

City of Cole Camp, Missouri

Board of Aldermen Meeting

Date: July 16, 2026

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1. The United States Postal Service has informed the City that returning blank postcards to itself in order to meet the 500-piece minimum mailing requirement is not permitted under the City's mailing permit. As a result, the City is no longer allowed to use its postal mailing permit for utility bill postcards.

To ensure uninterrupted utility bill mailings, the City purchased postcard stamps in sufficient quantity to last through the end of the year before the postal rate increase that took effect on July 12, 2026. Additionally, the City continues to encourage customers to enroll in email billing. As participation in email billing has increased over the past several years, the number of utility bill postcards mailed each month has steadily declined.

2. The front door has been replaced after it shattered.
3. All department heads have dedicated a significant amount of time and effort to preparing and reviewing the 2026 budget, as well as developing the necessary amendments to ensure it accurately reflects the City's financial needs and operational priorities.
4. I will be out of the office and attending the MOCCFOA meeting on Friday, July 17, 2026 in Osage Beach..
5. The City is operating smoothly, with all departments continuing to provide services as expected. Daily operations are on track, and there are no significant issues to report at this time.