



COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter



I am happy to announce that after more than 4 years of trying to convince MO-DOT to repave and add turn lanes, it's finally happening!

We are still getting final details but what we know as of now is the following:

Weather permitting, on August 18th they will close 291 to begin work at 163rd St. MO-DOT will be adding a right turn lane from 291 South to 163rd Street as well as a northbound turn lane from 291 North to 163rd Street. In addition, they will be adding a southbound turn lane onto Kidwell Drive. Unfortunately, we are not sure exactly where 291 will be closed. Once the project is complete, they will overlay from Jackson County line to 58 Hwy. Yes, the darn speed bump in the turn lane into Winnebago will be GONE! Superior Bowen is the contractor.

Once we are given detour information, we will get the info out asap. Please be patient with the process, it's been a long time coming. Thank you to resident Tim Paulson who has been helping me understand the contract and plans.

Thank You,
Mayor Collar

LEADERSHIP

Michael Collar
Mayor

Nick Lombardo
Ward 1 Alderman

Steve Stephan
Ward 1 Alderman

Don Davis
Ward 2 Alderman

Craig Brandon
Ward 2 Alderman

Kathy Ray
City Clerk

Steve Besermin
Public Works Director

Michael Mrachek
Police Chief

Barbara Aaron
Court Clerk

Krista Meinders
Assistant Clerk

Lake Winnebago Police Department Update

Lake Winnebago Residents,

LWPD hosted "Law Enforcement National Night Out" on the evening of August 5, 2025. This is an annual nationwide event to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood unity. I want to thank all of the vendors, residents, and volunteers, including Alderman Don Davis, who made this event a success.

LWPD has responded to two recent incidents relative to erratic operation of boats on the lake. Please use caution while operating any vessel on the lake, be cognizant of your surroundings, and keep safety in mind at all times. LWPD will continue to assist HOA Boat Patrol employees whenever requested.

Lastly, with the school year quickly approaching and with the increased construction activity in the city, LWPD will be stepping up enforcement efforts for significant traffic violations.

Have a safe rest of the summer.

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

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**Lake Winnebago
Police Department**

Photo Wall From Law Enforcement National Night Out





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

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Tickets for July 2025

Total: 86 tickets

Collected \$7,771.00 for the month of July 2025

Driver's License - 6	Sign/Signal – 2
No Insurance – 10	Parking - 5
Registration – 21	DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic - 1
Speeding –21	Careless & Imprudent with
Defective Equipment - 14	Accident - 1
Traffic/Other – 2	Code Enforcement - 3

Warnings Written for July 2025

Total warnings written: 43



Moving Violations – 8
Registration – 16
Speeding – 4
Defective Equipment – 10
Code Enforcement - 5

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

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

July 23, 2025 at 7:00pm

REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Mayor Mike Collar called the meeting to order July 23, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Collar, Aldermen Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, Steve Stephan, Director of Public Works Steve Besermin, City Inspector Dave Rensing, Chief Mrachek, James Newell with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC., & Mark Meinders HOA liaison. Residents Aaron and Jen Hargis, Aaron and Amy Vial, Elyse Vivona, and John Hawkins also attended. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Aldermen Meeting 6-25-25 Minutes, Alderman Craig Brandon moved to approve the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 6-25-25, seconded by Alderman Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously.

3. MAYOR – Mike Collar reported the City Clerk; Craig Brandon and himself have started the annual tax levy process. Although the assessed valuation has increased, the Hancock amendment limits the city's tax levy rates, and the city rates will decrease with the current increase in assessed value. In addition, the senior property tax freeze program will play a role in what the city receives from the tax revenue received. The freeze essentially sets a base year for the property tax liability, preventing significant increases in future years due to rising property tax rate hikes, however, it's important to note that certain taxes, like those for voter-approved bond indebtedness, may still increase. MoDOT has approved the paving of 291 Highway, with turn lanes included at 163rd and Kidwell Road. August 5, 2025, is the target date to begin construction. Look for road closures and detour signage.

4. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – None.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – Elyse Vivona requested clarification regarding letters and communication received from City inspectors regarding her pool fence. After discussion, she will call for an inspection when she has addressed the pool fence concerns. Regarding the safety concern of a potential fall area, the city suggests installing a railing to prevent a fall hazard. The mayor thanked her for attending the meeting and suggested if she had any questions, contact the city inspectors.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A Review of the Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report for June 2025. The mayor confirmed the Judge had signed the docket.

B. Review of the Golf Cart Ordinance – the mayor asked the Chief of Police to share concerns with individuals driving golf carts. He shared that there have been a lot of concerns about individuals driving a golf cart without a valid driver's license, individuals without a valid driver's license driving with adults, individuals driving with babies on their laps, very unsafe. The police will be issuing warnings and citations for the violations. The mayor shared that at the June meeting resident Doug Lennie asked for the city to review ordinance 400.420 section 11 regarding storage of recreational vehicles or equipment such as boats, boat trailers, camping trailers, converted buses or trucks, house trailers. Also, review the definition of recreational vehicles. The mayor is working with the staff and the city attorney regarding the definitions. He asked the Police Department to hold off on issuing citations for storage recreational vehicles or equipment until the research has been completed. The Police Chief will discuss the current citations issued and the topic with the city prosecutor. Resident Aaron Hargis asked the mayor and board to review the definitions of all recreational vehicles, golf cart, UTV and ATV. He feels that golf carts, UTV, ATV are very similar to vehicles and would encourage the board to consider allowing them to be parked in the resident driveways. The mayor said that he believes the HOA deeds and restrictions have something referencing storage of golf carts, UTV, ATV and Recreational Vehicle. He asked Mark Meinders to provide the City Board of Alderman an update on the HOA position of storage of golf carts, UTV, ATV and Recreational Vehicle to ensure that both entities are on the same page.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review lake development (LWII) status- Mayor Collar asked Mark Meinders to provide an update on the amenities area. The amenities project is on schedule to open next summer. The committee has also been working on walking trails.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

July 23, 2025 at 7:00pm

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

A. Review of the city code for fencing a pool – the mayor shared the board of alderman with staff attended a work session today at 6:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting. They reviewed each of the pool fence violations. He thanked the city inspectors for all their work on documenting and working to resolve the code violations. After discussion, Alderman Craig Brandon recommended the staff document the topography of the code violators on the lake side, confirm if they meet the city code of a forty-eight-inch wall or barrier and provide a status at the next meeting.

B. Review of the updated employee handbook – the mayor informed the board that Alderman Stephan has shared some recommendation last night. He will have the staff, and the city attorney review the recommendations. After reviewing, we will bring the document to the August meeting for approval.

C. Review the sewer, storm sewer and street project timeline – reported that the staff has been working with the vendor Visu Sewer to identify manhole repairs. The bid is currently being reviewed. They will share a project schedule soon. The list of curb repairs is being finalized. They are looking at the curb section between H Cove and the Arrowhead Yacht Club (approximately between 359 Winnebago to 396 Winnebago). Communication of the date and locations will be shared in the next month.

8. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 555-25 – A resolution adopting an update version of the city's employee handbook – postponed until August 2025.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders – the staff is reviewing the preliminary proposal for repairing the Arrowhead Yacht Club entrance canopy. They are targeting completion by the end of the year. He asked the Police Chief about the golf cart tickets, Chief shared to direct all calls and questions to him.

2. LEGAL – Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. – James Newell – no report.

3. FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray – reported:

Review June 30th, 2025, Financial Statements

Review June 2025 Check/Deposit Register - After review of the June 2025 check/deposit register Alderman Don Davis moved to approve the check register, seconded by Craig Brandon. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea.

The city clerk informed the Board that the city had a fraud incident with a vendor check that was mailed. The city uses positive pay by uploading specific information regarding a check to minimize fraud. A dispute has been filed with the city's bank and the vendor has been notified. The city is expecting to receive a status on the incident within the next ten days.

4. POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Michael Mrachek reported the staff attended the Cass County Fair to build relationships with neighboring partners. Officer Corbin completed the summer reading program. The staff is currently working on August 5, 2025, open house, more details on Police social media X, Facebook and the city's cliff notes newsletter.

5. PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – no report.

6. WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin – no report.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – none.

11. ADJOURN – Alderman Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Nick Lombardo.

Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.