

**THE CITY OF OAK GROVE, MISSOURI
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
HELD AT THE OAK GROVE CITY HALL
2110 S BROADWAY, OAK GROVE, MISSOURI
JANUARY 5, 2026**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Oak Grove, Missouri met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Oak Grove, Missouri. Members present were Mayor Dana Webb, Alderwoman Rachel Kilmer, Alderwoman Kelly Nadeau, Alderwoman Tracey Newcomer, Alderwoman Pam Pope, Alderman Shane Shawbaker. Also present to perform their duties were City Administrator Matthew Randall, City Attorney Jackson Auer, Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood, Chief Mike Childs, Parks Director Scott Matson and City Clerk Kim Drury.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A member of the Ministerial Alliance led the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed those present were Mayor Dana Webb, Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderwoman Pope, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderman Shawbaker, Alderwoman Newcomer. Absent was Alderwoman Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS, DELETIONS OR CONTINUANCES TO THE AGENDA

There was no new business, deletions, or continuances to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes from the December 15, 2025, Board of Aldermen meeting and expenditures through December 31, 2025, were considered for approval. Alderwoman Pope made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderwoman Kilmer seconded. Vote was in favor with the following Yes votes: Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderwoman Pope, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderman Shawbaker, Alderwoman Newcomer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Mayor Webb presented a Proclamation regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the traffic accident on December 10, 2025, involving two semi-trucks one of which was transporting cattle and the agencies that responded to the incident.

Presentation regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Mayor Webb presented a Proclamation to Saint Jude Altar Society regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for hosting the free Breakfast with Santa at the annual “Spirit of Christmas” event.

Presentation regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Mayor Webb presented a Proclamation regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to a group of local families that hosted a hot cocoa stand and donated the money raised to the Community Service League.

Purchase and installation of outdoor warning siren at new location SE 4th Street and Chelsea Lane

Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood reported this is a request for authorization to purchase according to the capital budget, an outdoor warning siren for a new location at Southeast Chelsea Lane and 4th Street. This would be a siren almost identical to the 9 sirens that are installed at this time. In addition, it would not use commercial power. It would be solar powered because there's no commercial power near the location it is going to be placed. The Board packet has the technical information summary on what the siren consists of. An electronic siren, which is much different than most municipal sirens, which are electromechanical and are only generally capable of three tones. This can do 6 and voice messages, which makes it much different than other sirens. Also, the traditional old-fashioned civil defense air raid siren would not work when there was no electric power. The City's system works on batteries and charges from commercial power, so the sirens are available during all weather conditions. This is a purchase that would, if it is approved tonight, he would order this week and would probably be delivered around August or September. It takes a little while to get one of these sirens. The total cost is \$47,482, including installation.

Mayor Webb asked if there were any questions for the Emergency Management Director?

Alderwoman Kilmer asked if it was budgeted for this year?

Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood responded yes.

Alderman Shawbaker asked if it arrives in August how long will it take to install?

Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood responded they schedule a date and usually it's a week or two. They don't mess around when it comes time to install it.

Alderwoman Pope stated she wanted to say thank you for getting it together so quickly so we can get it on the agenda and get it rolling.

Alderwoman Kilmer made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new outdoor warning siren at new location SE 4th Street and Chelsea Lane in the amount of \$47,842.00. Alderman Shawbaker seconded. Vote was in favor with the following vote: Yes votes: Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderwoman Pope, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderman Shawbaker, Alderwoman Newcomer.

Temporary residential short-term rentals and liquor regulations and other potential preparations for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026 games.

City Administrator Matthew Randall reported he is sure that the Board is all aware, Kansas City is an official host city for FIFA World Cup. They will host 6 matches at Arrowhead Stadium in June and July of this year. The tournament is expected to draw several hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area. That has resulted in two major policy questions, both at the state and local level. The first is the short-term residential rentals and then also some liquor regulations during the World Cup. The first one, short-term rentals are currently prohibited from operating in single-family and multi-family residential units. This includes short-term rental platforms like Airbnb and VRBO. Residential units by city code must be rented for no fewer than 30 days. Otherwise, it becomes more of like a hotel-motel, which is a commercial use. The City has received several inquiries about temporarily suspending short-term rental restrictions during the World Cup to allow nightly rentals. He has received requests both from folks that have single-family homes as well as landlords who have multiple duplexes or fourplexes. Some cities in the area have lifted their restrictions. Richmond and Independence have temporarily lifted their short-term rental restrictions from June 1st through July 31st. Other cities in the area have kept those restrictions in place. If the Board would like staff to look at amending the City's code to allow for short-term rentals, there are a couple of actions the Board could take. 1. Direct staff to initiate a UDC amendment change to temporary allow or suspend those short-term rental restrictions that would follow the UDC amendment process. Staff would prepare a report go to Planning and Zoning Commission post public notice then hold those public hearings. They would then submit a recommendation back to the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Alderman would then hold a public hearing and then would approve, deny, or approve with modifications the proposed changes. 2. The Board could make no direction and the current regulations would remain in effect. He wanted to bring this to the Board he thinks some communities have had local discussions and he has also received some questions inquiring about that.

Mayor Webb responded very good. Thank you, Matt.

Alderwoman Pope stated he mentioned a couple of cities that are allowing short term rentals from June 1st to July 31st, and she doesn't know the dates of when the games are. Will they be running that long here in Kansas City?

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded yes from June 1st to July 31st for two weeks. People come ahead of time, too so there is a bit of an overlap or cushion before and after.

Alderman Shawbaker stated KC hosts in the very beginning of the tournament and at the very end of the tournament. So that's why it's such a long thing because Kansas City will have it be on both ends of the full tournament.

Alderwoman Kilmer responded June 16th through July 11th are the actual match dates.

City Attorney Jackson Auer stated there's also a possibility that you end up with a team that's, this is their host city, so they would be based here. And in that case, the fans of that country typically like to travel and stay in the surrounding area, whether it's immediately close to it or if it's in the surrounding communities.

Mayor Webb stated that some people may think, why Oak Grove? No one will stay out there, but remember it is 30 minutes from downtown Kansas City. There is a little bit more traffic right now and Holiday Inn Express will probably be full and the other hotels. This could potentially give an opportunity for people to rent out their homes or rent out their duplexes or whatever they want to make extra income. It also will be good for businesses in town to have some extra business, it could be a packed town during that time.

Alderman Shawbaker stated that Kansas City is going to be hosting something that's worldwide and for people to come to America for the first time, this might be their first view of it. And he thinks Oak

Grove's a pretty awesome view. There could be worse towns for them to stay. He thinks it will be a great way to show how awesome this place is especially with how close to Kansas City Oak Grove is.

Alderwoman Kilmer stated her only hesitation is the amount of staff leg work it sounds like this is going to take lot of steps to get to it going. Is it going to be a burdensome to the staff?

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded he appreciates that, but it's doable.

Mayor Webb stated she always wants to be sensitive to the Police Department. Would it be a burden to the police having extra people and things like that in our town?

Chief Childs responded no, he would not think so at all. There are no concerns that he would have with it.

Alderwoman Nadeau made a motion to direct staff to initiate a UDC amendment to temporarily suspend short-term rental restrictions in anticipation of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Alderwoman Kilmer seconded. Vote was in favor with the following vote: Yes votes: Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderwoman Pope, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderman Shawbaker, Alderwoman Newcomer.

The second part of the discussion is extended liquor sales which is kind of both local but also at the state level, regarding FIFA World Cup. The Missouri State Legislature has extended the liquor by the drink sale hours for the entire state of Missouri for the FIFA World Cup, specifically from June 11th through July. 19th. During this period, liquor establishments may operate 24 hours a day and may serve alcoholic beverages from 6 a.m. until 5 a.m. the following day. Under normal circumstances, liquor sales are permitted between 6 a.m. and 1.30 a.m. The additional hours there are from 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. While this temporary expansion applies statewide, Missouri law allows for individual cities to exempt themselves from the extended hours by adopting a local Ordinance. Several cities, including Independence and Lee's Summit, have chosen to opt out of the extended hours. Lee's Summit actually is having some further discussion. They had a previous meeting in December, he thinks they are now contemplating a compromise talking about maybe allowing them to stay open until 3:00 a.m. Gladstone, Raymore, and Liberty have elected to align with state statute allowing for the expanded hours during the World Cup that way there's less confusion based on jurisdictional lines about when bars may be open or closed. Potential Board of Alderman actions tonight 1) No action would result in the statewide temporary extended liquor hours automatically taking effect from June 11th to July 19th or 2) the Board could direct Staff to draft an Ordinance to opt out of those extended hours. There are 6 establishments in Oak Grove that liquor buy the drink applies to American Legion Post, Ground Roots Coffee, Moocho BBQ, Tepoz Mexican Restaurant, Oak Tavern, and El Maguery.

Alderwoman Nadeau asked that doesn't mean they have to be open that entire time. They just have the option of being open that entire time. If the Board does nothing, then that's what's going to happen?

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded yes, if the Board does nothing, the state law has already been approved and signed by the Governor, so it would automatically take effect. It's just whether or not the Board wants to adopt an Ordinance to exempt the City from it.

Mayor Webb asked if any of them reached out to him?

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded no.

Alderman Shawbaker stated that he doesn't know why other cities are opting out he doesn't see the negative part.

Mayor Webb responded it might be the volume of restaurants or bars that they have in their town.

Alderwoman Kilmer stated downtown Lee Summit's a whole different ball game than Oak Grove. She thinks it'll be fine to let the businesses decide. It's not like there is going to be pandemonium in the streets, they might just stay open an hour later than normal.

Alderwoman Nadeau stated right, she agrees. She thinks to leave it alone. Don't do anything.

Alderwoman Pope stated that she is thinking the opposite. She fails to see the need for it after 1.30 a.m. She is sure there is something that she doesn't understand about the timing of the games.

There was some discussion about the timing of the games and time zone changes and if it is just for celebration purposes.

Alderwoman Pope stated she struggles to see the need to have more people on the road at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning.

Alderwoman Kilmer asked if the police department had strong feelings about this?

Chief Childs responded he is fairly mute on it. He does not believe that this would cause the department any concern. Nor does he believe that many of the six restaurants are going to partake in this. There will be some overnight games that are being broadcast from other countries. But the significance of that to those here locally he doesn't think it's going to be a big draw. He doesn't think it's going to be anything that they would vote against as a department.

Alderwoman Kilmer stated that was what she was thinking there might be one night, one match goes late and they stay open a couple hours later than normal. She doesn't think this is going to be super impactful to the City but that is her thoughts.

Alderwoman Nadeau made a motion that no action is taken and let the statewide extended hours take effect. Alderwoman Kilmer seconded. Vote was in favor with the following vote: Yes votes: Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderwoman Pope, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderman Shawbaker, Alderwoman Newcomer.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood reported that the outdoor warning system test Wednesday at 11 a.m. weather permitting.

Alderwoman Nadeau asked when will be the quickest that the short-term rental come back to the Board?

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded it'll probably be the second meeting in February or first meeting in March, maybe.

Mayor Webb stated that'll give people time to get something on Airbnb if they want to.

Alderman Shawbaker stated he is excited for 2026, Happy New Year!

Mayor Webb stated she has several things to report regarding the World Cup coming to town, she reached out to the World Cup director and wanted to know when she responds back to her if the Board, now that these things have passed, if the City could have some of their branding and their formal logos to possibly put a few of them downtown where we have the welcome to Oak Grove pole signs. Possibly interchange a few of those with Oak Grove welcomes the World Cup or something, whatever their logo is. Another possibility is businesses or the Chamber could connect with businesses and put them in their window just

to show the correct logo and branding. Sometimes they will pay for part of it or they will help with some banners or flyers or whatever. She wanted to throw that out there and see if the Board was good with it and if they wanted her to proceed with it when they e-mail back.

Alderman Shawbaker stated yes, he is very excited for the World Cup. He hopes they come here and he hopes they see this part of America.

Mayor Webb stated that she already sees that several other cities are doing that. They've got the logo from the World Cup, whatever the division is, and they're putting it in their cities. That is what made her think maybe Oak Grove should reach out and at least have a few signs or something. It's an idea.

Next, she would like to talk about sidewalks, to see if the Board is on same page and possibly direct city staff to look into more of sidewalk connectivity. If you've noticed around town, they have connected a few sidewalks here and there where there's been some voids. Connecting all sidewalks or having sidewalks connected throughout the whole town would cost a lot of money but that does fall in line with the Comprehensive Plan. Before Matt would move any farther with that, she wanted to know if the Board was good with him looking into seeing what that looks like, whether...

Alderwoman Pope asked which budget are you talking about, Mayor Webb?

Mayor Webb responded no, just making a plan for it for the future. A plan because it'll take a long time to get it done.

Alderwoman Kilmer stated like do this in year 26 and that year 27.

Alderwoman Nadeau asked if she was talking about current established sidewalks?

Mayor Webb responded an example is where you see a sidewalk somewhere, and then there's no sidewalk, and then a sidewalk picks up a little bit later. It is already established sidewalks with missing pieces, filling those in, and then a second example would be... maybe in some areas where the streets are really busy, there's no sidewalk at all on either side in some of the older neighborhoods. Give an example, just across the street from here, there's no sidewalks going down 21st Street. So maybe someday, could be three to five years from now, there's a sidewalk that will go down 21st Street and connect with the new subdivision. It's just part of planning, but to direct city staff to, not that he brings it back in the next few weeks, it's just something to put on the radar.

Alderman Shawbaker responded absolutely, yes, always.

Alderwoman Pope stated she was thinking that they pretty much already had that down.

Mayor Webb responded they have not been directed to do anything with it as far as a plan.

Alderwoman Pope stated right, but as far as a plan, she thought it was drawn in where they started and stopped, in the Park Master Plan.

Alderwoman Nadeau she didn't think for sidewalks, she thinks that was for trails in the Park Master Plan.

Mayor Webb stated the Comprehensive Plan calls out fill the voids, right Matt? It says connect the voids.

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded they have it on the GIS system where the sidewalks exist and don't exist. By City Code, commercial areas supposed to have sidewalks on both sides of the street, residential areas supposed to have sidewalks on one side of the street. He thinks what the mayor might be

alluded to is looking at what's the priority of where the sidewalks are first, right? One might look at collector's arterials, missing links, routes to school, for instance, would be priority one and then start looking at going outwards and where those sidewalks would go and what would be the priority. In the areas of town where there are no sidewalks, part of what would need to be looked at is which side of the street should that sidewalk go on. Part of that's going to be looking at where utilities are located, what's the topography, what's the most cost-efficient method to put sidewalks in? Certainly, as the Mayor said, this would be costly to get sidewalks put in. He thinks what might need to be done is maybe a sidewalk master plan or to take what information the City already has and figuring out what's the best approach and put them in a priority list then at that point would be a funding discussion for the Board to have.

Alderman Shawbaker asked Mayor Webb if she was asking Staff to come up with that plan?

Mayor Webb responded yes, pretty much.

Alderwoman Nadeau stated she would obviously love if they could put sidewalks in the entire town and thinks that it's something to put on the radar, but according to the Comprehensive Plan and the Parks Master Plan is that where they are going to put their next area of focus? Is that what you mean by the levels of priority throughout the town.

Mayor Webb responded she was trying to try to help with when the streets are overlaid in different areas, that at that time if there's a void or a fill that then maybe that would be identified and then complete a sidewalk at that area. Then they don't go back and tear it up or put it in a curb or gutter or something at that point.

Alderwoman Pope stated she does not have a problem with that as long as they are not changing the priorities of the budget that was just approved.

Mayor Webb responded no, she wasn't asking that. She was saying they talk a lot about connectivity and talk a lot about sidewalks. There is an existing sidewalk here, it stops, a sidewalk picks up and they haven't ever really given Staff clear direction of what to do with that or where to go with that. They try to fill in the areas or broken ones and she was just asking if the Board was interested in directing City Staff to move forward with something, but not to change any budget or anything. She apologizes if that's what they thought.

Alderwoman Nadeau responded no, she didn't think the Mayor meant to change the budget. She meant instead of if the next step after they've done the trail now was going to focus on trees or signage or a dog park or something. And now they are not doing that because now they are focusing on sidewalks. That's what she was saying, not budgeting or anything.

Mayor Webb stated this would be a long-term plan, but as they would see something as the roads, because the road plan is going to come out eventually. Then if there are sidewalks along the way that can be filled in, if there's money to be had there, they would need that guidance to do that.

Alderwoman Kilmer asked if sidewalks weren't really a parks thing anyway, right?

Alderwoman Nadeau responded that she knows it's not Parks, but was just saying.

Alderwoman Newcomer stated on both plans, Comprehensive and the Parks Master Plan, when they asked citizens about it connectivity was top on both of them.

Alderwoman Kilmer stated now that they have a better handle on the streets, maybe that can be the next iteration of that journey.

Mayor Webb responded yes, thank you for listening, that was all she had.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Kilmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderwoman Nadeau seconded. Vote was in favor with the following vote: Yes votes: Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderwoman Pope, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderman Shawbaker, Alderwoman Newcomer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Visitors: Pete Winstead
Meghann Shotton-Woodward
Ryan Kennedy
Jessica Kennedy
Kolbie Larrison
Shyanne Meyer
Ann Arndorlf
Chris Miller
Kristy Negret
Carol Balistreri
Guy Balistreri
Dana Tucker
Tori Farren

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