

**Cole Camp City Council Meeting**  
**Regular Session**  
**April 16, 2026 7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Cole Camp, Missouri met in Regular Session in the council room at City Hall on April 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. The following Aldermen are present: Mindy Fox, Steve Knox, David Locke, Jeremiah Crider. Mayor Diana Burdick was also present. City Attorney Nathan Nicholaus was present. Administration in attendance: City Clerk Dawn Paul, Public Works Dana Hayes, Police Chief Christopher Horn. Attendance: Carolyn Kreissler, Peter Grigoryeu, Jo Ann Lane, Johnny Ehlers, Mildred Duffey, Betty Stiles, Steven Noel, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Green, Jeff Hickman, Galya Hickman, Tiffany Limback, Tara Wilson, Andy Brockman, Coy Williams, Traves Williams, Candace Williams, Phillip Anderson, Robert Burdick, Jack Farrar, Diane Peck, Rachel Wienberg, Wanda Brown, Bob Brown, Barb Crider, Elijah Crider, Catherine Crider.

Call meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer by Mayor Burdick

Alderwoman Fox moves to approve the agenda with a second from Alderman Locke. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Alderman Locke moves to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026; Regular Meeting Minutes March 19, 2026; the corrected minutes for Special Meeting April 6, 2026, with a second from Alderman Crider. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Alderman Crider moves to approve the Bills as written with a second from Alderman Locke. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Alderman Knox moves to accept City Financials with a second from Alderwoman Fox. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

**Great River:** Allyn Wright sent the approved MoDOT concurring letters for both TAP Grant projects. The pre-construction meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for both TAP Grants. Double Arch Construction won both projects. The winning bid for Maple Street East Side Project was \$249,017.50 and the winning bid for Maple Street West Side was \$187,259.50.

**Allen Rehmer:** Mr. Rehmer with Shawnee Lodge #653 informed the City of Cole Camp that the Benton County Rodeo will be held at the tractor club location in Cole Camp on September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. He is asking the city council for permission to place a sign on the city property. He also talked about Free Masonry and what they do for the community. Alderman Locke moves to allow the sign to be put on the city property between the tractor club and the highway with a second from Alderman Knox. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

**Planning & Zoning:** There was not a meeting due to conflicts this month and will get back to it and they expect to be done long before the end of the year. The website for Planning & Zoning is colecampspotlight.com.

**Clerk Report:** City Clerk Dawn Paul told the council about AFLAC, a supplemental insurance that the employee at the cost of the employee. The city would need 3 employees to sign up if we were to move forward with AFLAC. The consensus of the council is approval to move forward with AFLAC. On May 2, 2026 she will be at the budget academy Lake Ozark and next month Cole Camp will be hosting the MOCCFOA meeting. She also mentioned that the quote she had received for window washing, the council was not interested.

**Public Works Report:** Public Works Director Dana Hayes informed the council about receiving cold mix, some sewer trouble in town, ditches, working with MRWA about smoke testing, and the interim employee with the Skill Bridge program for veterans.

**Police Report:** Chief Christopher Horn reported the city had received body cameras as a donation from Sunrise Beach. The stats for the month for self-initiated calls from 27 to 33, a reduction in traffic stops are down from 26 to 16, calls for service are up from 30 to 42, increase in reports taken from 1 to 2. He also mentioned that night watch cards being delivered to businesses. He also talked about working on developing a policy manual and he is doing the sensitive items inventory. The Blue Shield Designation is due June 1<sup>st</sup> and the state allocated \$10,000,000 in 2025 for the program. The Chief is also getting a quote for replacing an expired vest for a current officer. He contacted Anchor Supply, Black Dawn, and Safe Light Defense. Safe line Defense is the only quote he has received so far for the vest, and the quote is \$1,756 and \$200 for the accessories.

**Attorney Report:** City Attorney Nathan Nicholas told the council about the upswing in cyber-crime and how the city should be screening what is put on the city website. He also mentioned that Lauber Law had several locations for city official training.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Burdick talked about the Kaysinger meetings and the Benton County Focus meeting. She also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where she introduced the new Chief of Police.

**City Survey Bids:** The city requested survey bids for boundary surveys for 7 locations. The bids were: Whitehead Consultants \$12,650 (Title Insurance commitments or searches of each site, if required, are to be provided by others); Engineering Surveys & Services \$65,300; Meco Engineering \$25,000. Alderwoman Fox moves to table the City Survey Bids to May 21, 2026 with a second from Alderman Knox. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

**Resolution #2026-02 – MO Blue Shield Program:** To become a Blue Shield Designation Police Dept the governing body needs to adopt a resolution to reduce crime and support the local law enforcement. Alderman Crider requests to amend Section 4 of the resolution to add the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Crider moves to accept Resolution # 2026-02 with change with a second from Alderman Locke. All in Favor. Motion Passes. Alderman Locke moves to read Resolution 2026-02 by title only with a second from Alderwoman Fox. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Alderman David Locke presents plaques to Alderwoman Mindy Fox and Mayor Burdick for their service to the city.

**Certification of Election Results:** City Clerk, Dawn Paul, read the election results and announced the winners of the election.

**Election Results:**

Mayor:		Alderman East Ward:	
Nicole Brown-Garrett	233 Votes	David Massingill	120 Votes
Diana M. Burdick	93 Votes	Klark Bohling	46 Votes

Alderman West Ward:  
Jeremiah Crider 131 Votes

Alderman Locke moves to Adjourn Sine Die with a second from Alderman Crider. All in Favor. Motion Passes. 7:48 P.M.

City Clerk swears in newly elected city officials: Nicole Garrett, Mayor; David Massingill, East Ward Alderman; Jeremiah Crider, West Ward Alderman.

Meeting to order at 7:49 P.M.

Prayer by Mayor Garrett

Pledge of Allegiance

Point of Personal Privilege: Mayor Nicole Garrett introduced Newly Elected Sedalia Mayor Traves Williams and his wife.

**Election of Acting President of the Board of Aldermen/Mayor Pro Tem:** Mayor Garrett asked for a recommendation for Mayor Pro-Tem. After no response Mayor Garrett asked to stand at ease and visit the Legal counsel. Mayor Garrett returned to session, no motions made.

**Appointment of City Attorney:** Mayor Garrett informed the Board of Aldermen that per the ordinance she is responsible for appointing the city attorney and she has decided not to continue with Lauber Law Firm based on community input and talking with each member of the Board of Aldermen. She will wait until the May 21, 2026 meeting to make the city attorney appointment. She will invite Alex C. Felzien, of the Mauer Law Firm to stand for appointment for the City Attorney and invite Attorney Cale Haddock to stand for appointment as the City Prosecutor. She also has decided not to have a city attorney at each meeting. They will be on call basis and available remotely for closed meetings. Attorney Felzien is around the same price as Lauber Law \$210 to \$220 per hour and will not charge for travel. Mr. Haddock will charge a flat rate of \$800 monthly. Mayor Garrett asked the question to each Board of Alderman if they will be prepared to make the determination to Appoint the City Attorney in May. Alderman Crider – He will know by the next meeting; Alderman Locke – If he has information a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting; Alderman Knox - If he has information a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting; Alderman Massingill – He’s good.

**Appointment of City Commissioners:** Mayor Garrett hoped to meet with each alderman to discuss the appointments before tonight. At the meeting in May, she will provide a slate for the Board of Aldermen to review regarding the city commission appointments.

**Corporate of Resolutions:** Alderman Crider moves to keep spending limits as is for the administration with a second from Alderman Knox. Roll Call: Alderman Massingill – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Crider – Aye. Motion Passes. Alderman Knox moves to have Mayor Garrett, Alderman Massingill, Alderman Crider and City Clerk Dawn Paul as check signers with a second from Alderman Locke. Roll Call: Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke– Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Passes.

**Health Insurance - Tiffany Limback, Mike Keith Insurance:** Ms. Limback brought the quotes for next year’s health insurance for the employees. The quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the same plan as last year is up by 20.67% increase in medical premium. She talked about several options available that could be a cost saving to the city. The current plan is for \$67,804.56, the renewal cost for this plan is \$81,817.32. HSA option is \$76,176.00. Composite rating with a \$4,000 deductible is \$81,658.80, with a \$9,000 deductible is \$70,704.00. The quotes are priced at the current 6 full-time employees on the health care plan.

**Mayor’s Address:** Mayor Garrett expressed her gratitude to everyone for their support and said she is honored to have been elected and to be serving in her first public office during the 250th anniversary of the United States. She stated that office hours will be announced soon and that discussions regarding the budget schedule and projected 2026 expenditures are underway. She also shared that she will be assessing the city’s infrastructure and looks forward to working closely with the Public Works staff. Additionally, she invited the Board of Aldermen to collaborate on evaluating the city’s infrastructure needs and developing a long-term capital improvement plan. Alderman Knox agreed to participate in the effort. She added that public input will also be solicited as part of the planning process.

Citizens Comments: Wanda Brown – Hold comments until next month.

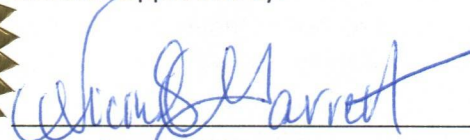
David Locke moves to adjourn with a second from David Massingill. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Adjourned to closed session at 8:14 P.M.

Minutes by Dawn Paul:



Minutes approved by:

  
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Nicole Garrett, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Dawn Paul, City Clerk

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