

**SMITHVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION**

March 24, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers and Via Videoconference

1. Call to Order

Mayor Boley, present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following the work session. A quorum of the Board was present: Marv Atkins, Kelly Kobylski, Melissa Wilson, Dan Hartman, Leeah Stone and Chelsea Dana.

Staff present: Cynthia Wagner, Gina Pate, Chief Lockridge, Rick Welch, Matt Denton and Linda Drummond. Chuck Soules was present via Zoom.

City Attorney present: Padraic Corcoran.

2. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Boley

3. Consent Agenda

- March 3, 2026, Board of Aldermen Work Session Minutes
- March 3, 2026, Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes
- **Finance Report**
 - Financial Report for February 2026
- **Resolution 1560, Accepting Property**
A Resolution accepting the transfer of property from First Christian Church for the Riverwalk Trail Project.
- **Resolution 1561, MARC Grant Application**
A Resolution acknowledging grant application submission of grant applications to the Mid-America Regional Council for Streetscape Phase IV and Eagle Parkway Trail Phase I.
- **Resolution 1562, Temporary Liquor License – Chops BBQ for Adult Easter Egg Hunt**
A Resolution issuing a temporary liquor license to Chop’s BBQ And Catering for Smithville Parks and Recreation’s Adult Egg Hunt event to be held on Friday, April 3, 2026, at Heritage Park.
- **Resolution 1563, Acknowledging Purchase of VFD’s**
A Resolution acknowledging the purchase of Variable Frequency Drives (VFD’s) for the high service pumps at the water treatment plant.
- **Resolution 1564, Leak Adjustment**
A Resolution approving a water and wastewater leak adjustment request for Rachel Steffen in the amount of \$62.67.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the consent agenda approved.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

4. City Administrator's Report

Cynthia Wagner highlighted a few items in her report. She noted that development updates are now being incorporated into the regular City Administrator's report. This change is intended to strengthen communication with the public, in response to survey results regarding communication and transparency regarding development projects. Cynthia explained that while the City cannot always provide information about private business projects, it will share updates on items formally submitted to the City and the public will have insight into what projects are in the City's review process.

Cynthia noted that she attended the National League of Cities conference last week. The conference theme, "Local Governments Deliver," focused on the daily work performed by city staff and elected officials. Conference sessions centered on the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, emphasizing the importance of bridge-related funding and the essential role of local councils of governments, including MARC in distributing those funds. Cynthia noted that she met with an aide from Congressman Graves' office to talk about transportation funding the city has received. She also thanked the Congressman for his support of the WRDA bill for the funding for the 144th Street Pump Station Project, and continuing conversations about future funding opportunities.

Cynthia noted that there have been ongoing discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding lease payments for Smith's Fork Park. Staff have had productive conversations and noted that follow-up meetings have already been scheduled. Cynthia noted that she also shared information with Congressman Graves and other federal officials as efforts continue making progress on the lease payments.

Cynthia provided personnel updates. Captain Tony Roetman has moved his retirement date up to June. The City now expects three retirements to occur in June. She noted that because the city previously over-hired for a public works frontline position, recruitment will focus on filling two of the three retiring roles. She explained that over the next couple of work sessions, staff will bring forward additional discussion about the recruitment process, compensation strategies, and recommendations stemming from work completed with McGrath Consulting. These discussions will include a closer look at compensation planning and proposed adjustments to the Police Department's command structure, which McGrath has analyzed in detail.

Cynthia shared good news about local infrastructure: Commercial Street has officially reopened, with only minor finishing touches remaining.

Cynthia noted that another opportunity came through a placemaking grant offered by the National Association of Realtors. The City was connected to this grant, for up to \$7,500 for projects that convert unused or underused community spaces into shared public gathering areas, through the Kansas City Regional Association of Realtors and its governmental affairs director. Cynthia thanked Alderman Hartman for helping the City with this. City staff have identified potential uses for the grant that could support portions of the Riverwalk project that currently lacks funding.

Cynthia noted that there is a nationwide shortage of pennies. Because of this shortage, the City will begin rounding all cash utility payments to the nearest nickel. For example, a water bill of \$71.11 would be rounded to \$71.15, with the extra four cents credited to the customer's

next bill. Online payments will remain unchanged and will still be processed down to the exact cent. Staff plans to share this information publicly so that residents are aware of the change and understand how rounding will be applied when paying in cash.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

5. Bill No. 3102-26, Rezoning 1503 and 1505 East Main Street – 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3102-26, changing the zoning classifications or districts of certain lands located in the City of Smithville, Missouri. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye,
Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Dana, Alderman Hartman – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3102-26 approved.

6. Bill No. 3103-26, FY2026 Budget Amendment No. 3– 1st & 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3103-26, amending the FY2026 Budget to add \$18,050 to the General Fund, \$48,849.30 to the Combined Water and Wastewater Fund expenditure budget, and \$183,578 to the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund. 1st reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye,
Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye, Alderman Wilson – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3103-26 approved for first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3103-26, amending the FY2026 Budget to add \$18,050 to the General Fund, \$48,849.30 to the Combined Water and Wastewater Fund expenditure budget, and \$183,578 to the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye,
Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye, Alderman Dana – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3103-26 approved.

7. Bill No. 3104-26, Hands Free Driving – 1st and 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3104-26, adding Section 340.250 to the Municipal Code relating to hands-free driving. 1st reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Kobylski - Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye,
Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Hartman – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3104-26 approved for first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3104-26, adding Section 340.250 to the Municipal Code relating to hands-free driving. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Kobylski - Aye, Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Wilson – Aye,
Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Hartman – Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3104-26 approved.

8. Bill No. 3105-26, Authorizing the Range Use Agreement – 1st & 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3105-26, authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute the Range Use Agreement with the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. 1st reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Dana – Aye,
Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3105-26 approved for first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3105-26 authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute the Range Use Agreement with the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye,
Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3105-26 approved.

9. Bill No. 3106-26, Agreement with Central Missouri Lodge #50 – 1st & 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3106-26, authorizing the City to enter into a Labor Agreement with West Central Missouri Regional Lodge #50 of the Fraternal Order of Police

Representing the Non-Supervisory Bargaining Unit. 1st reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Kobylski - Aye, Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Wilson – Aye,
Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye, Alderman Dana – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3106-26 approved for first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3106-26, authorizing the City to enter into a Labor Agreement with West Central Missouri Regional Lodge #50 of the Fraternal Order of Police Representing the Non-Supervisory Bargaining Unit. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye, Alderman Hartman - Aye
Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye, Alderman Wilson - Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3106-26 approved.

10. Bill No. 3107-26, Agreement with Central Missouri Lodge #50 – 1st & 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3107-26, authorizing the City to enter into a Labor Agreement with West Central Missouri Regional Lodge #50 of the Fraternal Order of Police Representing the Supervisory Bargaining Unit. 1st reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye,
Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Dana, Alderman Hartman – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3107-26 approved for first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3107-26, authorizing the City to enter into a Labor Agreement with West Central Missouri Regional Lodge #50 of the Fraternal Order of Police Representing the Supervisory Bargaining Unit. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Kobylski - Aye, Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Wilson – Aye,
Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Hartman – Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3107-26 approved reading.

11. Bill No. 3108-26, Shared Roads Agreement – 1st and 2nd Reading

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3108-26, approving the Shared Roads Agreement with Clay County and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. 1st reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Dana – Aye,
Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3108-26 approved for first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3108-26 approving the Shared Roads Agreement with Clay County and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Hartman - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye,
Alderman Stone - Aye, Alderman Dana - Aye, Alderman Wilson – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3108-26 approved.

12. Resolution 1565, Authorizing Payment to the Corps of Engineers

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Resolution 1565, authorizing payment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for operations and maintenance at Smithville Lake in the amount of \$48,849.30. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 1565 approved.

13. Resolution 1566, Award Bid No. 26-03, Strategic Plan Update

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Resolution 1566, awarding Bid No. 26-03, awarding Bid No. 26-03 to Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC for the strategic plan update in the amount of \$68,050. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 1566 approved.

14. Resolution 1567, Sanitary Sewer Meters

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Resolution 1567, approving expenditure for sanitary sewer flow meters in the amount not to exceed \$34,689. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 1567 approved.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

15. Public Comment

Dawn Cramer, 391 NW 174th Court, spoke to the Board concerning her water bill. She explained her water was shut off due to an auto-pay issue. She had mistakenly entered the last four digits of her postal code into the auto-pay system, which caused her payments to fail for three months, even though the bill still showed "paid by draft" and "auto pay."

Ms. Cramer noted she contacted the city after being shutoff, and a staff immediately identified the cause. She said she accepts responsibility and is willing to pay any penalties. However, she felt the City should cover the cost of turning the water back on because the billing system did not clearly indicate the problem and caused the issues for other residents.

She suggests that the City uses diligence before shutting off water service to prevent this from happening to others.

16. Appointment

The Mayor nominated Erika Winston for the re-appointment to the Clay County Extension Council.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Wilson – Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Dana – Aye,
Alderman Hartman – Aye, Alderman Stone – Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared Erika Winston re-appointed to the Clay County Extension Council.

17. New Business from the Floor

The Board discussed public comment about a resident's water being shut off due to an auto-pay issue caused by an incorrect ZIP-code entry. The Board agreed they should consider waiving the reconnect fee given the circumstances.

The Board also requested more information from staff about how many customer accounts were affected by this ZIP-code error.

Finance Director Rick Welch explained that the issue began around January 2026 and stemmed from a third-party credit-card processor, not the city. The processor sends emails when payments are declined. He estimated that 15–20 accounts were affected, noting that most residents noticed their credit cards were not being charged and called in to address the issue.

Alderman Hartman requested reviewing how other cities compensate their Aldermen, and also requested staff research the possibility of offering health insurance for the Board.

Some Board members noted they were comfortable with the current stipend and emphasized serving primarily to help the community, not for pay.

The board agreed to review compensation options during a future work session or during the budget retreat.

Alderman Dana requested to include if Aldermen opting out of health insurance should receive an alternative compensation.

Alderman Dana noted a request was received regarding contributing funds toward the renewal and maintenance of the Smithville founder's grave site, estimated at \$12,365.

The Board discussed that the site is in a private cemetery outside city limits, raising legal questions about what the city can fund. The Board agreed it is a topic for further discussion during the retreat or during the budget process.

18. Adjourn

Alderman Hartman moved to adjourn. Alderman Kobylski seconded the motion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the Regular Session adjourned to the Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Linda Drummond, City Clerk

Damien Boley, Mayor