



## City of Lake Winnebago, MO Monthly Newsletter



### *Reminder on Snowplowing*

Winter snow and ice storms always come accompanied with some plowing related frustrations and problems. Residents can help to minimize these problems with just a few tips.

City plows discharge snow to the sides and cannot skip driveways. Wait until the plows have passed, then clean the snow at the end of your driveway.

If you hire someone to plow your driveway, remind them that state and city laws prohibit pushing snow into or across the street.

Residents should shovel snow from the bottom of the driveway to the right as you face the street and reduce the level of snow to the left of the driveway to avoid plowing snow back on the driveway the next time the plow passes.

**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

## *Snowplowing, continued*

Clear snow from around your mailbox. This reduces compacted snow from post office vehicles, improving subsequent plowing and helping the postal service to deliver your mail. A mailbox in disrepair may not withstand wet or heavy snow thrown from a snowplow. Please check the condition of your mailbox posts.

If it snows on Monday, trash day, make sure trash cans are behind the curb or in the driveway.

Residents who have had sod damage in the past can request flexible stakes from Public Works, to help plow operators to avoid future damage.

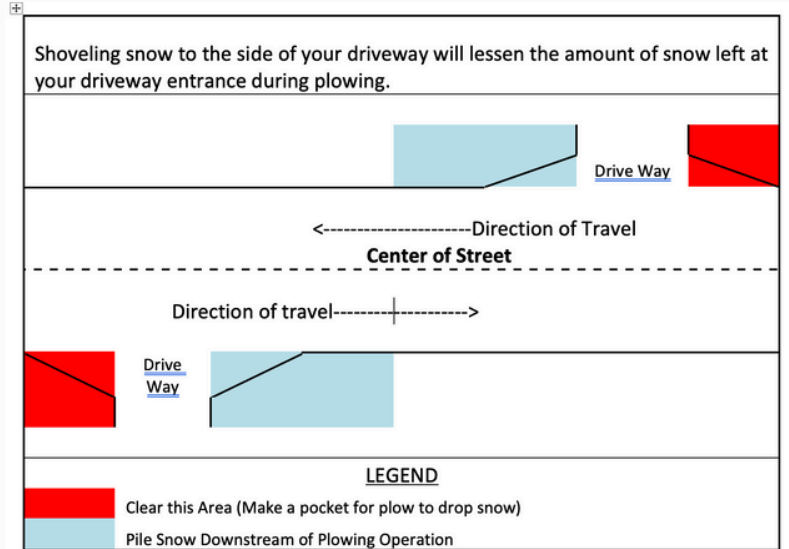
If a fire hydrant is on your property, clearing snow from around the fire hydrant is obviously very important.

For those residents with steep driveways, please try not to park on main streets until plows have passed at least once. Consider parking at the top of your driveway close to the street.

Snowplows and sanders start to work when ice or 1" to 6" of snow occurs. If ice arrives first, we may leave snow on top of the ice to allow traffic to move. Then try to clean the streets later.

If Public Works misses a street or refreezing or blowing snow piles up on a plowed street, call City Hall 816-537-6778, from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday – Friday. If it is outside of business hours, call the Police Department at 816-537-7900.

**OUR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES DO A GREAT JOB. HELPING WITH THESE FEW TIPS REDUCES THE FRUSTRATION FOR EVERYONE.**



## *Mayor's Corner*

Happy New Year fellow residents! 2025 was a great year at Lake Winnebago and I hope 2026 is even more fun.

As our office staff is finishing up year-end items and getting ready for a new year, our Public Works department is introducing a new employee, Owen Walker. He will replace Kenny Smith who retired last May. Owen comes from the City of Greenwood, and I would like to thank them for allowing us to hire him and a special thanks to Jordan Long for recruiting Owen.

Thankfully we haven't had much snow to worry about yet, but I know Public Works is ready for anything. I would like to congratulate Alan Untrauer on his new job in the North Kansas City Police Department. Officer Untrauer is a great policeman, and we were sorry to see him go. Finally, I would like to offer my prayers for long time resident and past Alderman and HOA board member John Hawkins as he battles a current health issue.



### *Welcome Owen*

Owen Walker has recently been hired by the city to join our Public Works team. He comes with four years of experience at the City of Greenwood where he worked seasonally for their public works department.

### *Congratulations Jordan*

Jordan Long accepts his 5-year service award from Mayor Collar.



## *Lake Winnebago Police Department Update*

LWPD was the beneficiary of significant delicious food donations and good will during this past holiday season. LWPD genuinely appreciates our community, and we feel very fortunate to work here. Thanks to all who made our holiday season better.

After more than four years at LWPD, Corporal Alan Untrauer has accepted a Police Officer position with the North Kansas City Police Department (NKCPD). Corporal Untrauer was an outstanding employee and served the community with distinction. I know he will go forward and represent LWPD in an honorable fashion.

As 2025 has come to an end, I want to thank Mayor Mike Collar, the Board of Aldermen, Kathy Ray, Barb Aaron, and Krista Meinders for their support of LWPD. Rest assured, we will do everything we can to try to better serve our community in the upcoming year.

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



**Michael Mrachek**

**Police Chief**

**[mgmrachek@lwpd.org](mailto:mgmrachek@lwpd.org)**

**816-537-7900**

## *Dog Licenses*

Current dog licenses expired on December 31, 2025. You may pick up your 2026 dog tag at City Hall. The cost is \$3.00 per animal and you will need to bring a current vaccination shot record showing the date of the last rabies shot. All dogs over six months old are required to be licensed in the city.



## *City Stickers*

All motor vehicles that are parked or garaged at Lake Winnebago are required to have a 2026 City Sticker. Current City Stickers expired 12-31-25. You will need to bring your 2025 paid personal property tax receipt to City Hall to pick up your City Sticker. If your sticker was not paid for on your 2025 personal property taxes, the fee is \$7.00 per vehicle.



## *Tickets for December 2025*

**Total: 49 tickets**

**Collected \$7,712.50 for December 2025**

- Drivers' License - 5
- No Insurance - 3
- Registration - 18
- Speeding - 8
- Defective Equipment - 3
- Traffic/Other - 1
- General Driving - 4
- Accidents - 1
- Passing - 1
- C&I Driving - 1
- Obstruction - 1
- Code Enforcement - 3

## *Warnings Written for December 2025*

**Total: 30 warnings**

- Moving Violation - 1
- Registration - 1
- Defective Equipment - 1
- Code Enforcement - 12
- Non-Traffic - 15



**City Hall 816-537-6778**

**Police non-emergency 816-537-7900**

*Want to receive the monthly Cliff Notes Newsletter?*

**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](mailto: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 Alderman Meeting*

**City of Lake Winnebago**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Collar opened the meeting at 7pm.
2. ROLL CALL – Assistant Clerk Krista Meinders took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Collar, Aldermen Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo. Steve Besermin Director of Public Works, George Silvey Public Works, Chief Michael Mrachek, Chip Corcoran with Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting also attended. Mark Meinders HOA Liaison, Alderman Steve Stephan, City Attorney Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC and City Clerk Kathy Ray were all absent. Krista Meinders served as secretary.
3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Review the proposed change to the 2026 utility rates for sewer, trash and water - The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7pm and reviewed the proposed rate increase for the utility bill. 2025 current total bill is \$148.38 for a minimum 3,000-gallon usage. The proposed 2026 total bill is \$154.56 for a total increase of \$6.18. Increase included .76 cents of trash to cover fuel, sewer connections \$3.60, water of \$1.79, tax of \$ .03. An increase of \$6.18 per month. There were no questions or comments. The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:01pm.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 11-19-25 – Alderman Craig Brandon moved to approve the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 11-19-25, seconded by Alderman Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed unanimously.
5. MAYOR – The mayor thanked LWPD, Public Works employee Jordan Long, South Metro FD, and resident Cody Evans for responding to the downed powerline on Kidwell. Cody was the first person to notice, and he stayed until emergency personnel arrived to ensure everyone was safe. Developer Randy Spalding is installing a large silt pond on his property in Cass County that borders city boundaries near the concrete wash out area. Building the silt pond will collect runoff water and prevent silt from entering the lake.
6. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – None.
7. NEW BUSINESS - A) Review Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report for November 2025 - The Mayor confirmed the Judge had signed the docket. B) Review Application #2025-02, Lake Winnebago II, Amendment to the Preliminary Plat – A development of 323 residential Lots, 66 Tracts, and 2 Commercial Lots (BLK CC-21 (Fire Station) & BLK CC Tract A). Applicant report – Chip Corcoran of Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting withdrew the preliminary plat application for consideration, staff report, public comments, discussion and questions of the commission, enter Exhibits. C) Review Application #2025-03, Lake Winnebago II, Final Plat Lake Winnebago II, 16<sup>th</sup> Plat, A minor plat amendment Lot 1, Block BB, Lake Winnebago II 16<sup>th</sup> Plat. Applicant report – Chip of RIC presented the applicant is revising the minor plat so there are no two lots with the same number. Staff report, public comments - N/A, discussion and questions of the Commission, enter exhibits. D) Review Application #2025-04, Lake Winnebago II, Final Plat Lake Winnebago II, 17<sup>th</sup> Plat, A minor plat combining lots 5 and 6, Block GG Lake Winnebago II, 17<sup>th</sup> Plat.

# *Board of Alderman Meeting*

**City of Lake Winnebago**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

7. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED): Applicant report – Chip of RIC presented a purchaser would like to combine two lots into one for the purpose of having a larger lot for a new home. Staff report Public comments - N/A, discussion and questions of the Commission, enter exhibits.
8. OLD BUSINESS - Review draft of 2025 amended budget – The mayor reviewed the draft of 2025 amended budget. Review draft of 2026 proposed budget – The mayor reviewed the draft of 2026 proposed budget. Review adding the use tax question to the 2026 April 7th ballot – The mayor shared the current sales tax. The current sales tax is .5% and the mayor stated we may consider raising the sales tax to another .5% in the future.
9. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - Bill No. 757-25, Ordinance No. 990 – 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. 757-25, Craig Brandon moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 757-25, Ordinance No. 990, Alderman Don Davis moved to approve Ordinance No. 990, seconded by Craig Brandon. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. Bill No. 758-25, Ordinance No. 991 – 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. 758-25, Nick Lombardo 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, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 758-25, Ordinance No. 991, Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 991, seconded by Craig Brandon. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. Bill No. 759-25, Ordinance No. 992 – An ordinance to amend the City of Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri 2025 Budget. After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 759-25, Nick Lombardo 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, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 759-25, Ordinance No. 992, Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 992, seconded by Craig Brandon. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. Bill No. 760-25 Ordinance No. 993- An ordinance adopting an annual budget for the City of Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 760-25, Nick Lombardo 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, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 760-25, Ordinance No. 993, Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 993, seconded by Craig Brandon. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

# *Board of Alderman Meeting*

**City of Lake Winnebago**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

9. **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED):** Bill No. 761-25 Ordinance No. 994- An ordinance to approve the final plat, Lake Winnebago II, 16<sup>th</sup> Plat. After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 761-25, 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, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 761-25, Ordinance No. 994, Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 994, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. Bill No. 762-25 Ordinance No. 995- An ordinance to approve the final plat, Lake Winnebago II, 17<sup>th</sup> Plat. After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 762-25, Craig Brandon 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, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 762-25, Ordinance No. 995, Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 995, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. Resolution No. 559 – A resolution for the City of Lake Winnebago for a credit card program. After Mayor Collar read by title only Resolution No.559, Craig Brandon 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, and Steve Stephan-absent.
10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS - HOA/LAND COMPANY –** Mark Meinders – HOA annual meeting is scheduled Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. **LEGAL –** Lauber Municipal Law – absent, no report. **FINANCIAL –** Kathy Ray. Review November 30, 2025, Financial Statements. Review November 2025 Check/Deposit Register - after review of the check register Alderman Nick Lombardo made a motion to accept the check register, 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 unanimously. **POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE –** Chief Mrachek – PD has had several constructions related calls regarding pods, trailers, etc and blocking traffic. Recent power outage at city hall, we had issues with backup generator that PD and Public Works are working on. Sergeant Totten remains on medical leave and expects to lose another officer to another police department. **PLANNING AND ZONING –** Don Davis – No Report. **WATER, STREETS, SEWERS –** Steve Besermin – George Silvey reported the vendor Visu-Sewer is in process of manhole rehab and should finish by Christmas. The department is hiring a part-time public works employee to fill a gap in the department.
11. **OTHER BUSINESS –** None.
12. **ADJOURN BOARD –** Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm, seconded by Alderman Nick Lombardo.