



COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter



VETERAN'S DAY IS **November 11**

We would like to thank our officers & city employees who have served in the Armed Forces:

- **Sergeant Joseph Alonso – US Air Force**
- **Officer Egan Evans – US Marine Corps**
- **Officer Zachary Koch – US Navy**
- **Officer Grant Bennett – US Army**
- **Officer Wesley Lantz – US Army**
- **Ron Hillerman – US Air Force Reserves**
- **Keith Diercksen – US Navy**
- **George Silvy – US Marines**

Mayor's Corner

As we approach the holidays, it reminds me how fortunate we are to live at Lake Winnebago. The lake is a big part of that, but what makes Lake Winnebago so special is the people. I recently spoke at the new member reception and explained how much volunteers help make our events over the top. Whether it's the upcoming Winterfest, St Patrick's Day parade, 4th of July, Trunk or Treat, etc., all of it is done by volunteers that always know when to step up to the occasion and help produce a great event.

Thank you to all of you that have and continue to volunteer for our great community. It's amazing to see many new residents already integrating into the community and volunteering also.



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 light of recent events, I want to reiterate the need to report any suspicious vehicles, persons, or activity, to the LWPD in a timely manner. Any such report, even if ultimately unfounded, is worth reporting. We had a recent significant situation that could have turned out differently if such a call had been made.

With the holidays quickly approaching, please double down on your situational awareness when out in public, and your cyber security efforts. Bad actors utilize the holiday season as an opportunity to victimize unsuspecting individuals, whether it be by stealing a purse from a vehicle at a gas station, stealing packages from your porch, or executing an on-line or telephone scam to steal your money. Be diligent and help our senior citizen residents with such matters if needed.

LWPD has been the benefactor relative to several recent donations. Thank you to these individuals and the community in general for your continued support of LWPD.

As always, please feel free to call, email, 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, mgmracheki@lwpd.org, 816-537-7900



Lake Winnebago Police Department

Tickets for October 2025

Total: 55 tickets

Collected \$8,696 for the month of October 2025

Driver's License - 6	General Driving - 1
No Insurance - 4	Accidents - 2
Registration - 16	Sign/Signal - 1
Speeding - 10	DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic- 1
Traffic/Other - 5	C & I Driving - 2
Vehicle Equipment - 1	Obstruction - 2
Code Enforcement - 1	Animal - 3

Warnings Written for October 2025

Total warnings written: 17



Moving Violations - 1
Registration - 12
Speeding - 3
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!**

Public Works



Manhole Project

Beginning in November through the end of the year, Visu-Sewer out of St. Louis will have crews rehabbing gravity sewer manholes in back yards 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.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

October 29, 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 Mayor Collar, Aldermen Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, Steve Stephan, Chief Mike Mrachek, Christian DeLozier and Jake Farnsworth with Mike Keith Insurance and resident John Hawkins attended. Alderman Craig Brandon, Steve Besermin Director of Public Works, City Attorney Lindsey Kolisch, with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC, and Mark Meinders HOA Liaison were absent. Kathy Ray served as secretary.

2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A.Board of Aldermen Meeting 9-24-25 – Alderman Don Davis moved to approve the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 9-24-25, 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.COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – John Hawkins expressed his concerns with the online Missouri Department of Revenue system for renewing license plates. The system will not allow him to override the county in which he lives from Jackson to Cass. He has spoken with Missouri House Representative Bill Irwin to see if he can be of assistance.

4.MAYOR UPDATE – the mayor shared the staff has been working on the 2026 budget and amending the 2025 budget. We expect to present the proposed budget at the November 19, 2025, meeting. Also, the staff has been reviewing the utility rates to ensure the city is covering their cost. He attended a new members reception on October 28, 2025.

5.BOARD OF ALDERMEN – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A.Presentation by: Mike Keith Insurance Agency on the renewal for general liability, law enforcement liability, public official liability, and property, inland marine, and automobile insurance coverage, Christian Delozier presented the Star proposals. He reviewed the changes and challenges throughout industry. Highlighting that rate and exposure play a major role in premiums. The city has had a few significant claims over the last few years, Star renewal is \$99,220 over a twenty percent increase over last year. After discussion Alderman Steve Stephan made a motion to accept the 2026 Star renewal of \$99,220, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon – absent, Don Davis – yea; Nick Lombardo-yea; Steve Stephan-yea.

B.Review the Planning and Zoning recommendation for pool fences and pool coverings – Alderman Don Davis shared that there was a public hearing held on October 1, 2025, to review the proposed amendment of the unified development code regarding pool fences and pool coverings. The commission unanimously approved the recommendation to the Board of Alderman to accept the amendment.

C.Review Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report for September 2025 - the mayor confirmed the Judge has signed the docket.

D. Review the utility (water/sewer/trash) rate for 2026 – the mayor and the city staff have reviewed the vendor and operation cost/expense to determine if the city is covering their expense. The mayor and the staff recommend increasing the utility rate for next year due to overall vendor cost increases, Tri-County Water increased rates of .26 per thousand and included a debt payment for infrastructure, Little Blue Valley Sewer District rate per connection increased by \$2.00, GFL rate per household also increased by .76 cents. The total number of per connection has increased, however the city total water usage is over the Tri-County Water Authority contract. He wanted to review that the city is currently using water over their Tri-County Authority water allotment. Currently the average usage are 645 residents using 0 – 10,000 gallons, 155 residents using 10,000 – 25,000 gallons, and 35 residents using 25,000 gallons and above. The city is concerned that the high-water users will wear the equipment/infrastructure faster due to the higher usage. There is a need to establish a method of calculation to determine a fixed cost for the high user to set aside a reserve for future equipment/infrastructure replacement. The city will encourage residents who are watering from city water to water lawns every other day to help with the total usage. The mayor and board requested the staff to schedule a public hearing for the next available meeting to discuss the 2026 utility rate increase.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review lake development project status – the mayor recommends removing the Lake Winnebago II development project status from old business agenda section. All present agreed.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

October 29, 2025 at 7:00pm

8. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Bill No. 754-25, Ordinance No. 987 – An ordinance of the City of Lake Winnebago, Missouri – amending the unified development code of the City of Lake Winnebago regarding pool fences and pool coverings. Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 756-25. Alderman Don Davis moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Alderman Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. After discussion, amending the unified development code of the City of Lake Winnebago regarding pool fences and pool coverings, Alderman Nick Lombardo made a motion to accept the amended unified development code of the City of Lake Winnebago regarding pool fences and pool coverings, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. LEGAL – City Attorney – Lauber Municipal Law – absent - no report.

C. FINANCIAL – City Clerk, Kathy Ray

Review September 30, 2025, Financial Statements

Review September 2025 Check/Deposit Register, Alderman Don Davis moved to approve the September 30, 2025, check/deposit register, 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. City Clerk shared the following status of completing the annual evaluation for general liability, law enforcement liability, public official liability, property, inland marine, and automobile insurance coverage. The staff has been working on the 2026 Budget for the last two months. The budget committee held their first meeting on October 14, 2025, and second on October 28. The staff expects to present the amended 2025 Budget and the proposed 2026 Budget at the November meeting.

D. POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Michael Mrachek reported he has scheduled additional staff for the evening of Halloween, and the mayor approved the department to utilize the gator for the evening. The department is in the process of implementing a new records system, Central Square. The department attended a firearm training course and now all are fully trained in using the same handgun. He wanted to express kudos to Sergeant Alonso for completing a successful crime report audit, the department is now in state compliance. He has been working with the budget committee to submit a department balanced budget for 2026.

E. PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – reported a public hearing was held on October 1, 2025, to receive input from residents regarding amending the unified development code of the City of Lake Winnebago regarding pool fences and pool coverings. The commission unanimously approved the recommendation to accept the amendment to the unified development code of the City of Lake Winnebago regarding pool fences and pool coverings.

F. WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin was absent, the mayor reported on the sewer and street projects are targeted to be completed by the end of the year.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – City Clerk shared the 2026 Election calendar with the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. She also shared the Chris Molendorp Collector of Revenue report of the impact of the Senate Bill 190 senior citizen property tax credit. The report shows the City of Lake Winnebago will lose approximately \$39,373.76. The eligible individuals that signed up have frozen their property tax starting this year, upon renewal the tax will remain the same going forward. They will need to reapply, and if they don't sell the property or pass away the tax will remain the same. Alderman Don Davis would like to initiate the process to review adding the use tax question for the City of Lake Winnebago to the April 7, 2026, ballot.

11. ADJOURN BOARD Alderman Nick Lombardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Steve Stephan. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-absent, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. Passed unanimously.

Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.