

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

APRIL 16, 2025

The City of Dardenne Prairie Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at Dardenne Prairie City Hall located at 2032 Hanley Road.

The following were in attendance: Mayor Gotway, Aldermen Detweiler, Gittemeier, Johnson, Widaman and Wilson. Also present were City Clerk Kim Clark, City Administrator Cathy Pratt, City Engineer Tom Weis and Matthew Davidson, City Planner Todd Streiler and City Attorney's John Young and Sarah Rutherford.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

1. Evergreen Solutions, LLC to finalize the citywide employee salary scale (Pratt)
2. Resolution opposing the elimination of the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds (Mayor)
3. Continued discussion of chickens in residential zoning (Pratt & Young)
4. Review of 04-16-25 Board of Aldermen agenda

SUMMARY:

City Administrator Pratt stated back in 2021 the City contracted with Evergreen Solutions to complete a salary study which was never completed. City Administrator Pratt explained why the current pay scale is important and how it will benefit the City. City Administrator Pratt gave the timeline and process of how this study would be completed, what would be included and would be a contract agreement and seeking approval to authorize the study.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the expense for the Evergreen Solutions, LLC for the salary study. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gotway stated the Resolution opposing tax-exempt status of municipal bonds came out of the Legislative Conference in Jefferson City and other cities have adopted similar resolutions opposing this. Alderman Johnson stated this has not come out of committee yet but recommends moving forward approving a Resolution.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wilson to move forward with putting the Resolution before the Board for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator Pratt stated this was a continuation of discussion regarding chickens in residential zoning. Discussion regarding regulations of space required to maintain a proper chicken area, zoning, Missouri guidelines, HOA and St. Charles County guidelines. Alderman Johnson stated information needs to get out to the residents where chickens are allowed and enforcement needs to be on a complaint basis.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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1. City Attorney

City Attorney has no report.

2. City Engineer

Mayor Gotway introduced Matt Davidson as the City's new full-time Engineer. A transitional meeting is scheduled to hand off all the current projects.

Tom Weiss stated he presented four projects to the County Road Board. He mentioned the County asked if the City would proceed with the projects if the city did not receive federal funding. He said typically not but the city may potentially proceed with the Hanley Road project because they would receive the county funding. He stated the Town Square virtual bid opening is scheduled for May 14th.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Pratt stated Matt is a great addition to the City and we are glad to have him.

Staff has stuffed over 16,000 Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Staff has made the difficult decision to reschedule the Easter Egg Hunt until April 26, 2025.

The Clean Stream event has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

The HOA dinner and discussion with staff and the elected officials will be held on May 6th.

4. Aldermen

Alderman Wilson thanked Mayor Gotway for everything he has done for the residents and the City.

Alderman Widaman thanked Mayor Gotway for his service as Alderman and Mayor and stated he hopes he has more time for fishing.

Alderman Johnson asked for an update on the condition of the Town Square parking lot.

5. Mayor

Mayor Gotway stated this is his last meeting and thanked the residents for allowing him to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Widaman, seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Clark, City Clerk

The City of Dardenne Prairie Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation by Blake Nay.

Present at roll call were Mayor Gotway, Aldermen Detweiler, Johnson, Widaman, Gittemeier and Wilson. Also present were City Clerk Kim Clark, City Administrator Cathy Pratt, City Engineer Tom Weis and Matt Davidson, City Planner Todd Streiler and City Attorney's John Young and Sarah Rutherford.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Widaman to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board of Alderman minutes – 04-02-25
2. Work Session Summary – 04-02-25
3. Expenditures for Approval – 04-16-25
4. Escrow Release – Wireless Horizon – 83 Hubble – Final Release - \$3,266.00
5. Master Sign Plan – 7409 South Outer 364 – Beans & Brews
6. Change Order #3 – Stump Road – KJ Unnerstall Construction Co. - \$17,469.57
7. Change Order #4 – Stump Road – KJ Unnerstall Construction Co. - \$1,416.53

PUBLIC COMMENT - The following individual was in attendance to speak:
George Piccioni

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wilson to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

1. PUD Rezoning Request – “ND” to “C-3, PUD” Mixed Use (Multi-family & Commercial)

The applicant has requested the item be postponed.

A motion was made by Alderman Widaman, seconded by Alderman Johnson to postpone the public hearing until May 21st. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Widaman, seconded by Alderman Johnson to read and adopt Resolution #392. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #392

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, TO OPPOSE CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE OF LIMIT THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Widaman to read Bill #25-21 for the first time by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill #25-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI APPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE

A motion was made by Alderman Widaman, seconded by Alderman Johnson to read Bill #25-21 for the second time by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Widaman, seconded by Alderman Detweiler to put Bill #25-21 to final vote. Roll call was as follows:

Alderman Widaman – Aye	Alderman Gittemeier – Aye
Alderman Johnson – Aye	Alderman Detweiler – Aye
Alderman Wilson – Aye	

Mayor Gotway declared Bill #25-21 passed and designated it to be Ordinance #2358.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Widaman to read Bill #25-22 for the first time by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill #25-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, APPOINTING A PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL JUDGE

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Widaman to read Bill #25-22 for the second time by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Widaman to put Bill #25-22 to final vote. Roll call was as follows:

Alderman Gittemeier – Aye	Alderman Wilson – Aye
Alderman Detweiler – Aye	Alderman Johnson – Aye
Alderman Widaman – Aye	

Mayor Gotway declared Bill #25-22 passed and designated it to be Ordinance #2359.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wilson to read Bill #25-23 for the first time by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill #25-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, APPROVING AN AMENDED PUD FINAL PLAN FOR A CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "DARDENNE CREEK CAMPUS" OF ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A presentation was made by Mike Brickel of the Community College along with Tom Weiss, Engineer, for the project.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wilson to postpone Bill #25-23 until the May 7, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Detweiler, seconded by Alderman Widaman to postpone Bill #25-20 until July 2, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill #25-20 (Read one time only on 04-02-25)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, AMENDING SCHEDULE III OF TITLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND PROHIBITING PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP SCHOOL CHILDREN ON EXPEDITION COURT WITHIN THE CITY.

OFFICER & STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**1. City Attorney**

No report.

2. City Engineer

No report.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Pratt stated with the help of volunteers and staff, stuffed 16,000 easter eggs, but going have to delay the City's Easter Egg event until April 26, 2025, due to the forecasted weather. City Administrator Pratt stated the Clean Stream event is cancelled as well due to weather and has not been rescheduled yet. City Administrator Pratt stated due to some comments, she would like to assure residents that Stump Road is not yet complete. City Administrator Pratt thanked Mayor Gotway for his mentoring and friendship since she came on board in the fall of 2024 and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

4. Aldermen

Alderman Johnson welcomed and congratulated the two new Aldermen, Blake Nay and Bob Waters and the new incoming Mayor Widaman.

Alderman Widaman stated this is his last meeting as Aldermen and looks forward to working with staff and the Board in his new capacity as Mayor. Alderman Widaman thanked and recognized his in-laws from New Jersey. Thanked residents for coming out and participating in the local government process.

5. Mayor

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES

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Mayor Gotway stated this is his last official meeting as Mayor and over the past four years was able to work with and meet some great people. He stated that he can say that everything he campaigned for, he accomplished while in office. Welcomed the two new Aldermen and the new incoming Mayor Widaman.

Presentation to incoming Mayor Widaman for his service as Alderman and outgoing Mayor Gotway.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Widaman to adjourn the meeting at 7:53p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Clark, City Clerk