

**City of Elsberry  
Regular Session  
June 10th, 2025  
Elsberry City Hall**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall, 6:30pm. Mayor Wilch presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Harper, Alderman Bange, Alderman Claussen, Alderman Rockwell, City Clerk Rachel Reed, and City Collector Tammy Ridings. Also present were Lucas Drullinger, Taylor Burnett, and Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Hunter and Meyer were not present.

Mayor Wilch called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call deemed a quorum present.

**Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings**

Alderman Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Bange seconded the motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion Carried.

**Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report**

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion Carried.

**Accepting Resignation of Alderman Crystal Meyer**

Alderman Harper made a motion to accept the resignation of Crystal Meyer

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion carried

**Appointment of Alderman for Ward 2**

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Greg Meyer as Alderman for ward 2

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve this appointment  
Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes  
Motion carried.

City Clerk Rachel Reed swore in Greg Meyer and he took his seat as Alderman

### **Project updates**

Boonslick Regional Planning- No new information

USDA- No new information

Cochran- WWTF is going a planned and should be finished in May 2026

### **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS AND THE HEARING OF ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, EACH OF WHOM HAVE FILED PRIOR REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105 PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE**

Shelia Briscoe- Mrs. Briscoe would like to see a Facebook page for the City. She would also like S&R Animal control to be required to take pictures of the animals that are picked up. She would also like to see some changes made to the Animal ordinances regarding pit bulls. She would also like to have a mobile clinic for vaccinations. She would like the City to let them use the board room and to help pay for the clinic at around \$40 per animal.

### **ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Billy Sutton's proposal to be promoted to Patrol Seargent

Aldermen Harper made a motion to approve the proposal from officer Billy Sutton  
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Roll call Vote

Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes

Motion carried

Hiring Barry Schriefer as full-time officer

Officer Schriefer would like to be full-time and would be able to work night

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to hire Barry Schriefer as a full time nighttime officer  
Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes

Motion carried

Keeping Dwayne Lewis as a Reserve to assist with the transition between Chiefs

Dwayne Lewis would like to stay on as a reserve until the new chief is in office

Dies due to lack of motion

Adding four spaces to the cemetery

The Cemetery committee made a recommendation to the board of alderman to add four spaces to the cemetery where an old road was located.

Alderman Harper made a motion to add 4 spaces to the cemetery  
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion Carried.

Appointing temporary replacement for Don Slaughter

Don is not available for a few weeks and a temporary replacement needs to be names until he can return. Mayor Wilch has offered to donate his time to stand in.

Alderman Harper made a motion to have Mayor Wilch fill in for Don while he is out. This will be without compensation.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

#### Purchasing and smooth bucket for the skid steer

Taylor provided 3 bids to purchase a smooth bucket.

His recommendation is the one from Bobcat because there is not shipping and it's a heavier bucket

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase the bucket from Bobcat for \$1844.49

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

Claussen -yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

#### Liquor License Renewals

Liquor license renewals for the following business were presented to the board.

Casey's General Store- Original package liquor and original package liquor on Sunday

AJ's Tex-Mex-Liquor by the drink and liquor by the drink on Sunday

Shooter's Saloon- Liquor by the drink, liquor by the drink on Sunday, original package liquor and original package liquor on Sunday

Dollar General- Original package liquor

Fastlane- Original package liquor and original package liquor on Sunday

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the licenses that were presented.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes

Motion carried

#### Pay Request #5 for KCI in the amount of \$502,384.62

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve pay request #5

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes

Motion carried

**READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE**

None

**INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELSBERRY CITY CODE TO DESIGNATE THE LINCOLN COUNTY ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, TO SET THE ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS, PROVIDE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT BONDS AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF COURT APPEARANCE, BY REPEALING ORDINANCE 2025-03-004 AND REPLACING SECTIONS 72.030 THROUGH 72.090 AND SECTIONS 72.230 THROUGH 72.260 WITH NEW SECTIONS 72.030 THROUGH 72.090 OF THE ELSBERRY MUNICIPAL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF Elsberry, MISSOURI THAT:

**SECTION 1:** Elsberry Ordinance 2025-03-004 is repealed.

**SECTION 2:** The Elsberry City Code is amended by replacing sections 72.030 through 72.090 and sections 72.230 through 72.260 with new sections 72.030 through 72.090 as follows:

**§72.030 DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

The 45th Judicial Circuit Court of Lincoln County, Missouri is hereby designated as the Municipal court for the City of Elsberry, Missouri.

**§72.035 EFFECTIVE DATE**

The City of Elsberry shall transfer all of its records concerning the Elsberry Municipal Court, if any, in a timely manner and the court shall be established in Troy, Missouri at the Lincoln County Circuit Courthouse, effective September 1, 2025.

**§72.040 COURT COSTS**

To the extent that the Associate Circuit Court of Lincoln County has not established court costs for Elsberry's Municipal Ordinance violations, the following shall apply:

1. In addition to any fine imposed by the Judge there shall be assessed as costs in all cases where the defendant pleads guilty or is found guilty the following.

| TYPE AND USE | AMOUNT  | STATUTE REFERENCE |
|--------------|---------|-------------------|
| Clerk Fee    | \$15.00 | RSMo. §479.260    |

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|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Statewide Court Automation<br>(These monies shall be credited to the court automation fund and shall be paid to the State Treasurer to pay for the automation of the Elsberry Municipal Court)  | \$7.00         | RSMo. §476.053  |
| Law Enforcement Training Fund<br>(These monies shall be credited to the law enforcement training fund and shall be paid to the State Treasurer to be expended for the training required by RSMo. §530.150, provided that any excess funds not required to pay for such training may be used to pay for additional training for peace officers or for training other law enforcement officers employed or appointed by the City. | \$2.00         | RSMo. §590.140  |
| Peace Officers Standards and Training Fund<br>(These monies shall be sent to the Missouri Treasurer to be expended for law enforcement training pursuant to 590.140 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.)  | \$1.00         | RSMo. §488.5336 |
| Victims of Domestic Violence.<br>(These monies shall be collected for the purpose of providing operating expenses for shelters of domestic violence established pursuant to RSMo. §§ 455.200 – 455.230.)  | \$2.00         | RSMo. §488.607  |
| Inmate Security Fund<br>(These monies shall be credited to the Inmate Security Fund.)   | \$2.00         | RSMo. §488.5026 |
| Crime Victim's Compensation Fund.   | \$7.50         | RSMo. §595.045  |
| <b>TOTAL COURT COSTS</b>  | <b>\$36.50</b> |                 |

2. The Judge may waive assessment of court cost in cases where the defendant is found by the Judge to be indigent and unable to pay costs.

#### **§72.050 PAYMENT OF STANDARD FINE AND COSTS IN LIEU OF COURT APPEARANCE**

Except for those cases designated by the Municipal Court that require the defendant to appear in Court or for any other offense that the officer who has written the citation indicates that the defendant must appear in Court, a defendant charged with a municipal ordinance violation may

pay the standard fine and costs, as approved by the Judge, in lieu of the Court appearance, provided that the payment is made to the Court Clerk prior to the scheduled Court date.

**§72.060            ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS**

The City shall appoint an attorney to prosecute violations of city ordinances on behalf of the city before the judge hearing such violations. The City shall determine the compensation of the attorney and the expenses to be paid. Such compensation and expenses shall be paid by the City.

**§72.070            CITY ORDINANCES - EVIDENCE**

It shall be the duty of the Elsberry City Clerk to properly certify and deliver copies of pertinent ordinances of the City to the Clerk of the Associate Circuit Court, Municipal Division, or to the Municipal Judge, which shall constitute prima facie evidence before the court.

**§72.080            COURT BONDS**

1.     Any person arrested for violation, failure, neglect or refusal to comply with any provision, regulation or requirement of any ordinance may be admitted to bail by: executing a bail bond to the City with good and sufficient security to be approved by the Judge, or in his absence or inaccessibility, by the Clerk of the Court, in the amount of not less than \$2.00 and not more than \$500, conditioned that such person shall appear upon the day named therein (no later than 30 days from the date of the bond), before the Court and await the trial upon the charge against him.
2.     Every bail bond shall be filed forthwith with the Clerk of the Court by the officer taking the bond, provided that no attorney, police officer or any officer of the City, whether elected or appointed, shall be taken as security upon any bail provided for in this Section.
3.     In lieu of sureties on the bond, the Judge or in his absence or inaccessibility, the Clerk of the Court or in her absence or inaccessibility, may permit the posting of a cash bond, and the Chief of Police or the Assistant Chief of Police or any officer in charge of the police department, shall state on the bail bond the receipt of the cash deposit.
4.     The City shall in no manner be responsible to any depositor of a cash bail bond. However, the person receiving the cash deposit shall be prosecuted by the City Attorney or other proper officer for failure to account for and pay over the deposit.

**§72.090            Failure of Defendant to Appear**

1.     If a defendant giving a bail bond on cash bond shall fail to appear when and where the

case is called in the Court, the Judge may order the defendant to be apprehended and brought before him, or the Judge may render a judgment or forfeiture for the full amount of the bond or deposit at which time the bond or deposit shall be forfeited.

2. If a bail bond has been given, the amount of the judgment thereon shall be collected from the defendant and his sureties according to law, including the issuance of execution.
3. If a cash deposit has been made, and the deposit is declared forfeited, the deposit shall at once be delivered to the City Clerk, who shall make an entry of its receipt as part of the record of the case and shall hold the money for 4 days, at the end of which the City Clerk may deposit it into the General Funds of the City.
4. The Judge may, for good cause, set aside the forfeiture at any time within 4 days from the date of forfeiture.

**SECTION 3: Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are valid unless the Court finds the valid provisions of this ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot be presumed that the Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid provisions without the void ones or unless the Court finds that the valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

**SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5: Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after September 1, 2025.

**SECTION 5: Incorporation into the Municipal Code.** The City Clerk shall incorporate the terms of this Ordinance into the official City of Elsberry City Code with all due dispatch.

Read two times and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

The board considered bill 2025-06-001

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to read bill 2025-06-001 2 times by title only



Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read bill 2025-06-001 2 time by title only

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adopt bill 2025-06-001

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Meyer-yes, Claussen-yes, Rockwell-yes, Bange-yes, Harper-yes

Motion carried

The board considered bill 2025-06-002

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE INTERNMENTS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 35.040 TO THE ELSBERRY CITY CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI THAT THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:** The Elsberry City Code is amended by adding a new Section 11 to Section 35.040 as follows::

**§35.040. THE CITY SHALL PERFORM THE EXCAVATION WORK IN THE CEMETERY.**

1. It shall be unlawful for anyone, other than a person authorized by the City, to perform any excavation or digging work to inter the body or other remains of a deceased human being for burial or temporary storage in the City Cemetery.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a person authorized by the City, to perform any excavation or digging work to exhume, remove, convey or assist in the exhumation, removal or conveyance of the body or other remains of a deceased human being from within the City Cemetery.
3. Anyone wishing to inter, exhume, remove, the body or other remains of a deceased human being must contact the City to have the City schedule, perform, or arrange

to perform, the excavation or digging of the grave for the interment, or the excavation or digging for the exhumation or other removal.

4. The City may refuse to open, excavate, or dig a grave if the ground, crypt, mausoleum, or weather conditions are not suitable, in the City's opinion, to safely or efficiently perform the required work, or to adequately protect surrounding grounds, monuments, structures, markers, features, or trees.

**SECTION 2: Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are valid unless the Court finds the valid provisions of this ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot be presumed that the Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid provisions without the void ones or unless the Court finds that the valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

**SECTION 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4: Effective Upon Passage.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

**SECTION 5: Incorporation into the Municipal Code.** The City Clerk shall incorporate the terms of this Ordinance into the official City of Elsberry City Code with all due dispatch.

Read two times and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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MAYOR

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to read bill 2025-06-002  
Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Harper-yes, Bange-yes  
Motion carried.

City Attorney read bill 2025-06-002 2 times by title only  
Alderman Harper made a motion to adopt bill 2025-06-002  
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD**

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Library-** nothing to report

**Cemetery/Parks-** Alderman Harper has spoken with Valerie Weeks and they would like to do some fundraising for the cemetery. She would like to have a public meeting for people to come and present ideas. The members of the cemetery parks committee agreed on June 30 at 6pm for this meeting.

**Infrastructure-** Alderman Bange would like to have something done about the speeding on N 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Emergency Services-** Alderman Rockwell would like to set up a time to discuss the police chief applicants.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to have a special meeting June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Rockwell-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes

Motion carried.

**Tree Board-** nothing to report

### **REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR**

**Mayor Wilch-** Mayor Wilch would like to congratulate the girls soccer team for winning the state championship.

**Alderman Harper-** Alderman Harper said that the cemetery looks great. She would also like to thank the City and Alliance for the flowers that she received when her mother passed away. She asked Alliance about the water leak that was brought up by Rhonda Caswell last month and if anything had been done. He said that he spoke with her and they have filed a claim with their insurance company. She also asked about the speaking time and why Shelia Briscoe was allowed to speak longer. City Clerk Rachel Reed said that it was due to how the request was filed.

**Alderman Bange-** Alderman Bange would like to get a City Facebook page.

**Alderman Rockwell-** Alderman Rockwell made a statement about how she loves this town and she wants to thank everyone who has reached out to her with their support.

**Alderman Claussen**- nothing to report

**Alderman Meyer**- nothing to report

**Alderman Nora Hunter** – nothing to report

**REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS**

**City Attorney Robert Guinness**- nothing to report

**Alliance Water Resources** – nothing to report.

**City Clerk Rachel Reed**- City hall will be closed to the public Wednesday and Thursday for next week for the repair to the front entrance.

**City Collector Tammy Ridings**- Nothing to report

**City Treasurer Lisa Grumich**-Nothing to report

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT BY ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WHO HAS NOT FILED A PRIOR REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Harper made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Rockwell seconded that motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Meyer-yes, Rockwell-yes

Motion Carried.

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 7:33 pm



