



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Widaan called March 18, 2026, Dardenne Prairie Work Session to order at 6:00 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 *arrived at 6:02 pm	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 – Travel Reimbursement – Ald. Johnson

Alderman Johnson requested to table this item until there is a full Board present.

2. RBA – 10 Acres located at Post Road and Highway N – Ald. Detweiler and Johnson

Discussion to use this property as overflow parking for City events. The City is receiving no revenue from the farmer planting/utilizing the property for crops and currently there is only a verbal agreement allowing the farmer to use the property. Staff discussed what the property would need for vehicles to access for parking and that staff would need to mow the property. ICD does not want the City utilizing their parking lot for City events, due to mass schedules.

Alderman Detweiler moved, seconded by Alderman Gettemeier to contact the farmer to let him know that the City will be using the 10 acres of property this year.

All ayes, motion carried.

1. RBA – Travel Reimbursement – Ald. Johnson

Alderman Johnson stated the City Administrator has denied paying his travel expenses for the 2026 MML Legislative Conference that is held annually in Jefferson City that he incurred February 17 – 18, 2026. Travel is an approved budgeted item allowing elected officials to attend conferences. Alderman Johnson stated that he was previously the Elected Director for the St. Charles County Municipal League and is currently seated on the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Committee. Alderman Johnson is requesting reimbursement for the travel expenses.



Discussion the travel was not pre-approved by the Mayor or City Administrator, City staff did not handle the travel arrangements ultimately causing higher costs.

Alderman Nay moved, seconded by Alderman Gettemeier to cover the costs of Alderman Johnson's MML Legislative expenses that he incurred attending the conference.

Roll call vote:

Alderman Johnson – Aye
Alderman Waters – Aye
Alderman Detweiler – Nay
Alderman Gittemeier – Nay
Alderman Nay – Nay
Alderman Wilson – Nay

Vote on the motion being 2 ayes and 4 nays, motion failed.

3. RBA – SRO Officer for Immaculate Conception of Dardenne – City Administrator Pratt

City Administrator Pratt stated ICD is requesting support for an SRO Officer for their school. During the 2026 budget process, funding was approved to support an SRO for private schools on an 80% / 20% cost share basis. ICD is requesting full funding covered by the City. The budget allocation approved for this purpose totals \$21,564 but would need to pass a budget adjustment of \$2,108 to cover the full amount as requested.

Discussion to approve what was budgeted this year and revisit for the 26-27 school year and 2027 budget.

Alderman Detweiler moved, seconded by Alderman Gettemeier to keep amount as budgeted to fund SRO for ICD and reconsider for the 2027 budget year to cover full amount.

All ayes, motion carried.

4. RBA – Cleaning Services – City Engineer Davidson

City Engineer Davidson staff has solicited bids for cleaning services for City Hall and the RBA in the packet covers the three bids received and the costs. Budgeted cost is \$6,400 and the cost for the remainder of the year will be \$12,000 Staff is recommending SRB Cleaning Solution, LLC for the bid award.

Discussion to postpone the contract approval until more research can be completed. Staff will bring back to the Board at the next meeting.

5. Follow up – Travel Policy Update- City Administrator Pratt

City Administrator Pratt stated an updated travel policy has been distributed for review which includes detailed guidelines for travel expenses, reimbursements and approvals. The updated policy will provide clearer internal controls for travel-related expenses. This will



come back to the Board for approval in the way of an ordinance to amend the current Policy and Procedures manual.

6. Review of 03 18 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

No report.

4. Aldermen

No report.

5. Mayor

No report.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Gettemeier to adjourn the work session at 6:56 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 04 01 26

Respectfully submitted:


Deborah Ryan, City Clerk