

CITY OF WILLARD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL SESSION
November 6, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Staff present: Interim City Administrator, Donna Stewart; Director of Public Works, Justin Sorgen; Project Engineer, Steve Bodenhamer; Director of Finance, Carolyn Halverson; Director of Parks and Rec, Jason Knight; Chief of Police, Tom McClain; Planning Assistant, Tammy Nephew; Economic Development Director, Greg Williams; and City Clerk, Dona Slater.

City Attorney Ken Reynolds was not present.

Citizens in attendance: Roy Dean Flanner, Mary Flanner, Megan Applegate, Debbie Ihrig, Mark Lancaster, Angie Wilson, Seve Cobb, Larry Whitman, and Debbie Whitman.

Call to Order.

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

The City Clerk conducted the Roll Call.

Alderman Smith-present; Alderman Keene-present; Alderman Hall-present; Alderman Swatosh-present; Mayor Baird-present.

Agenda Amendments/Agenda Approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Keene to approve the Agenda.
Motion carried with a vote of 4-0. Voting aye: Aldermen Smith, Keene, Hall, and Swatosh.

Citizen Input.

Angie Wilson – 107 Ridgeview Dr. – said she wants an agenda item requesting a state audit to examine the City finances from 2015 to the present. She believes this will restore the trust with citizens. She has spoken to friends and thinks an audit is warranted because trust has been eroded.

Megan Applegate – 721 Colby St. – thanked Alderman Smith for talking with her. She appreciates the quick response she got. With the resignation of Alderman Hendrickson, the town has grave concerns because he was mayor while committing crimes. She is disappointed in Alderman Baird's comments about Alderman Hendrickson. She stated they deserve transparency and need to know beyond a doubt that there was no embezzlement from the City. She is requesting a Resolution for a state audit.

Swearing in of Ward 1-Casey Biellier and Ward 2-Joyce Lancaster as Aldermen.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to swear in the newly appointed Aldermen.

Elect Mayor Pro-tem.

Alderman Keene nominated Alderman Smith for Mayor Pro-tem.

Motion was made by Alderman Keene and seconded by Alderman Lancaster to elect Alderman Smith as the Mayor Pro-tem.

Motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Voting aye: Aldermen Biellier, Lancaster, Keene, Hall, and Swatosh.
Alderman Smith abstained.

Adjourn Meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Keene and seconded by Alderman Smith to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Voting aye: Aldermen Swatosh, Smith, Hall, Keene, Biellier, and Lancaster.

The meeting Adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Dona Slater, City Clerk

Sam Baird, Mayor