

Cole Camp City Council Meeting

Regular Session

July 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 July 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. Administration in attendance: City Clerk Dawn Paul, Public Works Director Dana Hayes, Police Chief Christopher Horn. Attendance: Johnny Ehlers, Jason Sivils, Jo Ann Lane, Jon Beckman, Mildred Duffey, Eric Wilson, Mike Smasal, Judy Smasal, Steven Noel, Tim Craig, Diana Burdick, Wanda Brown, Bob Brown.

Mayor Garrett called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation by Mayor Garrett

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present:

Mayor Nicole Garrett

Alderman David Massingill

Alderman Steve Knox

Alderman David Locke

Alderman Jeremiah Crider

Alderman Knox moves to approve the agenda with a second from Alderman Locke. Roll Call: Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Carried.

Alderman Knox moves to postpone approval of the minutes till next month with a second from Alderman Locke. Roll Call: Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye, Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Carried.

Great River Update: Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering: Mr. Sivils presented an update on both of downtown sidewalk projects. The West Side Sidewalk project is almost 90% complete. All the concrete has been laid. The handrails and decorated stone will still need to be placed.

Mr. Sivils also presented an update on the for the East Sidewalk Project. He reported that the plans and field conditions were thoroughly reviewed, with elevations rechecked and updates made based on contractor requests, field conditions, landowner concerns, and City input. Design changes include improved pedestrian and ADA access, decorative stone, updated handrails, parallel parking, drainage improvements, and adjustments to avoid conflicts with existing utilities and buildings. Construction is progressing, with stormwater work and concrete improvements

underway, while the contractor and City staff continue to address underground utility conflicts. Final drawings have been updated with input from the City, contractor, and property owners.

Mr. Sivils reported the project is having about \$12,500 in overages and additional quantities, due to quality changes or additions from the original project and not mistakes requiring demolition and replacement. The contractor has also experienced delays related to design changes, questions, and landowner requests. These delays are at a cost of about \$5,000 and they could go higher. Great River Engineering, as a sign of good faith, has proposed paying the contractor \$17,500. This is \$12,500 for the overages and \$5,000 for the delays. He acknowledged that the project could have been managed better from the beginning. He also informed Mayor Garrett that a change order will need to be signed so the changes are documented.

Point of Clarification: Mayor Garrett commented on the vote from the last meeting (June 18, 2026), out of abundance of caution she made sure that the vote was not taken on the Accounts Payable Resolution with only two of the three aldermen available. When a simple majority is needed two of the three aldermen will be sufficient on the Accounts Payable Resolutions, in case someone is absent.

RES 2026-07 Approve Accounts Payable June 12, 2026 to July 13, 2026 HP Tire & Muffler/City Clerk: Alderman Crider moves to accept RES 2026-07 for \$1,165.15 for HP Tire & Muffler with a second from Alderman Knox.

Alderman Locke stepped away from the meeting at 7:20 P.M. for a discussion with the engineer.

Roll Call: Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye, Alderman Massingill – Abstain. Motion Carried.

Alderman Locke returned to the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

RES 2026-08 Approve Accounts Payable June 16, 2026 to July 13, 2026: Alderman Crider commented on Ozark Disposal cost for city-wide cleanup. Alderman Crider moves to accept RES 2026-08 the payments for June 16 to July 13, 2026 with a second from Alderman Massingill. Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Carried.

BILL NO. 2026-02/ORD 582 Amend 2026 Budget/Administration: Mayor Garrett gave a summary of the budget amendment process and discussed several items, including contract labor, that were not in the original budget. The department heads were able to balance each of their budgets without proposing tax increases or using reserves funds. The one exception is the police department. The police department, which is projecting a deficit of approximately \$39,575.93 for the year.

Mayor Garrett also explained the budget documents that were included with the agenda item, including a budget narrative and spreadsheet overview by fund. The spreadsheet overview provides two different options for the Police Department. The first option reflects Police Departments projected position at the end of the year with a full staff of four. The second option is workforce reduction, by eliminating one full-time position.

Alderman Crider commented that he isn't sure about eliminating a police position. Alderman Massingill asked about scheduled hours and questioned why the highest paid employees were scheduled at the same time? Chief Horn informed the Board of Alderman of the police department current schedule, and he is looking reviewing the schedule and considering adjustments to the schedule.

Mayor Garrett asked if it was the will of the board to expand our police coverage, reduce the overlap between supervisory staff? It was commented by the board that no supervisors should be on at the same time.

Alderman Massingill moves to have the first reading by title only Bill NO. 2026-02 Ordinance No. 582 "Reappropriate and Revise the Adopted Budget for the Current Year" with the workforce reduction with a second by Alderman Knox. Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Carried. Alderman Knox moves to have the second reading by title only on Bill No. 2026-02 Ordinance No. 582 "Reappropriate and Revise the Adopted Budget for the Current Year" with the workforce reduction with a second from Alderman Locke. Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports: Alderman Locke moves to approve the financial reports as written with a second from Alderman Knox. Roll Call: Alderman Crider – Aye; Alderman Locke – Aye; Alderman Knox – Aye; Alderman Massingill – Aye. Motion Carried.

Clerk Report: Submitted reports in writing.

Public Works Report: Submitted reports in writing.

Police Report: Submitted reports in writing. Alderman Knox asked if we are reducing the police force why do we need a fourth vehicle. Chief Horn replied that it would replace an aging vehicle.

Mayor Garrett asked Public Works Director DJ Hayes to tell us about the smoke test, what we can expect and what happens next. The smoke testing will be done on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from Oak St to U Hwy and from Main St North. If there is smoke in homes that means there are sewer gases in the home. The smoke testing is to fix the inflow and infiltration from all the storm water. If there are issues the smoke will rise. Some of the problems are ground water, cracked pipes, sump pumps, and gutter drains issues with a significant amount of rain. Stats for the sewer plant for our population are 120,000 gallons a day and that pushes 400,000 to 500,000 gallons after a good rain.

Alderman Locke commended Public Works Director DJ Hayes for the job he is doing.

Mayor's Address: Mayor Garrett commented on legal fees. This month's legal fees were \$1,100 and this time last year was \$4,400. This is a great deal of savings.

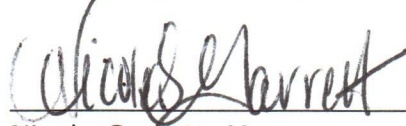
Citizens' Comments: Diana Burdick – 1. Police officers 2. Revenue for courts. 3. Fireworks; Wanda Brown – No Comments; Jonathan Beckman – Police Contract

Alderman Crider moves to adjourn with a second from Alderman Massingill. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 P.M

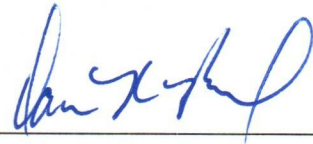
Minutes by Dawn Paul:

Minutes approved by:



Nicole Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Dawn Paul, City Clerk

