



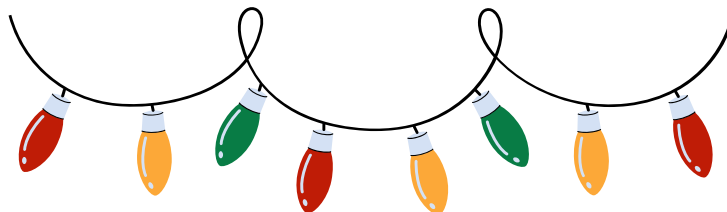
COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter



Winterfest

Mayor Pro Tem, Jana Allen, kicked off the holidays at the community's fourth annual Winterfest. We are grateful for the large team of elves that make this event so special each and every year.



Mayor's Corner

City employees are hard at work with year-end activities and preparing for the new year, including finalizing 2025 budgets. Our public works department is prepared and ready for upcoming winter weather.

What a wonderful time of year loaded up with holiday events with family and friends. I hope each of you enjoy the season through all the hustle and bustle, while still able to sit back and relax. I challenge each of you to reflect on 2024's blessings as well as the challenges to which we learn and grow. I am so grateful to our neighbors, this community, and the camaraderie and respect we have for one another. Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



LEADERSHIP

Michael Collar
Mayor

Nick Lombardo
Ward 1 Alderman

Steve Stephan
Ward 1 Alderman

Don Davis
Ward 2 Alderman

Jana Allen
Ward 2 Alderman

Kathy Ray
City Clerk

Steve Besermin
Public Works Director

Michael Mrachek
Police Chief

Barbara Aaron
Court Clerk

Krista Meinders
Assistant Clerk

LWPD Update

Lake Winnebago Residents,

LWPD assisted with Winterfest traffic control on November 23, 2024, at the AYC. I want to thank Jenell Brandon and all the other volunteers for their coordination efforts with LWPD and their facilitation of such an outstanding event. Additionally, LWPD provided traffic control for the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.

LWPD Corporal James Totten will be promoted to Sergeant on December 5, 2024, at 4:00 pm at City Hall. James is an extremely experienced officer and will be a great asset in helping train and supervise our newer officers.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, I want to send a reminder to the community about situational awareness. Use caution when visiting shopping centers, convenience stores, or any location open to the public. Shoplifting, thefts of purses, and carjackings, among other crimes, all happen more frequently this time of year at these locations.

As always, call, email, or stop down at the department with any issues or concerns. Our goal is to keep everyone safe.

Michael G. Mrachek
Police Chief
Lake Winnebago Police Department
816.537.7900

City Hall 816-537-6778
Police non-emergency 816-537-7900

Leaves and Grass Clippings



As the leaves begin to fall, there will be a lot of raking and yard waste disposal to be done. Please refrain from blowing leaves and grass clippings into the streets. Instead, blow leaves and grass clippings back into your yards for proper pick-up disposal. Any leaves and clippings in the street will get washed into the storm drains and will eventually end up in the lake. Leaves can contribute to drain blockages and localized flooding, and grass clippings can also contain organic matter that can harm aquatic life and can also contribute to pollution. To prevent excess silt in our lake, we must all work together to keep our streets and drains clean and free. ORD Section 223.010, ORD 223.020

Backflow Certificates

Reminder Backflow Certificates need to be turned into City Hall every year.

Do you irrigate with city water? If so, you are required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to have a backflow prevention device installed and have it tested every year. If you are not compliant your water can be turned off by MDNR.

Please email your current backflow certificate to asstclerk@cityoflakewinnebago.com

For more information, please visit MDNR - click [here!](#)

Tickets for November 2024

Total: 62 tickets

Collected \$9,319.48 for the month of November 2024

Driver's License - 3

No Insurance - 4

Registration - 20

Speeding - 9

Defective Equipment - 8

Sign/ Signals - 1

General Driving - 1

Fail to yield - 7

Accident - 1

Traffic/Other - 8

Warnings Written for November 2024

Total warnings written: 29

Moving Violations - 5

Registration - 10

Speeding - 8

Defective Equipment - 6



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If you would like to stay up to date on current happenings at Lake Winnebago and would like to receive the monthly Cliff Notes, please send your email address to asstclerk@cityoflakewinnebago.com. We promise your email will be used for City Business only. **Note: More than one person per household is allowed to sign up!**

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO
November 20, 2024 at 7:00pm

REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Collar opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. ROLL CALL – City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Collar, Aldermen Jana Allen, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, and Steve Stephan. Steve Besermin Director of Public Works, Chief Michael Mrachek, Mark Meinders HOA Liaison, and a few residents attended. City Attorney Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. was absent. Kathy Ray served as secretary.
3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
 - Review the proposed change to the 2025 utility rates for sewer, trash, and water – The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:01 and reviewed the proposed rate increase for the utility bill. The 2024 current total bill is \$144.97 for a minimum 3,000-gallon usage. The proposed 2025 total bill is \$148.38 for a total increase of \$3.41. Increase included five percent of trash to cover fuel, \$.45, sewer connections \$2.25, water of \$.70, tax of \$.01. There were no questions or comments. The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:02.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 10-22-24 - Alderman Jana Allen moved to approve the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 10-22-24, seconded by Alderman Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Passed unanimously.
5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS –
 - Resident Andrew Faron of 536 South Shore expressed his concern that the city has not acted in accordance with the ordinance violations that he feels have been violated by the property owner of residential lot BB38. He also expressed his concern that a previous Board of Alderman meeting Alderman Davis voted no against allowing additional resident comments regarding this topic. Mr. Faron feels that Alderman Davis is not supporting the individuals with this specific topic. Alderman Davis shared that he has lived in the city over twenty years and only wants the best for the community and is always available for residents to call. The mayor asked Mr. Faron to submit any ordinance violations that he feels have been violated. The mayor stated that the city attorney has reviewed all the ordinance submitted and at this time believes no ordinance has been violated. The mayor stated that the gravel on the lot is not in violation of an ordinance, the gate is not on a property in the city, the trees that were removed is not a city ordinance violation, however trees removed is a Homeowner's Association violation, the culvert was installed without a city permit, however, the property owner followed the city ordinance for erosion control when one hundred fifty square feet of vegetation is removed. The mayor asked Mr. Faron to submit to the city all the ordinances that he feels have been violated and he would review.
 - Resident Jeff McWhirt 120 Cayuga Lane asked if the mayor supports individuals in the city not following the city ordinances. The mayor stated there are several situations where the city is actively working on city ordinance violations, for example, pool fences, residents have never put a fence around their pool, or they put them in and then take them down.
 - Alderman Stephan submitted a letter to the mayor and the Alderman with his concerns of the residential BB38 lot.
6. MAYOR – the mayor shared the developer is working on the amenity area, the public works staff is working with HOA to confirm the best location for the Little Blue Valley Sewer District meter location for the new metering process, the city clerk dedicates considerable time along with working with the staff to prepare the annual budget each year. He wanted to thank everyone for their time preparing a balanced budget. He thanked Alderman Allen for assuming the Winterfest Masters' of Ceremonies MC role during his absence.
7. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman Stephan submitted the letter for record of his concerns with lot BB38.
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - Review annual Marc Hazardous Waste Program – 2025 annual cost is \$1,937.95 an increase of \$65.54 from 2024. Alderman Jana Allen moved to approve the annual marc hazardous waste program for \$1,937.95, seconded by Alderman Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously.
 - Review Final Docket, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report for October 2024 – The Mayor confirmed the Judge had signed the docket.
 - Review draft of 2024 amended budget – the mayor and the city clerk reviewed the recommendations for amending the 2024 budget. The mayor reviewed the key highlights to the draft 2024 amended budget. He encouraged everyone to review and either call the mayor, city clerk, or a department manager if they have any questions. The ordinance for the amended budget for 2024 will be on the December 18, 2024, agenda for approval.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

- Review draft of 2025 proposed budget - the mayor and the city clerk reviewed the recommendations for the proposed 2025 budget. The mayor reviewed the key highlights to the draft 2025 proposed budget. He encouraged everyone to review and either call the mayor, city clerk, or a department manager if they have any questions. The ordinance for the 2025 proposed budget will be on the December 18, 2024, agenda for approval.
9. OLD BUSINESS
- Lake development status – the mayor reported the developer continues to work on the amenity area.
10. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
- Bill No. 744-24, Ordinance No. 977 – An ordinance authorizing an election in the City of Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri on April 8, 2025, for (1) Alderman Ward I and (1) Alderman Ward II - After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 744-24, Jana Allen moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 744-24, Ordinance No. 977, Jana Allen moved to approve Ordinance No. 977, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Passed unanimously.
 - Bill No. 745-24, Ordinance No. 978 – An ordinance to amend the City of Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri, Municipal Code Chapter 700 – Water and Sewer Rates - After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 745-24, Don Davis moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Jana Allen. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 745-24, Ordinance No. 978, Alderman Jana Allen moved to approve Ordinance No. 978, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Passed unanimously.
 - Bill No. 746-24, Ordinance No. 979 – An ordinance to amend the City of Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri, Municipal Code Chapter 200 – Solid Waste Management - After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 746-24, Jana Allen moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 746-24, Ordinance No. 979, Steve Stephan moved to approve Ordinance No. 979, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Passed unanimously.
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders reported the Little Blue Valley Sewer District meters will be installed soon at J-Cove, H-Cove and behind the dam. The project to raise the lake level is on schedule, the plate will be installed. During the installation, the lake level will need to be lowered between eight – twelve inches. They will be communicating the November date with the residents.
 - LEGAL – Lauber Municipal Law – absent, no report.
 - FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray, Review October 31, 2024, Financial Statements, Review October 2024 Check/Deposit Register - after review of the check register Alderman Don Davis made a motion to accept the check register, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Passed unanimously.
 - POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Mrachek reported the department has been working with the Winterfest team for a successful event. The department has ordered a new laptop and expects to be operational by the end of the month, Deputy Chief Eidson has separated from the department as of 11/04/24, the department is working on a ceremony, the Police cadet will graduate, December 18, 2024, and looking forward to starting on December 19, 2024. The final arrangements are in place for returning the Hummer to Fort Riley Military base.
 - PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – no report.
 - WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin reported that all street projects are completed for the year, the department continues to collaborate with the vendor, Visu-Sewer, to complete the sewer project in the city. He expects the vendor to complete the project by year end. Part of the Visu-Sewer study uncovered information regarding resident lines that have several roots. The Public Works Department will be notifying those residents so that they can be aware of the status of their sewer line on their property. The Public Works Department building experienced a flood due to a water heater break. The group continues to work with a recovery team and the city's insurance company.
 - OTHER BUSINESS – Reminder the December meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2024.
 - ADJOURN BOARD - Alderman Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed unanimously.

Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.