

Council Proceedings for the City of Kennett, Missouri
November 4, 2025
6:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Kennett, Missouri met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Those in attendance were Mayor Jake Crafton, Council Members Lisa Dry, Randy Carter, Mark Bryant, James Waynick, Harry Gaddis, Kevin Swain, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, and Bob Young, City Administrator Steve Rasmussen, City Attorney Terry McVey and City Clerk Mandy Lewis. Council Member Jimmy French was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jake Crafton.

Pastor Mark Kailbourn gave the invocation.

Council Member Dennis Pelts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Dry states an addition to the Public Comments section needed to be made stating the City would contact Mr. Dewayne Cooper regarding his suggestions. A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2025, with an addition to the Public Comments section, was made by Council Member Waynick, seconded by Council Member Harry Gaddis; motion passed.

City Administrator's Report:

a. Recognition of Marty Cato

Retired Firefighter Marty Cato was recognized for his 33 years of service to the City of Kennett.

b. Update on Rental Properties

Mr. Rasmussen recognized Code Enforcement Officer Victor Mode to update the Council regarding the inspections on rental properties. Code Enforcement Officer Victor Mode states Mr. R Cook is progressing in obtaining inspections on his 70 properties and is requesting an extension of the agreement previously signed. Code Enforcement Officer Mode also informs the Council that Mr. D. Cunningham is requesting a provisional license, and this request may be a topic in a future Council Meeting.

c. Update on 411 Cedar Street

Mr. Rasmussen recognized Code Enforcement Officer Victor Mode to update the Council regarding the property located at 411 Cedar Street. Code Enforcement Officer Victor Mode states that approximately 80 percent of the property has been cleared. The deadline that was given was Friday, November 7, 2025, however, the owner has been injured in an accident so it may be extended.

d. Calendar Fundraiser

Mr. Rasmussen recognized Chief of Police Kenny Wilson to discuss upcoming fundraising efforts. Chief Wilson states a company will be calling local businesses to advertise on a calendar for the Kennett Police Department. He informs the proceeds go towards the Shop with a Hero Program.

e. Fire Department Article

Mr. Rasmussen informs the Council that this week's news article is regarding the Kennett Fire Department and was written by Fire Chief Lance Davis.

Mr. Rasmussen informs the Council that Mr. Richard Cochran with Waters Engineering will be preparing a preliminary report for the stormwater plan in the next few weeks.

Kennett Chamber of Commerce Update:

Kennett Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Christian Johnson was absent from the meeting.

Old business:

a. Resolution 2025-6

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-6 was made by Council Member Carter, seconded by Council Member Young; motion passed.

New business:

a. Sale of KPD 2019 Ford Taurus

A motion to approve the sale of the KPD 2019 Ford Taurus was made by Council Member Swain, seconded by Council Member Pelts; motion passed.

b. Resolution 2025-8

Mr. Rasmussen informs the Council that the property located at 411 West Fifth Street is city owned property. The adjoining neighbor is interested in purchasing the property.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-8 was made by Council Member Swain, seconded by Council Member Pelts; motion passed.

c. Presentation: Recommended Appointments to Park Board

Mayor Crafton informs the Council of three nominations for the Park Board. He requests the Council consider Trey Bradford, Crystal Hrissikos and Darrell Watson for appointments. The matter will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

A motion to go into Closed Session for Real Estate per RSMO610.021(2) was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Waynick. Vote: Yes - Council Members Lisa Dry, Randy Carter, Mark Bryant, James Waynick, Harry Gaddis, Kevin Swain, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, and Bob Young. No – None. Council Member Jimmy French was absent.

A motion to go into Open Session was made by Council Member Pelts, seconded by Council Member Waynick. Vote: Yes - Council Members Lisa Dry, Randy Carter, Mark Bryant, James Waynick, Harry Gaddis, Kevin Swain, Dennis Pelts, Steve Panousis, and Bob Young. No – None. Council Member Jimmy French was absent.

Discussion regarding an end of year employee appreciation dinner and end of the year incentives was held. A motion was made by Council Member Swain, seconded by Council Member Waynick to equally split the \$3,500 budgeted among the City of Kennett employees that have worked 1,041 hours within the last year; motion passed.

Discussion and an agreement regarding canceling the November 18, 2025, City Council meeting. The next Council Meeting will be December 2, 2025.

Being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Pelts, seconded by Council Member Panousis; motion passed.


Mandy Lewis
City Clerk


Jake Crafton
Mayor