



COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter



- 1) Walk/Don't Run:** Do not run or make sudden movements near city streets. Look both ways, twice, before crossing the street.
- 2) Costume Safety:** Wear reflective and/or bright clothing & accessories for better visibility in the dark. Avoid wearing face masks that impede vision and opt for face paint instead.
- 3) Parent Supervision:** Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Older kids should go in groups and have a clear route planned with check-in times.
- 4) Inspect Treats:** Parents should check all treats before allowing children to eat them. Discard any that are opened or appear suspicious.
- 5) Caution around Animals:** Be careful around pets, especially dogs, as they may be startled by costumes.

Plan ahead and discuss safety rules with your children before heading out to trick or treat. Make sure they understand the importance of staying together and following the planned route.

Mayor's Corner

Hwy 291 is finally OPEN! Though it was a bit painful, I think it was worth it, and they finished ahead of schedule. Thank you all for your patience during the construction.

We are currently deep in the budget process for the city. I would like to remind residents that the city is not rich by any means. Even though the city's overall real estate and property assessments have increased with the expansion, we are limited on how much tax we can collect due to the Hancock Amendment. Thank you to Kathy Ray and all departments for helping with this budget process.

In the next few weeks, we will be replacing some curbs around the city. We will do our best to keep you informed.

In late December or January, we will also be repairing several sewer manholes on the north side of the lake and some of these are in back yards. We will do our best to communicate ahead of time and put door hangers out to inform you if we will be working on your property. We don't anticipate a lot of issues with this work.

We are blessed with this recent weather that is helping extend our summer. Please enjoy the lake and outside while you can. Fall and winter will be here before we know it!



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,

In conjunction with our recent Board of Aldermen meeting, I want to remind residents and their guests to be cognizant of parking issues when selecting a parking space along our city streets. Our primary goals are to keep the "No Parking" areas clear and to maintain enough space to allow our South Metro partners the ability to travel to all locations within the city at all times. Please refrain from situations that involve parking a vehicle directly across the street from another parked vehicle. LWPD will continue to monitor the large construction related vehicles often present on South Shore, as well as other locations throughout the city.

I have recently noticed an increased adherence to safety measures by residents, when traveling with young children on golf carts. Please continue to utilize seat belts for our young children when traveling around the city in this manner. With Halloween quickly approaching, the need to "double down" on safety relative to vehicular and other methods of travel is paramount.

LWPD will be providing traffic control for the LW Beta Sigma Phi Charity 3k Dog Walk on Saturday morning, October 4, 2025, from approximately 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please be advised that traffic flow on South Shore near the spillway will be restricted during this time frame.

As always, please email, call, 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, mgracheki@lwpd.org, 816-537-7900



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Manhole Project



Beginning in late December/early January, Visu-Sewer out of St. Louis, will have crews rehabbing gravity sewer manholes in backyards on mostly the north side of the lake. Most work can be done by laying a hose from their truck to the opened manhole. We will try to communicate more as their start date nears.

To know if your property could be affected TEXT “MANHOLE” to 816.591.1904 and include your ADDRESS.

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 September 2025

Total: 116 tickets

Collected \$14,667.54 for the month of September 2025

Driver's License - 6	General Driving - 4
No Insurance - 12	Accidents- 1
Registration - 38	Sign/Signal - 5
Speeding - 30	Passing - 0
Defective Equipment - 13	DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic - 0
Traffic/Other - 1	C&I Driving - 0
	Other - 6

Warnings Written for September 2025

Total warnings written: 33



Moving Violations - 3
Registration - 18
Speeding - 6
Defective Equipment - 3
Trespass- 2
Other - 1

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

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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
September 24, 2025 at 7:00pm

REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1.ROLL CALL - Mayor Collar opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. City Clerk, Kathy Ray, took roll call. Members attending were Aldermen Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, and Steve Stephan. George Silvey, Chief Mrachek, City Attorney Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC., and resident John Hawkins attended, Alderman Craig Brandon, Steve Besermin Director of Public Works and Mark Meinders, HOA Liaison were absent. Kathy Ray served as secretary.

2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A.Board of Aldermen Meeting 8-27-25, Alderman Don Davis moved to approve the Board of Aldermen regular meeting minutes from 8-27-25, seconded by Alderman Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously.

3.MAYOR – the mayor shared the following report:

A.He shared that after the staff reviewed the second pool fence letter that had been sent to the pool fence violators. They felt the second letter was sufficient, and a third letter was not required.

B.He reviewed the 2025 Missouri State Auditor property and real estate tax certification of General Revenue of .6897 and Debt Service of .8723. Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve the certification letter setting the taxes for 2025, seconded by Alderman Steve Stephan. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays, Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously.

C.The staff has begun the 2026 budget process. Reminder, the Missouri Hancock amendment limits government tax increases by requiring local governments to reduce their tax rates if assessed property values increase by larger percentage than the general inflation rate. Also, the senior tax freeze revenue will impact the property tax received.

D.MoDOT completed the 291-highway project earlier than expected. The two new turn lanes have made for a safer driving environment.

E.The city requested an Audit extension renewal with the current Audit firm, DSWA, Certified Public Accountants for years, 2025, 2026 and 2027. The cost associated with the Audit's are 2025-\$15,125, 2026-\$16,700 and 2027-\$18,300. The staff is working with the audit firm to improve the overall audit experience so that the use of time is more efficient. The goal is to have an in-office audit in late April and present it to the mayor and board in June.

4.BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman Lombardo expressed his concern with unsafe areas in the city that require a no parking sign. The mayor took action to work directly with the Police and Public Works to revisit the information collected on the one side of street parking. He also shared a couple of street safety concerns of individuals crossing over into the oncoming lane, he felt a painted center line would help with this issue. He also shared a concern with Wild Horse Parkway and Winnebago Drive intersection when exiting. Individuals trying to exit designated turning lanes would help with individuals trying to turn either north or south, as well as individuals turning into the city.

Alderman Davis suggested a street safety article for the next Cliff Notes to inform residents to be alert.

5.COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – Resident John Hawkins asked the city to consider servicing grinder pumps. The mayor shared that the city is not staffed to support this service, especially since all of Lake Winnebago II has grinder pumps. His own personal experience the vendors are very quick to respond. He also expressed his concern about the MoDOT project communication with the residents. He is requesting additional enforcement around South Shore drive as he feels the individuals are driving over speed limit.

6.NEW BUSINESS - Review Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report for August 2025 the Mayor confirmed the Judge has signed the docket.

- Review the Board of Aldermen meeting schedule for the remainder of the year – the tentative Board of Aldermen meeting dates will be October 29 (Wednesday), November 19 (Wednesday) and December 17 (Wednesday). Alderman Stephan has a conflict with November 19 date.
- Review the request to not allow golf carts, low speed vehicles, all-terrain and utility task vehicles to not be parked on the street or grass. The mayor shared after the staff and board review they felt this is not an issue and no longer wish to create an ordinance. They will revisit the topic if it becomes an issue.

7.OLD BUSINESS

A.Review the lake development project status – the mayor shared the pool/amenities project is on target for completion early 2026.

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B.Planning and Zoning Public Hearing scheduled for October 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to review “pool coverings” – the mayor shared the board instructed staff to amending the city code to consider allowing powered safety pool coverings. City attorney Lindsey Kolisch shared the cover will need to powered safety covering that complies with ASTM F1346. The covering shall be closed and secured at all times when the pool is not in use. The inspectors will need to confirm the manufacturer during inspection. The public hearing is scheduled for October 1, 2025.

8.BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

A.Bill No. 753-25, Ordinance No. 986 – An ordinance of the City of Lake Winnebago, Missouri – amending the city code regarding opening meetings and records, after Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 753-25, Alderman Don Davis moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea; after discussion, Alderman Don Davis made a motion to accept Bill No. 753-25, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders absent, no report.

B.LEGAL – City Attorney – Lindsey Kolisch – no report.

C.FINANCIAL – City Clerk, Kathy Ray

Review August 31, 2025, Financial Statements Review August 2025 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 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously. The city clerk informed the Mayor and Board that the 2026 budget process began in September. Also, the city has started reviewing the renewal of property, automobile, and inland marine insurance.

D.POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Mrachek – Reported the staff had a few lessons learned regarding the MoDOT 291 highway project. He is currently targeting purchasing new firearms for the department to ensure that equipment is current and everyone is training, also, possible donation for the firearms. He is researching a grant to upgrade the department’s current radios as the current radios are not compatible with the 2031 Cass County State requirement. He is working on the 2026 budget and prioritizing the department needs.

E.PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – Public Hearing scheduled for October 1, 2025, to review pool coverings.

F.WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – George Silvey shared the recent water leak concern which was determined to be a lot of water usage; possibly from those that water their lawns from city water. Due to the impact of not receiving a lot of rain over the months of August and September the vendor was struggling to keep up with demand. The city always encourages residents to water their lawns every other day. George also shared an overview of the manhole repair project that is targeted to begin the middle of October. The vendor Visu Sewer will begin grouting, cementitious or both depending on each manhole. There should be minimal impact to residents’ yards. The staff will communicate with the residents when the project begins. The mayor reported that the vendor All Pro Concrete will also be repairing curbs in October, and the staff will communicate once the project dates are determined.

10.OTHER BUSINESS – None.

11.ADJOURN BOARD – Alderman Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed unanimously.