



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Widaman called January 21, 2026, Dardenne Prairie Work Session to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call vote:

	Present	Absent
Mayor Widaman	X	
Alderman Detweiler	X	
Alderman Gittemeier	X	
Alderman Johnson	X	
Alderman Nay	X	
Alderman Waters	X	
Alderman Wilson	X	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Cathy Pratt, City Attorney John Young, IT Manager Rose Maresca, City Engineer Matt Davidson and City Clerk Deborah Ryan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- 1. RBA - Consideration to defer City of Dardenne Prairie applying for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) to support the reconstruction and widening of Highway N from east of Hawk Ridge Trail to Ebert Lane (City Administrator Pratt)**

City Administrator Pratt stated this RBA was submitted at the request of St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann.

City Engineer Davidson reviewed current projects that are funded, and what projects are planned to be under construction in 2027 and 2028. Reviewed how it would assist staff in handling current and projected projects by deferring applications for the 2027 grant year.

City Administrator Pratt stated the County is requesting all municipalities defer requesting funding and grant assistance for road projects in 2026 to allow the County to apply for funding and grant assistance to widen and improve Highway N. This is like what happened with Page/Route 364. The County has increased maintenance funding for road maintenance for County municipalities.

Motioned by Aldermen Nay, seconded by Alderman Gittemeier to support the request of St. Charles County to direct staff to defer applying for any grants or funding from East West Gateway.

All ayes, motion carried.

- 2. RBA - Amend and update Purchasing Policy (City Administrator Pratt)**

City Administrator Pratt reviewed the proposed amendment again and this amendment would update the City's Purchasing Policy. City Administrator Pratt stated the City's purchasing policy has not been updated since March 2011. The cost of goods and services have increased since then. These changes increase authorized spending



limits for budgeted items to facilitate timely and effective purchasing procedures while maintaining fiscally conservative practices in securing lowest cost goods and services with added provisions for software purchases. Discussion among the Board continued.

3. Resolution – Opposing moving the April General Municipal Election to November

City Administrator Pratt stated this information came forward from the St. Charles County Municipal League and Missouri Municipal League. This is on the regular agenda for consideration. Discussion among the Board.

4. Review of 01 21 26 Board of Aldermen agenda

There were no comments, questions or concerns regarding the regular agenda, as presented.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Attorney

No report

2. City Engineer

No report

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Pratt welcomed City Engineer Davidson back from leave. The City's website and social media will have information regarding winter weather information for the City of Dardenne Prairie. The City has also implemented a hotline to give residents a line to call in for concerns regarding the streets, etc. Alderman Wilson asked if that information should be shared with the HOA's. City Administrator Pratt stated that is a good idea and requested that Aldermen request that HOA updated information be passed along to the City.

4. Aldermen

Aldermen Wilson stated the Wentzville Community Partner breakfast is February 7, 2026, and recommended everyone to attend to support our local schools.

5. Mayor

No report.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Nay, seconded by Aldermen Gittemeier to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1).

All ayes, motion carried. Board of Aldermen went into Closed Session at 6:28pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Wislon, seconded by Alderman Gittemeier to adjourn the work session at 6:52 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 2 4 26

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Ryan, City Clerk