweiler	X	
Alderman Gittermeier	X	
Alderman Johnson	X	
Alderman Nay	X	
Alderman Waters	X	* - Arrived at 6:03 PM
Alderman Wilson	X	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Kyle Michel, City Attorney John Young, City Engineer Matt Davidson, Administrative Assistant Brandi Kidd, IT Manager Rose Maresca and City Clerk Deborah Ryan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

1. RBA – Board of Alderman Meeting Start Time – Aldermen Johnson and Waters

Aldermen Johnson is recommending that the start time of the regular meeting be moved up to 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. And suggested if there are no work session items then the regular meeting could be moved up to 6:00 pm. This would also avoid having employees waiting in City Hall until 7:00 pm if there are no work session items. Alderman Waters agrees with the 6:30 pm start time but expressed concerns that if there are more discussion for items at the work session then it could push the time of the regular meeting.

Discussion continued to keep the regular meeting at 7:00 pm as it is more convenient for residents who need time to get home before a meeting. If there are not set times for each meeting type then that could confuse residents on when to attend a specific meeting.

2. RBA – Board of Aldermen Procedures – City Administrator Michel

City Administrator Michel stated in 2023 a series of ordinances were adopted by the Board that enacted certain procedures and policies as they relate to the governance and execution of City business by the Board of Aldermen. While the intent behind these ordinances was to create transparency and lend to efficient and expeditious transactions of the business of the City, we have seen now over a few years of implementation that the targeted goal has not been achieved. The proposed revision would allow for more flexibility in the structure of the agenda and the use of resolution. This highlights the need for flexibility in the conduct of business meetings and the use of Robert's Rules of Order and suggests that not all items need to go through a work session so that some can be discussed directly in the regular meeting. The current practice of having two regular meetings and two work sessions each month is costly and inefficient.



Discussion continued that eliminating some of the work sessions is a good idea and having more discussion at the regular meetings would be helpful for those that were unable to make the work session. The importance of maintaining a consistent meeting time for residents would be best moving forward. Recommended directing staff to draft amendments to the ordinance based on discussion and proposes a work session in a more informal manner at the next meeting to discuss.

3. Review of 08 05 26 Board of Aldermen agenda

There were no comments, questions or concerns regarding the regular agenda as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Gittemeier seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the work session at 6:36 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 09 02 26

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Ryan, City Clerk