

Westphalia Board of Aldermen
Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2026

The Westphalia Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Delbert Wieberg to host a public hearing setting the 2026 tax rate levy. Roll call was taken by city clerk-Tammy Massman. Aldermen present were: Dennis Peterman, Chris Dickneite, Jake Plassmeyer, and Caitlin Berhorst. Others present at the meeting were sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz of Mid Mo Operations, UD reporter-Theresa Brandt and guests; Stacia Bax-Clean Water Section Chief from MO DNR Financial Assistance Center and Emilie Peterson-Project Manager/Technical Assistance Provider from Midwest Assistance Program, Inc.

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 Jake Plassmeyer made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by Alderman Caitlin Berhorst. Aldermen votes: Dennis Peterman-yes, Chris Dickneite-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes and Caitlin Berhorst-yes.

Mayor Delbert Wieberg acknowledged that the 2026 tax rate levy proposal had been received from the Osage County Clerk's office. The rates of proposed tax levy were identified as 0.2440 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. The Westphalia Road and Bridge tax rate for 2025 was noted to have been set at 0.2358 and the Westphalia Special Road and Bridge was set at 0.1800.

No public comments were offered. A motion was made by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer to approve the 2026 tax rate levy proposal setting the rates of proposed tax levy as 0.2440 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: Dennis Peterman-yes, Chris Dickneite-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes and Caitlin Berhorst-yes.

City Clerk Massman noted that the Pro Forma and a Resolution setting the tax levy had been prepared. Mayor Delbert Wieberg reviewed and read aloud the 2026 Resolution. The reading of the Resolution was unanimously approved and signed by members of the city council: Mayor Delbert Wieberg and Aldermen Dennis Peterman, Chris Dickneite, Jake Plassmeyer, and Caitlin Berhorst. The Resolution was attested by city clerk-Tammy Massman and sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz.

City Clerk Massman will complete and return the approved 2026 tax levy Pro Forma and 2026 Resolution to the Osage County Clerk's office for final approval and submission to the State Auditor's office. A motion was made by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chris Dickneite. Aldermen votes: Aldermen Dennis Peterman-yes, Chris Dickneite-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes and Caitlin Berhorst-yes. The public hearing portion of the August meeting was adjourned and the regular city council meeting followed.