



**CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE
2032 HANLEY ROAD
DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MO 63368**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
WORK SESSION AGENDA
JANUARY 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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)
2. RBA - Amend and update Purchasing Policy (City Administrator Pratt)
3. Resolution – Opposing moving the April General Municipal Election to November
4. Review of 01 21 26 Board of Aldermen agenda

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Attorney
2. City Engineer
3. City Administrator
4. Aldermen
5. Mayor

CLOSED SESSION

Roll call vote to hold closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 section _____
Litigation and Privileged Communications (1)
Real Estate (2)
Personnel (3)
Bid Specs (11)
Audit (17)

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

RBA FORM (OFFICE USE ONLY)

MEETING DATE: 1/21/2026

Regular () Work Session (X)

ATTACHMENT: YES (X) NO ()

Contract () Ordinance () Other (X)

Request for Board Action
By: Staff

Ward All

- **Description:** Consideration to defer City of Dardenne Prairie applying for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for one year to accelerate reconstruction and widening of Highway N from east of Hawk Ridge Trail to Ebert Lane.

- **Recommendation:** **Staff – Approve (X) Disapprove ()**

- **Summary/Explanation:**

St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann has requested that the County and municipalities collaborate on a single, unified STP funding request in the amount of \$15,760,000 to support reconstruction and widening of Highway N.

This approach mirrors the successful strategy used in 2011 for Phase III of Highway 364, when the County and municipalities jointly applied for STP funds. That effort enabled the project to advance more quickly through shared funding between federal, county, and MoDOT sources.

The Highway N reconstruction project is estimated by MoDOT's engineering consultant to cost over \$100 million. Under current planning assumptions, the project is divided into three phases, with the final phase anticipated to be at least ten years out. County leadership is seeking to accelerate this timeline through supplemental funding.

The proposed funding strategy includes a joint STP application totaling \$15.76 million and a planned application by the County Road Board for \$20 million in MoDOT Cost Share funds. The County Council has delayed funding for the Lake St. Louis Boulevard extension to help prioritize Highway N.

County leadership has asked municipalities to consider forgoing smaller individual STP requests for one year to prioritize this regionally significant project, which serves both current residents and anticipated future growth in western St. Charles County.

- **Budget Impact:** (revenue generated, estimated cost, CIP item, etc.)

There is no immediate direct fiscal impact to the City of Dardenne Prairie associated with participation in the joint STP application. Participation reflects policy support for a regional funding strategy and may temporarily defer pursuit of smaller standalone STP projects in the same funding cycle (Barathaven and Weldon Spring Phase 2)


RBA requested by: Cathy Pratt

CA: CJP

East West Gateway STP Funding by County

	2025 Applications		2024 Applications		2023 Applications	
	Federal \$	Percentage	Federal \$	Percentage	Federal \$	Percentage
St. Charles County	\$ 14,471,865	26.55%	\$ 15,826,720	23.72%	\$ 12,794,391	18.21%
St. Louis City	\$ 6,750,000	12.38%	\$ 15,760,000	23.62%	\$ 13,276,000	18.89%
St. Louis County	\$ 15,290,578	28.05%	\$ 22,428,239	33.61%	\$ 35,150,779	50.02%
Franklin County	\$ 4,609,506	8.46%	\$ 3,687,941	5.53%	\$ 2,790,836	3.97%
Jefferson County	\$ 10,227,938	18.77%	\$ 6,909,391	10.35%	\$ 3,688,000	5.25%
Multi-County	\$ 3,152,430	5.78%	\$ 2,118,672	3.17%	\$ 2,576,518	3.67%
Total	\$ 54,502,317		\$ 66,730,963		\$ 70,276,524	

	2022 Applications		2021 Applications		2020 Applications	
	Federal \$	Percentage	Federal \$	Percentage	Federal \$	Percentage
St. Charles County	\$ 9,068,364	12.88%	\$ 19,464,920	25.37%	\$ 9,728,068	15.15%
St. Louis City	\$ 20,000,000	28.40%	\$ 16,992,000	22.14%	\$ 9,760,000	15.20%
St. Louis County	\$ 31,530,063	44.77%	\$ 27,305,104	35.58%	\$ 29,108,427	45.32%
Franklin County	\$ 899,120	1.28%	\$ 2,974,933	3.88%	\$ 6,936,406	10.80%
Jefferson County	\$ 6,877,507	9.76%	\$ 7,749,796	10.10%	\$ 6,928,510	10.79%
Multi-County	\$ 2,056,968	2.92%	\$ 2,247,682	2.93%	\$ 1,760,248	2.74%
Total	\$ 70,432,022		\$ 76,734,435		\$ 64,221,659	

 1 Project Application - Scored well below all other recommended projects

 1 Project Application - Scored within recommended project range

RBA FORM (OFFICE USE ONLY)

MEETING DATE: **January 7, 2026**

Regular () Work Session (X)

ATTACHMENT: YES (X) NO ()

Contract () Ordinance (X) Other ()

**Request for Board Action
By: Staff**

• **Description:**

Recommendation to update the Purchasing Policy of the City to better define authorities and facilitate effective purchasing procedures. Added provisions for software purchases.

• **Recommendation:** Staff – Approve (X) Disapprove ()

• **Summary/Explanation:**

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.

• **Budget Impact:** (revenue generated, estimated cost, CIP item, etc.)

RBA requested by:

Date:

RESOLUTION No. 397

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ELIMINATE THE TRADITIONAL APRIL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND MOVE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and is responsible for governing local affairs in a manner that best serves its residents; and

WHEREAS, Missouri municipalities have historically conducted local elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, providing voters with a focused opportunity to consider local candidates and ballot issues without being overshadowed by state and federal races; and

WHEREAS, multiple bills introduced in recent Missouri legislative sessions—including but not limited to SB 1152 (2025), HB 1613 (2025), and SB 839 (2025)—have proposed eliminating the April municipal election and consolidating local elections with the November General Election; and

WHEREAS, supporters of these proposals often cite increased voter turnout as a primary objective; however, increased turnout does not necessarily equate to greater voter awareness or understanding of complex and highly localized municipal issues; and

WHEREAS, municipal elections frequently involve matters such as public safety services, local taxes, infrastructure investments, zoning decisions, and municipal leadership, which benefit from dedicated voter attention and community-focused engagement; and

WHEREAS, consolidating municipal elections with the November general election risks voter fatigue, lengthy ballots, and reduced visibility for local issues, potentially diminishing informed participation in municipal governance; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the April election date would also create administrative and operational challenges for municipalities, including changes to election administration, terms of office, transition timelines, and coordination with county election authorities; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's cities vary significantly in size, structure, and governance needs, and decisions regarding the timing of municipal elections are best determined at the local level rather than through a uniform statewide mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN / CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Dardenne Prairie formally opposes any legislative proposal that would eliminate the traditional April municipal election or require municipal elections to be held exclusively during the November general election.

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Section 2. The City affirms its support for local control and flexibility in election administration, recognizing that municipalities are best positioned to determine election timing that promotes informed voter participation and effective governance.

Section 3. The City urges the Missouri General Assembly to engage with municipal officials and organizations before advancing legislation that would significantly alter long-standing municipal election practices.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Missouri, the City's legislative delegation, the Missouri Municipal League, and other appropriate parties.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Approved this _____ day of January, 2026.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA
JANUARY 21, 2026
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Widaman
Alderman Detweiler
Alderman Gittemeier
Alderman Johnson
Alderman Nay
Alderman Waters
Alderman Wilson

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board of Aldermen Work Session Minutes – 01 07 26
2. Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes – 01 07 26
3. Treasurers Report dated 12 31 25
4. Expenditures Report for approval dated 01 21 26
5. Destruction of Records for City records that have met the required retention period per the Missouri Secretary of State

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

1. RED BUD DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC REQUESTS REZONING FROM “C-2” TO R-1D, PUD” AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED 32 SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 7393 HWY N AND STUMP ROAD – Continued from the 01/07/26 Board of Aldermen Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #397

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ELIMINATE THE TRADITIONAL APRIL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND MOVE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION DATE.



2. Bill #26-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7393 HIGHWAY N AND STUMP ROAD FROM "C-2," GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO "R-1D," SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (P.U.D.); AND APPROVING AN AREA PLAN WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE SAME

3. Bill #26-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7393 HIGHWAY N AND STUMP ROAD

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Bill #26-01** (first read on 01/07/2026)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 130 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY DELETING ARTICLE V THEREOF IN ITS ENTIRETY, ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 130; AND ESTABLISHING A PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE CITY.

OFFICER & STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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ADJOURNMENT