

Westphalia Board of Aldermen
Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2025

The Westphalia Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem/Alderman Delbert Wieberg to host a public hearing setting the 2025 tax rate levy. Roll call was taken by city clerk-Tammy Massman. Aldermen present were: Delbert Wieberg, Stanley Heckman, and Caitlin Berhorst. Alderman Jake Plassmeyer was absent. Others present at the meeting were UD reporter-Theresa Brandt, sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz of Mid Mo Operations, Osage R-III Superintendent John Kitchens and community residents including Anne Steele, Suzie Dickneite, Janice Nilges and Mary Neuner.

City Clerk Massman highlighted the process that would follow for the public hearing portion of the meeting noting it is a platform for citizens to voice any concerns or opinions regarding the tax levy topic. Alderman Stanley Heckman made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Caitlin Berhorst. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Caitlin Berhorst-yes.

Mayor Pro-tem/Alderman Wieberg acknowledged that the 2025 tax rate levy proposal had been received from the Osage County Clerk's office. The rates of proposed tax levy were identified as 0.2358 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Westphalia Road and Bridge and 0.1800 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for Westphalia Special Road and Bridge. It has been determined that the present rates shall be set by the City of Westphalia, and are reasonably necessary to produce revenues that will be needed for the operation, maintenance, administration, and improvements of the City of Westphalia, the Westphalia Road and Bridge and Special Road and Bridge. City Clerk Massman noted that the tax rate proposed for the Westphalia Special Road and Bridge had been previously approved by voters as the tax ceiling during the April 2024 election for 4 years. The Westphalia Road and Bridge tax rate for 2024 was noted to have been 0.2348.

No public comments were offered. A motion was made by Alderman Stanley Heckman to approve the 2025 tax rate levy proposal setting the rates of proposed tax levy as 0.2358 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Westphalia Road and Bridge and 0.1800 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for Westphalia Special Road and Bridge. The motion was seconded by Alderman Caitlin Berhorst. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Caitlin Berhorst-yes.

City Clerk Massman noted that the Pro Forma and a Resolution setting the tax levy had been prepared. Mayor Pro-tem/Alderman Delbert Wieberg reviewed and read aloud the 2025 Resolution. The reading of the Resolution was unanimously approved and signed by members of the city council: Mayor Pro-tem/Alderman Delbert Wieberg and Aldermen Stanley Heckman, and Caitlin Berhorst. The Resolution was attested by city clerk-Tammy Massman and sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz.

City Clerk Massman will return the approved tax levy Pro Forma and Resolution to the Osage County Clerk's office for approval and submission to the State Auditor's office. A motion was made by Alderman Stanley Heckman to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Caitlin Berhorst. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Caitlin Berhorst -yes. The public hearing portion of the August meeting was adjourned and the regular city council meeting followed.