



COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter

Happy Retirement Kenny! After his first retirement from the railroad, Kenny dedicated an additional 16 years of service to the City of Lake Winnebago. He is looking forward to spending time enjoying his hobbies of golf and Scout camp. Thank you, Kenny, for your commitment to the city. You will be truly missed!



Hero's Read will continue this summer! Come join LWPD Officer Corbin at the park with your little ones for a fun reading and snack session on June 12th & 26th and July 10th and 24th at 11:30AM.



Chief Mrachek battled it out with LW kids at the park for the last day of school annual water fight. It appears the kids won!

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

Mayor's Corner



Before



After

We presented our Audit report at our last meeting, and I am happy to report we once again had no real issues. Hats off to our City Clerk Kathy Ray for running such a tight ship when it comes to our financials.

As most of you know, I have been involved with the fireworks on the 4th of July for more than 20 years. The new development is great, but there is not much shoreline green space remaining for fireworks.

This year we are going to be shooting them from behind the dam far enough away not to disturb the community docks at the dam. This will be an exciting new show to see as we must use bigger shells since we are shooting from further away. There is a pretty good chance we will not be able to shoot the fireworks that go off on the water. However, we are using a new firing system so it should be much more exciting.

Recently, we had a traffic consultant advise us on additional signage and striping throughout the city to help make things safer. We hired a striping company to do what the consultant advised. I'm not sure why they advised us to remove the stop sign at Mandan Ln. Thank you for all your input on why the stop sign should stay. We had it put back the same day. If we are going to change something that much, you should always be notified ahead of time, and I apologize that didn't happen.

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to see the newly painted water tower off Allendale Lake Road. As you may remember it was in much need of a face lift. The Public Works department did a great job revitalizing the tower. I think you will like the new look.

Lake Winnebago Police Department Update

On May 25 and June 1, 2025, I had the pleasure of attending the shrimp boil community event on Spavinaw and the last day of school celebration at the park. I had many positive conversations with residents and appreciated the warm welcome at both events.

LWPD will be hosting an open house in early August, as part of "National Night Out". This event is part of a national effort to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. More details to follow next month.



Officer Koch

LWPD police cadet Zachary L. Koch graduated from the Blue River Public Safety Institute (police academy) on May 21, 2025, and worked his first shift on June 2, 2025. Please welcome Officer Koch when you see him in the city.

Please use caution and good judgement when driving golf carts on our city streets. As the driver, you are responsible for the safety of your passengers. Remember, licensed drivers, or a permit holder in the company of an immediate family member, at least 21 years of age, with a valid driver's license, may operate a golf cart and/or UTV on LW public roadways.

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

Michael G. Mrachek
Police Chief
Lake Winnebago Police Department
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816-537-7900



Lake Winnebago Police Department

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](#)

Public Drinking Water

IMPORTANT!

Check out the Consumer Confidence Report CCR on the public drinking water system at the lake. This report is available for your review online or a copy can be mailed to your home. See details below!

www.dnr.mo.gov/ccr/mo1010880.pdf

Physical copies: If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please contact City Hall during normal working hours at 816-537-6778

Hazardous Waste

GOT OLD PAINT?



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

WHEN	SATURDAY, JUNE 14 8:00 a.m. – 12:00
WHERE	EAGLE GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 100 S. FOXRIDGE DR., RAYMORE, MO
WHAT	Paint and paint-related products, automotive fluids, batteries, lawn and garden chemicals, glues and adhesives, household cleaners, etc. NO ELECTRONICS.
WHO	Free for residents of LAKE WINNEBAGO and other member communities of the HHW Program. NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED. Includes non-profits, churches, home-based businesses, and rental property owners.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THIS EVENT?
Two facilities are open year-round for drop-off.
816-701-8226 or visit recyclespot.org



Financial Statements

To see the full report, click [here!](#)

**City of Lake Winnebago
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)**

City-Wide Analysis

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
ASSETS						
Current and						
other assets	\$ 3,064,009	\$ 2,881,704	\$ 2,168,104	\$ 1,770,811	\$ 5,232,113	\$ 4,652,515
Restricted noncurrent						
assets	2,057,499	1,659,747	218,092	187,425	2,275,591	1,847,172
Capital Assets, net						
of accumulated						
depreciation						
and amortization	<u>2,971,472</u>	<u>2,976,140</u>	<u>3,970,173</u>	<u>3,764,948</u>	<u>6,941,645</u>	<u>6,741,088</u>
	<u>8,092,980</u>	<u>7,517,591</u>	<u>6,356,369</u>	<u>5,723,184</u>	<u>14,449,349</u>	<u>13,240,775</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities	990,193	864,842	635,308	377,177	1,625,501	1,242,019
Long term liabilities	<u>639,525</u>	<u>701,300</u>	<u>2,075,925</u>	<u>2,197,250</u>	<u>2,715,450</u>	<u>2,898,550</u>
	<u>1,629,718</u>	<u>1,566,142</u>	<u>2,711,233</u>	<u>2,574,427</u>	<u>4,340,951</u>	<u>4,140,569</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Related to pensions	-	31,888	-	-	-	31,888
	<u>-</u>	<u>31,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,888</u>
NET POSITION						
Net investment in						
capital assets	2,116,972	2,089,940	2,199,372	1,366,456	4,316,344	3,456,396
Restricted	2,816,803	2,304,574	218,092	187,425	3,034,895	2,491,999
Unrestricted	<u>1,565,672</u>	<u>1,525,047</u>	<u>1,227,672</u>	<u>1,594,876</u>	<u>2,793,344</u>	<u>3,119,923</u>
	<u>\$ 6,499,447</u>	<u>\$ 5,919,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,645,136</u>	<u>\$ 3,148,757</u>	<u>\$ 10,144,583</u>	<u>\$ 9,068,318</u>

Tickets for May 2025

Total: 107 tickets

Collected \$9,124.00 for the month of May 2025

Driver's License - 7	Traffic/Other – 38
No Insurance – 8	Fail to Yield Right-of-Way- 1
Registration – 21	Sign/Signal – 3
Speeding –18	Accidents - 2
Defective Equipment - 8	Damaged Property - 1

Warnings Written for May 2025

Total warnings written: 51



Moving Violations - 8
Registration - 19
Speeding - 5
Defective Equipment - 3
Code Enforcement - 16

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

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm

REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Mayor Mike Collar called the meeting to order May 28, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Michael Collar, Aldermen Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, Chief Mrachek and Corporal Untrauer, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC., Mark Meinders, HOA Liaison, Sarah Granath with Gilmore and Bell, Matt Courtney with Piper Sandler, Resident Doug Lennie and John Hawkins also attended. Steve Stephan, Steve Besermin, Director of Public Works, were absent. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Aldermen Meeting 4-23-25 - Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 4-23-25 Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve the regular Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 4-23-25, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed unanimously.

3. MAYOR - Mike Collar reported that he has been coordinating the community's fireworks display through a local vendor for twenty-three years. The same fireworks shooter has been doing it for eighteen years and is no longer available, because of this he has located a new company, also the cost has increased due to the current tariff situation. The location for this year's display will be the east side of the dam with the approval of South Metro Fire. The staff has been working on the pool fence city code violations and expect to present a report to the board at the June 25, 2025, meeting.

4. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman – no report.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – Doug Lennie present a picture to the Mayor and the Board of his first-tier property, referencing the back yard and pool area. He would like the board to review the ordinance regarding barriers and fences, he feels it would be a very expensive change to the current property and feels the lake is at a higher risk of drowning than a pool, he believes it is the homeowner's responsibility if an incident occurred on their own property. The mayor thanked him for sending a letter to the city with his concerns and his attendance at the meeting. The staff are still reviewing the list of city code violators and will present a status report at the next meeting. John Hawkins thanked the city for the striping project. Also, thanked George Silvey and Jerry Shriver for cleaning up a dead tree that fell across South Shore. He would like to encourage the HOA to review all dead trees in the city to prevent serious injury to an individual. He would like the city to consider replacing the speed limit sign on Kidwell and continue to monitor traffic to keep the area safe.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation of the City of Lake Winnebago Audited Financial Statement for year ended December 31, 2024, by a representative from DSWA, Certified Public Accountants – The mayor reviewed the 2024 audit report with the board and the staff. The audit firm had no internal control over financial reporting and one compliance, and other matters. The one compliance was a collateralization compliance audit from Arvest Bank of the current certification deposits at the end of the year. Arvest Bank has corrected the collateralization compliance, and the staff has put a process in place to reconfirm that Arvest Bank has correctly collateralized the certificate of deposits. The auditors also recommended to continue to review proper segregation of duties to reduce the risks of errors and fraud. The mayor thanked the staff for the great audit and appreciated their dedication to an efficient operation. Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to accept the 2024 audit, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed unanimously.
- Review the 4th of July Fireworks donation of \$2,000.00 - Alderman Don Davis moved to approve the \$2,000.00 fireworks donation, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed unanimously.
- Review the Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report April 2025 – the mayor confirmed the Judge has signed the docket.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Review lake development status – The amenities area construction continues. The board may consider removing the agenda item in the future.
- Review lot BB38 – The mayor confirmed the property owner removed the gravel, seeded the area on May 24, 2025. This topic will be removed from the agenda.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

- Review of the city for fencing a pool - The staff are still reviewing the list of city code violators and will present a status report at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the city to schedule a meeting with a building inspector.

8. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Bill No. 749-25 Ordinance No.982 – An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$400,000.00 of general obligation bonds. The issuance of \$200,000.00 street bond and \$200,000.00 sewer general obligation bonds, Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 749-25, Don Davis moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Craig Brandon. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 749-25, Ordinance No. 982 and a brief discussion, Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 982, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Polling Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed.
- Bill No. 750-25 Ordinance No.983 – An ordinance amending the city code of the City of Lake Winnebago regarding screening of pool equipment, Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 750-25, Don Davis moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 750-25, Ordinance No. 983 and a brief discussion, Craig Brandon moved to approve Ordinance No. 983, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders – reported the HOA board is reviewing the screening of pool equipment, they also created a new internal position to look at long term needs for maintenance, staffing and equipment. Jen Hargis and Brandon Fell will be the HOA contacts for the amenities area, HOA would like to work with the Police and Public Works to install in parking lot no trespassing signs near the dam.
- LEGAL – Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. – Lindsey Kolisch reported that legislative is in session and if the Governor signs any bills that impact the city she will communicate.
- FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray: Review April 30th, 2025, Financial Statements: Review April 2025 Check/Deposit Register - After review of the April 2025 check/deposit register Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve the check register, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed. The annual audit performed by DSWA audit firm has completed the 2024 audit with no significant findings to report. The annual workers' compensation audit should be complete by the end of the month. She will be attending the annual workers compensation trust meeting on June 5-6, 2025. Also, she has been voted in as a Board of Trustees for the trust. Highlights from the check register – Axon Enterprises, BOTACH, Speartac Solutions, USBNACORP – Tank Payment
- POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Mracheck – reported the department has sent the departments bikes to be repaired, so they can start utilizing in the city, a new part-time officer, Zach Koch, will be sworn in on Friday, he's working with Cass County to understand the changes to dispatch charges, he has been working on the transition of Emergency Management ownership, and attending area Chief of Police meetings.
- PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – no report.
- WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin absent. Mayor Collar reported that a result of last year's traffic study in May the city implemented street striping and signage of areas of hazardous concern, the quarterly water tower maintenance identified a need to paint to improve the look of the water tower and it was suggested to paint the lower part of the bowl a darker color to eliminate the sight of mold for additional \$5,000.00, Nick Lombardo made a motion to accept the additional \$5,000.00 to paint the lower part of the water tower, seconded by Craig Brandon, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

10.OTHER BUSINESS – The mayor shared that the staff had a luncheon for Ken Smith to celebrate his retirement. He thanked Ken for his dedication to the city and wishes him well in retirement.

11.The mayor request sine die at 7:45, Alderman Don Davis made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo, for the purpose of discussing legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between the city or its representatives and its attorneys, seconded by Craig Brandon, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed.

The Mayor and the Board of Alderman return to regular session at 8:31.

ADJOURN – Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Nick Lombardo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.The Board of Aldermen may vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo, for the purpose of discussing legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between the City or its representatives and its attorneys.

Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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