

**LOWRY CITY BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 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 and West Ward Aldermen Sean Langston and Clark Patterson. City Clerk John Farrell and Water/Sewer Superintendent Deryk Meyer were in attendance along with a few people from the community. 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 minutes from the tax levy hearing on August 18, 2026. Cone moved and Shehorn seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The board reviewed the regular session minutes from August 18, 2026. Langston moved and Patterson seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The board reviewed the closed session minutes from August 18, 2026. Shehorn moved and Langston seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Bills:**

A list of bills from August 18, 2026 through September 15, 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 August 31, 2026 were presented and reviewed. The mayor noted total income is at 12.6 percent and total expenses at 13.6 percent of budgeted amount for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

The mayor noted the city clerk renewed a 12-month CD valued at \$18,000 at St. Clair County State Bank. Rate was 3.75%. Bank agreed to new rate of 4%.

The reports were unanimously approved on a motion from Langston and a second from Cone.

**Old or unfinished business:**

***Update on advertising for audit of the city's financials***-Farrell noted contact was made with DSWA (the auditor who previously completed the city's audit) and the response was the company is not taking on new customers. Farrell explained contact was made with a company from Clinton who also stated the same thing. The clerk noted he will continue the search and contact other cities in the area for recommendations.

***Water rate increase***-BeVelle stated city staff prepared a proposed water rate and ordinance for review and the board needs to schedule a public hearing prior to next month's meeting to discuss increase of minimum charge from \$38.08 to \$50. On a

motion from Langston and a second from Shehorn the board unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing prior to the October 20, 2026 meeting at 5:45 p.m.

**New business:**

**Mediacom-** The mayor announced Mediacom TV service will no longer be available in the city limits beginning Oct. 1, 2026

**Cemetery plot (Marley McLarren)-** The mayor explained McLarren stated he was promised a cemetery plot for dirt given to the cemetery. The promise came from Clyde Keith, who has passed several years ago. There was discussion; however, no action was taken.

**Painting lines on Third Street near Main Street on Landmark side-** Alderman Patterson requested the matter on the agenda. The board discussed; however, no action was taken.

**Public input-comments or questions:** John Welch and Jackie Cuttler both voiced parking concerns with the corner Third Street near Main Street.

**Department and group reports/updates:**

**City Hall:** Farrell said he had nothing to report.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Michael Dawes had planned on being in attendance, however he was called out for service.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Justin Norris was not in attendance and no report was submitted.

**Public Works:** Water Sewer Superintendent Deryk Meyer reported he has passed his water distribution certification test. He noted a mechanical issue with one of the city trucks that was repaired. Meyer stated he has completed mapping the city's water and sewer lines in the computer. He noted he is researching companies that clean and inspect the inside of the water tower and will have additional information in the future.

**Mayor's notes:** BeVelle thanked city crews for moving the stage and getting it in place for the Lowry City Community Betterment's Music on Main Street on September 12. He also thanked the organization for hosting the event.

**Adjourn to closed session –** Langston moved and Shehorn seconded to adjourn the regular meeting and move to closed session for a staff review of Water/Sewer Superintendent Deryk Meyer pursuant to 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

A roll call vote was taken with Shehorn, Cone, Patterson and Langston all voting in favor.

**Re-convene to open session:**

**Adjournment of regular open session:**

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

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Greg BeVelle, Mayor

Attest:

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John Farrell, City Clerk