

LOWRY CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 6:00 pm
Draft Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Greg BeVelle called the regular session of the Lowry City Board of Aldermen to order at 6 p.m. in the council room at city hall. Board members attending included East Ward Aldermen Charles Cone and Cecil Shehorn, West Ward Aldermen Sean Langston and Clark Patterson. City Clerk John Farrell, Temporary Water Sewer Superintendent Mike Clark, and several people from the community were also in attendance. Notice of the meeting was given pursuant to RSMo. 610.020. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bevelle.

Approval of Minutes:

The board reviewed the regular session minutes from April 21, 2026. Langston moved and Cone seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Bills:

A list of bills from April 21, 2026 through May 19, 2026 was presented for approval. Langston moved and Shehorn seconded the motion to approve the bills presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial reports:

Financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2026 were presented and reviewed. The mayor noted total income is at 102 percent and total expenses are at 97.4 percent of budgeted amount for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Farrell noted a six-month Certified Deposit at the St. Clair County State Bank valued at \$28,888 matures on May 23. The rate is currently 3.75% on the CD. He said the bank renewed the CD at 3.86% for the city.

Cone moved and Patterson seconded to accept the financial reports. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Old or unfinished business-No old or unfinished business

New business-

Resolution 02-2026-Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission membership renewal- Ashley Swartz and Teresa Heckenlively from Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission spoke to the board in reference to membership with KBRPC. The annual fee for the city is

\$208.42. Swartz explained the membership, services it provides and how KBRPC can assist the city with various projects. Langston moved to read the resolution regarding membership with KBRPC. Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The resolution was read.

Joyce Fiaccone, resident at 208 S. Dixon St., volunteered to serve as the representative for the city with KBRPC. Shehorn moved to approve the resolution that included Fiaccone as a representative. Patterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOPERM Insurance renewal-

Chad Mullins with Mike Keith Insurance was in attendance and presented the annual insurance renewal. On a motion from Shehorn and a second from Langston the board voted unanimously to approve the insurance renewal.

Adding a bond for city collector and city clerk- Farrell noted it was discovered the city carries a bond on the mayor and mayor pro-tem but not on the city collector or city clerk. He explained the current bonds cost \$75 per year. Chris Rutter with Mike Keith Insurance put together a quote for the board to review.

Farrell suggested the board choose the option that leaves the mayor and mayor pro-tem at the current \$10,000 each and adds the city clerk and collector for \$5,000 each at a total rate of \$138 per year. On a motion from Langston and a second from Cone the for voted unanimously to approve the option suggested.

Bids to cut down and remove tree at cemetery- BeVelle noted there were three bids received to cut and remove a tree at the cemetery. Bids received included Missouri Tree, Lawn & Landscaping, Osceola-\$6,000 (extra charge for grinding); Lewis Property Maintenance, Osceola-\$3,700 (\$300 extra charge for stump grinding); and Gary's All-Around Tree Trimming, Appleton City-\$3,800 (includes stump grinding). On a motion from Cone and a second from Langston the board unanimously agreed to accept the \$3,800 bid from Gary's All-Around Tree Trimming.

Requests for Proposals for municipal legal services

The mayor stated only one attorney responded to the city's request for proposals for municipal legal services. He said Attorney Race Leiber's information is included in the board packet and his rate is \$200 per hour on an as needed basis and no retainer. It was noted Leiber currently works with the Village of Collins and the City of Weaubleau regarding nuisance violations. On a motion from Patterson and a second from Shehorn the board unanimously agreed to utilize Leiber on an as needed basis.

Tiny home placement at 401 E 7th

Tiffany Elliott requested to be on the agenda to present a plan regarding placement of a tiny home in the city. Elliott was not in attendance at the meeting to present the plan.

Mobile home placement at 505 4th Street

Tracy Fletcher appeared and requested an exemption from the city's ordinance regarding mobile homes. Fletcher stated currently there is a double wide trailer at 505 4th St. that was damaged by fire. Fletcher asked for approval to place a 2017 model home that measures 16x80 in that location. He stated there will also be decks built for the home. Discussion was held in reference to the city's ordinance that places limits on the size of the trailer allowed in city limits. It was noted at one time there was a single-wide trailer in that same location. Comments were made regarding what the property would look like if nothing was done. The mayor asked if there was a motion to approve the exemption. No motion was made at that time.

Set date for June budget meeting-

The mayor announced the board needs to meet to discuss the FY 2026-2027 budget. On a motion from Langston and a second from Shehorn the board unanimously agreed to meet on June 15 at 6 pm for a budget meeting.

Mobile home placement at 505 4th Street (Re-visited)

Langston asked to revisit the mobile home placement matter. After discussion, Langston moved to allow the exemption to the ordinance. Shehorn seconded the motion. Langston and Shehorn voted in favor and Cone and Patterson were opposed. The mayor broke the tie and voted to allow placement of the home noting it will be better to have something in place at that location.

Citizen input:

-Patricial Landes asked questions regarding placement of the mobile home.

Department and group reports/updates:

City Hall: -Farrell reported nine signed nuisance complaints were turned over to the police department for investigation. The police noted five complaints were unfounded and four letters were prepared and sent to offenders.

The clerk said business license renewal notices have been mailed out. He reminded those performing any type of business in the city limits are required to have a business license. Information and forms are available on the city's website.

Farrell said letters requesting donations for the annual fireworks display were also been mailed out. Many were included with the business license renewal notice. He noted a donation of \$200 was received from Tom's Body Shop, Lowry City.

Police Department: Police Chief Charles Hodges was absent from the meeting attending a police academy graduation. The chief left a report. From March 129 to May 18, 2026 officers responded to nine calls for service including four trash violations, two domestic calls, one stealing and two protection order violations. The report noted officers made 19 traffic stops with

12 citations and seven warnings issued. The chief noted several complaints were also turned into the city clerk for investigation.

Farrell reported Hodges has given 30 days' notice of resignation from today's date. In his letter of resignation, Hodges stated he does not feel he can dedicate the time to do the job as it deserves. Farrell noted appreciation of the accomplishments made by Hodges to reorganizing the department. He said hopefully the position can be filled in an expedient manner and noted currently the department has the chief position and two officers. The department is allotted 48 hours a week between the three employees in the police department.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Justin Norris stated firefighters have been keeping busy with weather and storm spotting calls throughout the month. During the past month, the department responded to 17 calls for service including 11 medical calls, one fire, three motor vehicle accidents, and 2 community service calls. In total over the month, 73 hours and 4 minutes of man hours were logged, along with 42 hours of training.

Norris spoke of how the sirens in Lowry City work noting the siren sounds when the warning pertains to Lowry City. He said the siren will go off until it's all clear. If the electricity goes off firefighters will drive each street of the city with lights and sirens going. The chief announced the woman's auxiliary will host a car show on Oct. 17 and a Christmas in July event July 18.

Public Works: Clark reported everything is doing well with the public works department. He said Meyer is attending wastewater training two days a week and will finish up the first week in June. After testing, Meyer will be attending drinking water certification classes for 10 days.

Mayor's notes:

Mayor BeVelle remind citizens the city must have a signed complaint form on file regarding blighted properties.

The mayor said he attending the annual spring craft fair hosted by the Lowry City Community Betterment. He thanked the group for their efforts and noted he even spent his time in the dunk tank for the Lowry City Volunteer Fire Department Woman's Auxiliary.

Adjournment of regular open session:

Langston moved and Shehorn seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.

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Greg BeVelle, Mayor

Attest:

John Farrell, City Clerk