



## City of Lake Winnebago, MO Monthly Newsletter



### *Snowplowing 101*

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.

***Micheal 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 101, 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.

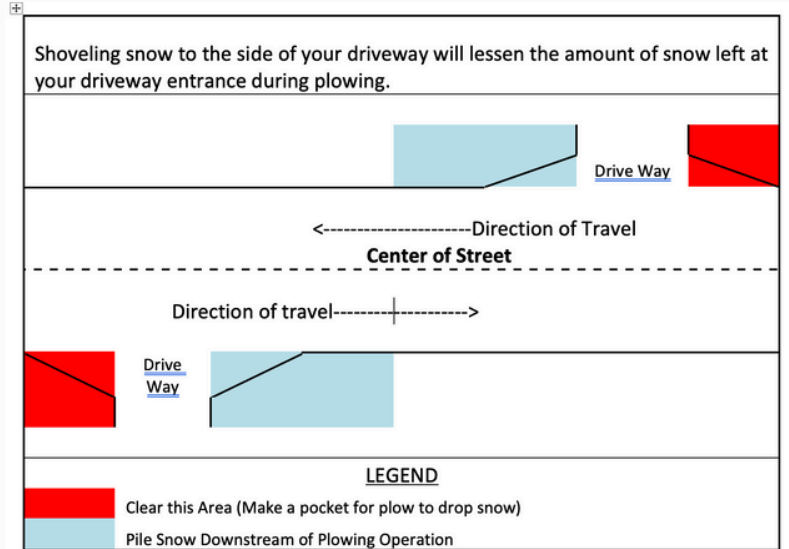
If a fire hydrant is on your property, clearing snow from around the fire hydrant is obviously very important.

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*

It was great seeing so many of you at this year's Winterfest. Thank you to Molly Berry and her elves for a great event. As always volunteers are what make our community so special.

We appreciate everyone's patience during our recent snowstorm. I hope this isn't a sign of a lot of snow this season.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

Mike Collar



## *Lake Winnebago Police Department Update*

As I write this article, our first snow fall of the winter has arrived. As always, please use caution, slow down, and allow extra time for travel. LWPD will communicate weather conditions and other important information via the LWPD X account, as well as by email communication between the city and residents.

LWPD works closely with Public Works, especially during the winter months. Please report any unusual or potentially dangerous road conditions directly to LWPD for corrective action.

On a related note, with cold and inclement weather on the approach, please take extra time to look in on our older residents who may need assistance, but hesitate to ask.

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



**Micheal Mrachek**  
**Police Chief**  
**[mgmrachek@lwpd.org](mailto:mgmrachek@lwpd.org)**  
**816-537-7900**

## *Tickets for November 2025*

**Total: 100 tickets**

**Collected \$9,185 for November 2025**

- Drivers' License - 11
- No Insurance - 12
- Registration - 35
- Speeding - 18
- Defective Equipment - 11
- Traffic/Other - 3
- General Driving - 2
- Accidents - 1
- Fail to Yield - 2
- C&I Driving with accident - 1
- Obstruction - 3
- Code Enforcement - 1

## *Warnings Written for November 2025*

**Total: 19 warnings**

- Registration - 3
- Speeding - 1
- Defective Equipment - 2
- Code Enforcement - 12
- Other - 1



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

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 Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo. Chief Michael Mrachek, City Attorney Lindsey Kolisch, Mark Meinders HOA Liaison, and resident John Hawkins attended. Alderman Steve Stephan and Director of Public Works Steve Besermin were absent. Kathy Ray served as secretary.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 10-29-25 – Alderman Don Davis moved to approve the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 10-29-25, 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.
4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – Resident John Hawkins followed up from last month when he reported he had difficulties processing his vehicle license plate renewal on-line. No update from the Missouri Department of Revenue regarding his system concerns. He had another concern regarding speeding in the city. He would like the city to review options of digital signage to encourage individuals to drive the speed limit in the city. He has examples of individuals following close and passing.
5. MAYOR – the mayor shared that he was happy to see Alderman Brandon back to the meeting and he wishes continued prayers for his recovery. The staff has been working on the amended budget for 2025 and the 2026 budget. He attended the Lauber Municipal Law fifteen-year anniversary open house, he has been working with a property neighbor to the city limits along South Shore to encourage mowing and trimming weeds, and he will be attending the annual Winterfest event
6. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman – no report.
7. NEW BUSINESS - Review annual Marc Hazardous Waste Program – 2026 annual cost is \$2,029.20 an increase of \$91.25 from 2025. Alderman Craig Brandon moved to approve the annual Marc Hazardous Waste Program for \$2,029.20, 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. Alderman Nick Lombardo encouraged the city to highlight this benefit to the residents. The discussion was to include the information more frequently in the city’s monthly “Cliff Notes” newsletter, the Homeowner’s Association monthly “Signal” newsletter and publish on the Homeowner’s Association Facebook page. Review Final Docket, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report for October 2025 – The Mayor confirmed the Judge had signed the docket. The mayor did express his concerns over the state collection company. Currently, the city has over \$40,000.00 outstanding fines unpaid over sixty days. Review draft of 2025 amended budget – the mayor and the city clerk reviewed the recommendations for amending the 2025 budget. The mayor reviewed the key highlights to the draft 2025 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 2025 amended budget will be on the December 17, 2025, Board of Alderman agenda for approval.

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The Chief of Police highlighted the items that have made the police salary over budget for this year, additional hours resulted from implementing the new records system- Central Square, hired additional part-time staff to cover staff leaving, and coverage for staff to attend required training. Review draft of 2026 proposed budget - the mayor and the city clerk reviewed the recommendations for the proposed 2026 budget. The mayor reviewed the key highlights to the draft 2026 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 2026 proposed budget will be on the December 17, 2025, Board of Alderman agenda for approval. Review adding the use tax question to the April 7, 2026, ballot - the mayor reviewed the topic with the board if they would like to add the use tax question to the ballot. After discussion, the mayor and staff will compile additional information to review at the December 17, 2025, meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS - Public Hearing scheduled for December 17, 2025, to review the 2026 utility rates. The mayor confirmed that a public hearing is scheduled for December 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
9. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - Bill No. 755-25, Ordinance No. 988 - An ordinance authorizing an election in the City of Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri on April 7, 2026, for (1) Mayor, (1) Alderman Ward I and (1) Alderman Ward II - After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 755-25, Alderman 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, and Steve Stephan-absent. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 755-25, Ordinance No. 988, Alderman Don Davis moved to approve Ordinance No. 988, 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. 756-25, Ordinance No. 989 - An ordinance amending the city code regarding municipal court regulations and procedures - After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 756-25, Alderman Nick Lombardo 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. 756-25, Ordinance No. 989, Alderman Don Davis moved to approve Ordinance No. 989, 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 reported the budget passed, Winterfest is scheduled for 11/22/25, the awning for the AYC will be replaced by year end, the HOA will now be offering health benefits, the LW Holding has transferred seven "scrub" lots to the HOA to designate as common ground. LEGAL - Lauber Municipal Law - Lindsey Kolisch reported that she will be out of the office for the December 17, 2025, board meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and wonderful holiday season. FINANCIAL - Kathy Ray - Review October 31, 2025, Financial Statements. Review October 2025 Check/Deposit Register - after review of the check register Alderman Don Davis 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.

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POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Mrachek reported the department has been working on the new records system, Central Square. One officer is on medical leave, the department continues to work on FEMA responsibilities, and one action from FEMA is the mayor and board will need to take an on-line course, and the department is partnering with the Winterfest team.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – reported a public hearing is scheduled for December 3, 2025, to review LWII plat and preliminary plat to combine two lots into one, lot 5 and 6 in block GG and correct lot number on south shore BB22.

WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin absent – the mayor reported that the sewer project should be completed by year end and is hopeful the curb project will be completed by year end.

11. OTHER BUSINESS – Reminder the December meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The city clerk shared the proposed 2026 city calendar with the mayor and the board of aldermen.

12. ADJOURN BOARD - Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Don Davis. Passed unanimously.