



City of Lake Winnebago, MO Monthly Newsletter

Mayor's Corner

Thank you to Mayor Pro-Tem, Craig Brandon for giving a state of the city at the recent annual HOA meeting. Congratulations to the new HOA and AYC board members. The city looks forward to working with you.

The city needs to fill a part-time position in the Public Works Department. We hired someone recently, but unfortunately shortly after they accepted another position. As you may or may not know we only have one full-time employee in Public Works and the rest are part-time. We are hoping a resident may be interested in this open position. Please call 816-537-6778 for more information.

The St Patrick's Day parade and celebration is coming up soon, which means spring is just around the corner. Marilee Harton and Alicia Holecek recently interviewed me for information on the history of Lake Winnebago. This is a long overdue project, and they have been working very hard. Thank you!



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

As we begin to transition from winter to spring, please take time to check headlights, turn signals, and brake lights on UTVs and golf carts. Operation of ATVs on public roadways in Lake Winnebago is prohibited. 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 golf carts and UTVs on Lake Winnebago public roadways. Do not carry a baby in your arms while operating a golf cart on LW public roadways.

If a resident has a specific question about an ordinance, or a specific type of motorized vehicle, please feel free to visit the department for discussion. You may also visit the City of Lake Winnebago web site for further information.

The Raymore, Missouri, Police Department Dispatch Center is responsible for activating the two tornado sirens located within Lake Winnebago. A tornado warning communicates to residents to take immediate cover in a basement or most inner structure room. LWPD cars will activate lights and sirens and travel through the neighborhoods on the north and south sides to further communicate the existence of a tornado warning. Some important items to bring with you to the basement would be your cellular telephone, wallet, shoes, and a flashlight.

Let's fight through March!



Michael Mrachek

Police Chief

mgmrachek@lwpd.org

816-537-7900

Welcome Officer Lavar!



Backflow Certifications

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 <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/public-drinking-water-systems/construction-engineering-permit-dispense/backflow-prevention>



Now Hiring Part Time Public Works Employee

Join our Public Works team to help maintain and improve city infrastructure. This hands-on role involves outdoor work, operating maintenance equipment, and ensuring public spaces are safe and well-kept.

Responsibilities:

- Maintain city streets, curbs, & facilities.
- Operate trucks, snowplows, and other equipment.
- Perform minor repairs and seasonal tasks like snow removal and storm cleanup.
- Assist with water/sewer system maintenance and traffic sign installation.

Requirements:

- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to perform physical labor in all weather conditions.
- Teamwork and communication skills.

Preferred:

- Experience in public works, maintenance, or construction.
- Knowledge of municipal infrastructure.

Call 816-537-6778 or stop by City Hall to apply today to help keep our community running smoothly!

City Annual Dumpster Day



The annual City clean-up day will be held Saturday, May 9th from 8AM to 12PM in the parking lot of City Hall at 10 Winnebago Drive.

It will be manned by the city's Public Works department to ensure NO hazardous materials, (i.e. oil, paint, tires, batteries, air conditioners, refrigerators, etc), yard waste, OR BUILDING MATERIALS are placed in the dumpsters.

The City of LW belongs to the MARC Household Hazardous Waste Program and hazardous materials may be disposed of free of charge at the following locations:

- City of Lee's Summit facility -- 2101 SE Hamblen Rd, 100-pound limit per visit. Call for appointment at 816-550-1612.
- Kansas City facility -- 4707 Deramus (just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the East River Bottoms, 816-513-8400. Open Thursday & Friday 9AM – 6PM, and Saturday 9AM – 4PM. No appointment is needed.

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 February 2026

Total: 40 tickets

Collected \$12,856.00 for February 2026

- Drivers' License - 5
- No Insurance - 4
- Registration - 13
- Speeding - 1
- Defective Equipment - 3
- Stop Sign Violation - 1
- Passing -1
- General Driving - 6
- Accidents - 1
- Sign/Signal - 1
- C&I Driving - 1
- Fail to Yield Right of Way - 1
- Obstruction - 2

Warnings Written for February 2026

Total: 4 warnings

- Moving Violation - 1
- Defective Equipment - 3



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. We promise your email will be used for City Business only.

Note: More than one person per household is allowed to sign up!

Financial Report

**CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO
FINANCIAL REPORT
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>
Revenues				
General	1,606,251	-	-	-
Law Enforcement/Court	100,094	-	-	-
Debt Service /Street	-	409,026	730,131	-
Water/Sewer/Trash	-	-	-	1,971,810
Total Revenue	<u>1,706,345</u>	<u>409,026</u>	<u>730,131</u>	<u>1,971,810</u>
Expenditures				
General Government	973,173	-	-	-
Law Enforcement/Court	586,821	-	-	-
Street	-	88,356	-	-
Debt Service-Street Principal/Interest	-	-	723,076	-
Water/Sewer/Trash	-	-	-	1,538,845
	<u>1,559,994</u>	<u>88,356</u>	<u>723,076</u>	<u>1,538,845</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures/Expenses	<u>\$ 146,351</u>	<u>\$ 320,670</u>	<u>\$ 7,055</u>	<u>\$ 432,965</u>

	<u>STREET</u>	<u>WATER/SEWER</u>
TOTAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING	<u>\$1,202,103</u>	<u>\$1,369,149</u>

These figures are unaudited.

Kathy Ray, City Clerk

Board of Alderman Meeting

City of Lake Winnebago

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Collar opened the meeting at 7pm.
2. ROLL CALL – City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Michael Collar, Aldermen Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo and Steve Stephan, Chief Michael Mrachek, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC, Mark Meinders and Brandon Fell, HOA Liaison; Steve Besermin, Director of Public Works, was absent. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 1-28-26 – After discussion Nick Lombardo moved to approve the 1-28-26 minutes, seconded by Don Davis. Passed unanimously.
4. MAYOR – the mayor thanked Alderman Craig Brandon for presenting the state of the city at the annual HOA meeting.
5. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – None.
6. NEW BUSINESS - i. Annual Dumpster Day – 5/09/26 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The mayor reviewed the annual dumpster day will be held Saturday, May 09, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. They confirmed the city will have one drop off location at City Hall parking lot. The date typically follows the Saturday after the annual garage sale, which is scheduled for May 2, 2026. ii. Draft of Lake Winnebago Electric Franchise Agreement Renewal – the mayor shared the twenty-year agreement with Evergy has expired. The current franchise fee is five percent. If the board would like to change the percentage, then a vote of the people would be required. The documents are available for viewing at city hall. The staff will provide an updated agreement as well as an ordinance at the March 25, 2026, meeting.
7. OLD BUSINESS - None.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders and Brandon Fell – Newly elected HOA board members are Andrew Faron, Ken Foley and Tim Schalm; new AYC board members are Greg Gluckman and Sandy Warmund. Mark Meinders shared that Brandon Fell will be the new HOA liaison with the city. The lake cleanup day is scheduled for April 25, 2026, and the Garage Sale Day will be May 2nd. The board is considering adding an additional Garage Sale Day in the fall. The HOA board is leading the initiative to clean out the basement at the Arrowhead Yacht Club.
9. LEGAL – Lauber Municipal Law - Lindsey Kolisch Attorney – reported the City Officials training will be held on April 24, 2026, at the Midwest Public Risk Campus in Independence, MO, she encouraged everyone to attend. FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray - Review January 31st, 2026, Financial Statements. Review January 2026 Check/Deposit Register - Kathy Ray reviewed the January 2026 financials, and the cash summary balances for each fund (restricted and unrestricted). After reviewing the January 2026 check/deposit register Craig Brandon moved to approve the check register, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. The unusual payment in January: 1. Visu-Sewer for \$62,549.30 sewer lateral sealing/cleaning 2. Annual property insurance \$99,220.00. 3. Annual sales tax payment \$11,206.21. 4. Court Voids – Unclaimed Property Payment to State of

Board of Alderman Meeting

City of Lake Winnebago

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

9. CONTINUED: Missouri 5. Reverse of GJE- Void – lost checks never arrived at the vendor. The city clerk informed the board that the annual audit has begun, and the onsite fieldwork is scheduled for April 24-27, 2026. The final audit presentation is targeted to be completed by the June 2026 meeting. She also thanked Alderman Craig Brandon for performing the fourth quarter internal audit. POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Chief Mrachek reported that he had updated a similar city example for a Blue Shield grant resolution. The city attorney has reviewed the resolution, and the staff will have it available to review at the next board meeting. He is expecting Officer Totten to return next month from medical leave. He attended the annual HOA meeting and presented the “Flock” technical software to read license plates when entering and exiting the city to see if it is a viable solution, and he received positive feedback. Office Corbin has returned to the part-time public relation role for the department. PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – he had a specific question regarding adding the Use Tax as ballot question. After discussion, the mayor said he would coordinate with the new administration. WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin absent – the mayor reported that he would be working with the Public Works team to establish a street and sewer project plan and present at the March meeting. The department is looking for a part-time skilled Public Works team member.
10. OTHER BUSINESS - Alderman Brandon has a conflict with April meeting and Alderman Davis has a conflict with the May meeting. Everyone will review their schedules and communicate their availability to determine quorum.
11. ADJOURN BOARD - With no further business, Don Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Nick Lombardo. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.