

WAYNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 17th, 2026
5: 00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting of the Waynesville City Council to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Eight (8) council members were present:

PRESENT: Farnham, Harold, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, and Koren

ABSENT: Mayor Wilson

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Councilman Harold and Councilwoman Dils led the City Council, staff and citizens in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wilson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Rice made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Councilman Harold seconded. Vote was taken by a show of hands.

YEAS: Harold, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, and Koren

NAYS: Farnham

Motion carried unanimously.

MML RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Don Hayden for achieving the Advanced Municipal Official designation through the Missouri Municipal League.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The tentative agenda included a proposed closed session pursuant to RSMo. § 610 concerning legal matters, real estate, and personnel. Councilman Harold made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Hyatt seconded. A roll call vote was called.

YEAS: Farnham, Harold, Dils, Hyatt, Rice, Hayden, Bland, and Koren

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 5:10 pm.

Council returned to open session at 5:44 pm.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

- The Mayor recognized A+ Tire and Lube, owned by Roger Graves, as the City's business spotlight. The Mayor thanked Mr. Graves for maintaining his business in the community and acknowledged the business's continued service to the City.
- The Mayor provided an update on the Veterans Day Parade, scheduled for November 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The event is being coordinated in partnership with the City of St. Robert and the Chamber of Commerce. The date was moved to the preceding Saturday to allow students to attend. Community members were encouraged to register as parade participants and volunteers.
- The Mayor encouraged residents, organizations, and businesses to use The Event Bucket, a free community event-sharing resource, to publicize activities, volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, classes, and other community events.
- The Mayor also addressed the October 2, 2026, Homecoming Parade. Due to ongoing Interstate 44 construction, the community was advised to anticipate significant traffic delays between approximately 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The City is coordinating with the Missouri Department of Transportation regarding traffic management and signage and will share updates as they become available.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Proposed Pilot Travel Center at the Former Witmore Farms Property

Local development partner, Derek States presented an overview of the proposed Pilot travel center development at the former Witmore Farms property near the City's Interstate 44 corridor. The presentation highlighted the anticipated economic benefits, including the creation of more than 100 jobs, increased visitor traffic, additional services for residents and travelers, and increased economic activity within the community.

The proposed development was described as including:

- An approximately 11,500-square-foot facility with a convenience store and multiple food-service options.
- Approximately 150 truck parking spaces, a truck scale, and designated recreational vehicle fueling access.
- Approximately 50 passenger-vehicle parking spaces and separate circulation areas for trucks and passenger vehicles.
- Fueling options for passenger vehicles and trucks.
- Restrooms and showers for travelers.

- A full-service restaurant featuring Southern Chef, along with additional proposed food and beverage concepts, including Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts, subject to final approval, and Baskin-Robbins.
- A Route 66 heritage or memorial feature for visitors to take photographs, along with an interior honor wall recognizing the history of Witmore Farms and the surrounding community.
- Opportunities to display local artwork and community memorabilia.
- Anticipated Greyhound bus service stops twice daily.

Mr. States discussed the property's infrastructure improvements, including sewer service, electrical coordination, water service, site preparation, drainage, and planned relocation of overhead power lines. He also discussed approved access easements and anticipated site circulation improvements.

The presentation identified completion of the geotechnical report, architectural revisions, final building layout, fueling and canopy configuration, traffic circulation design, and utility and site-development coordination as remaining project milestones, with October 5, 2026, identified as a target for completing the listed items.

In response to Council questions, Mr. States indicated that electric-vehicle charging availability would be investigated. He also discussed lighting and security considerations for the site. The anticipated opening was discussed as a future goal, with August 2027 mentioned as a target; no specific opening date was established.

Council members expressed appreciation for the developer's commitment to the community, preservation of local history, economic development, and anticipated employment opportunities.

COMMUNITY — PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – John Doyle

- *Utility Committee:* The Committee discussed the Pulaski County Sewer District territorial agreement, department updates, and proposed water and sewer utility rate increases. The proposed changes included adjustments to residential and commercial availability fees and sewer usage rates. The report described increases affecting in-city and out-of-city customers, with amounts varying by customer classification and meter size. The next Utility Committee meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall.

- *Economic Development Committee:* The Business Spotlight on A+ Tire and Lube was noted. The next meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- *Roads and Grounds Committee:* The Committee met September 1, 2026, and reviewed the Street Department update. The next meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- *Emergency Services Committee:* Updates were provided regarding the Animal Shelter, Police Department, Central Dispatch, and Fire Department.
- *Finance and Human Resources Committee:* The Committee reviewed a certificate-of-deposit update and discussed the draft 2027 budget. The draft budget was scheduled for presentation to the Committee on October 1 and subsequently to the City Council, with the final 2027 budget anticipated in November. The City also received its auditor's report, copies of which were provided to Council members. Digital and printed copies were available to members of the public upon request. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for October 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- *Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment:* No meetings were held during the reporting period.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION - No separate Council discussion items were presented.

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- **Resolutions:** None.
- **Ordinances:** None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

September 26, 2026: Pulaski County Farm Bureau tractor and Route 66 cruise, beginning at the St. Robert Community Center and proceeding to Roubidoux Park, followed by the Route 66 Summer Concert Series featuring Eastern Heights.

October 2, 2026: Waynesville High School Homecoming Parade. Significant traffic impacts were anticipated from approximately 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. due to ongoing Interstate 44 construction. Tiger Pride Night was scheduled at Waynesville High School from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 3, 2026: Fall Fest at the park, with activities planned for approximately 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

October 8-9, 2026: City fall cleanup. Residents were encouraged to review the City's website for accepted items and place eligible items curbside by 7:00 a.m. on their respective collection day.

October 10, 2026: Oktoberfest on the Square and the 17th annual Walk/Run for Life.

October 31, 2026: Pumpkin Fest in the Roubidoux Park.

November 4, 2026: Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Waynesville – St. Robert Regional Airport's Brand-New Terminal.

November 7, 2026: Veterans Day Parade in Waynesville at 11:00am. Residents were encouraged to register to participate or volunteer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Farnham - Expressed appreciation for City employees and the progress being made in Waynesville. Comments included recognition of the proposed Pilot travel center and other economic development activities, noting the potential for new jobs, additional investment, and future business development. He commended the developer's interest in preserving the community's history and incorporating local heritage into the project. Discussed the importance of Executive Session regarding the early stages of economic development projects.

Councilman Harold – Expressed appreciation for the City staff. Reminded citizens that cold weather will be coming in, and that there is a new way to report outages via Hometown Grid. He encouraged using this new resource.

Councilwoman Dils – Commended the Parks employees for their excellent work ethic, noting that during the Patriots Day Festival she saw them picking up trash and keeping the park clean throughout the event despite the heat. She also reminded the citizens that the Trick or Treat hours for the City are 6:00pm to 9:00pm. She also commended the fire department who responded to a power surge that caused several home alarms systems to go off. They had a great response time and assisted several of her neighbors.

Councilman Hyatt: Expressed excitement for the two different economic development projects that are current underway. Congratulated Don Hayden on his Advanced Municipal Official accomplishment and his new book.

Councilman Rice: Expressed excitement for the two different economic development projects that are current underway.

Councilman Hayden: Shared observations from attending the military police Warfighter competition and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to represent the City. Encouraged other council members to take the opportunity to achieve MML Advanced Municipal Official, noting how much he learned throughout the process. Discussed the need for Executive Session, noting that these two developments were originally discussed

in Executive Session as the details were ironed out, and now they're being released to the public. Emphasized how Executive Session allows early work to be done while confidential information is discussed and the importance of that working session for developers.

Councilman Bland: Shared a positive perspective on the anticipated Pilot development, expressing confidence in its business standards and potential contribution to the community.

Councilwoman Koren: Expressed excitement for the Pilot travel center. Recognized the work of City employees, including those working outdoors in extreme heat, City Hall staff, public safety personnel, and employees responsible for parks, roads, grants, and other municipal services.

Mayor Wilson: Discussed the City's pedestrian safety improvements, noting that the community was progressing toward having eight signal-controlled pedestrian crossing intersections by the end of the year. He also emphasized the importance of sidewalks, pedestrian safety, and continued improvements to the City's quality of life. He thanked the attendees and student volunteers in attendance and recognized their participation in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Amber N. Box

City Clerk

City of Waynesville, Missouri