

Lockwood Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes

Thursday, June 26th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Lockwood City Hall, 400 Main St., Lockwood, MO

I. Call to Order

A. Mayor Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- A. Linda Schilling, Mayor-Present
- B. Perry Ellis, Alderman-Present
- C. Steve Fyfe, Alderman-Present
- D. Neal Sands, Alderman-Present
- E. Justin Weimer, Alderman-Present

IV. Approval of Agenda

- A. Justin Weimer made a motion to amend the agenda for June 26th, 2025, regular session meeting, to remove the passing of minutes from May and add OWN Engineering, to update council on sewer project. Steve Fyfe seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call 4-0.
- B. Perry Ellis made a motion to approve the amended agenda for June 26th, 2025, regular session minutes. Steve Fyfe seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call 4-0.

V. Public Comments

- A. None

VI. Engineer Report

- A. Jeff Ceperley with OWN Engineering was present and updated the council on the sewer project that has been mandated by DNR to be finished by 2031. Tamra Hanover office manager and Abby Waterman civil engineering student were also present from OWN. Mr. Ceperley informed the council that after Isaac's approval of the project they were ready to submit the plans to DNR for approval. They are due by September 2025 and will probably be awarded by January or February of 2026.

VII. Departmental Reports

- A. Mayor Schilling said that there was a group ready to put the memorial bench at the south park for Tucker Berry and asked Isaac to investigate pouring a pad for it. Mayor Schilling said she had complaints from business owners on Main Street about kids riding their bicycles and skateboards on the sidewalks in front of the stores and they were afraid someone was going to get hurt. She asks Joy to put it on the sign out front and on Facebook that it is against the cities ordinances to ride them in that area.
- B. Golf course greenskeeper, Perry Finley, was present and had some pictures of some mowers he would like the city to purchase and put his input into increasing the golf course budget for rock and chemicals. All council members agreed to increase the proposed budget to make the rock budget \$2500.00 and the chemical budget \$13000.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
- C. City superintendent, Isaac Dodd, had only budget request and would wait until then to talk about those items.

- D. City clerk Joy Finley said she was unable to reach the person who won the bid on the brown truck. She asks the council if they wanted her to contact the next highest bidder and they all said yes.
- E. Phil Greathouse, city attorney, was not present.
- F. Alderman asked about the police contract and Joy said it had been signed. Perry Ellis said he had a few questions about why the city limited the hours and days fireworks could be shot off in the city. Joy explained the council in 2020 passed those hours and times because of several complaints about people shooting of fireworks all hours of the night. Neal Sands said he is still waiting on a few parts for the noon whistle.

VIII. Business

- A. Council Bill 25-06, Ordinance A-692. An ordinance of the City of Lockwood approving a contract by and between the City of Lockwood and Wisper ISP, LLC, for rental of space on Lockwood's towers/buildings. Was tabled until which time Joy can tell them if Wisper will be available inside the city limits.
- B. Neal Sands voted to pay city bills. Justin Weimer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.
- C. Joy Finley city clerk presented the budget. Isaac Dodd had some items he would like to see purchased; one being a skid steer and a truck for Roger Stone Water Operator. The council voted to take \$72000.00 out of the progression account to pay for the skid steer and \$30000.00 for a truck. He also wanted to increase the tree, trimming from \$20k to \$40k the council met him halfway and made the budget \$30k. Joy informed the council that the water fund was not breaking even, and they need to seriously consider raising the rates. Mayor Schilling asked Isaac to see if MRWA could do a water study to see what rates need to be. Joy also mentioned the electric fund took a big hit this year because three businesses in town need upgrades to pad mounts and transformers. The council said that we need to check with other cities about having the businesses help at least split the cost of the high-ticket items because they are only affecting their business.

IX. Closed Session

- A. Steve Fyfe made a motion to go into closed session at 6:45 p.m. Justin Weimer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

X. Adjournment

- A. Justin Weimer made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Steve Fyfe seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Attest: _____
Joy Finley, City Clerk