

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 610.021 (1) LITIGATION (2) REAL ESTATE AND (3), PERSONNEL - RsMO IF NECESSARY.

Sept. 11, 2025 @ 6:00 pm  
132 East Broadway, New Franklin, MO

Present were as follows:

Mayor – Daniel Yount  
Alderman Ward I - Ricky Newell  
Alderwoman Ward I – Rachel Hammers  
Alderman Ward II – James Painter  
Alderman Ward II - Seth Hallowell  
Alderman Ward III - Anthony Martin  
Alderwoman Ward III – Charlie Leach  
City Clerk – Shelley Shackelford  
Attorney – Todd Smith  
City Service – Nick McCulloch  
City Administrator – Courtney Renner

Guests present: Amanda Gunn, Thomas Gunn, Shirley Bechtold, & Jessica Garing

Mayor Yount called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Yount called for roll call 6 were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Mayor Yount called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Alderwoman Hammers made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting, and seconded by Alderman Newell. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

Mayor Yount called for a motion to approve the Agenda of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Alderman Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting, and seconded by Alderman Hallowell. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

Mayor Yount called for a motion to approve the bills as of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the bills, as of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and seconded by Alderman Hallowell. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

1. Applications/Interviews Nikki Eaton, Julie Bowen, Aaron Kleoppel  
Three applicants interviewed. Alderman/Alderwoman/Attorney asked questions, and each applicant gave a rundown of their background.
2. Radio/Scanner Quote (ARPA Funds) – Radio was discussed and approved to pay for with ARPA funds.  
Alderman Hallowell made a motion to approve the use of ARPA funds. Alderman Painter seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.
3. Stephen Yoder was tabled
4. Park Board – Pond Bid Opened and reviewed. The attorney will prepare a contract for the low-read bid and will bring it back to the October meeting and meet with contractor to discuss specifics.
  - a. Bid 1: Empire Trenching and Dirt Work LLC was the lowest bid of \$26,000
  - b. Bid 2: Renfrow Storm Removal & Construction for \$38,250

- c. Bid 3. Gries \$42,000 plus an additional \$10,000 for clay or dirt if needed.

Alderman Painter motioned to approve Empire Trenching's bid for \$26,000. Alderman Hollowell seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

- d. Mayor Young proposed using \$20,000.00 of Use Tax and putting toward pond at the park.

Alderman Martin motioned to approve using the \$20,000. Alderman Hollowell seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

- e. Add Hope Taylor as the new Park Board Member.

Alderman Hollowell made motion to approve adding Hope as a park board member. Alderman Martin seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

- f. Start Pond Maintenance Contract with MODNR Community Assistance Program.

Alderman Hollowell made a motion to start contract. Alderwoman Leach seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

- g. Mayor Yount gave a run down on what it would cost to bring the police dept. back and how it wasn't feasible for the city right now. The Sheriff's department is putting together a plan/cost breakdown of more coverage from the department for the 2026 year.

- h. Alderwoman Leach brought to the board her concerns about the park board grants. She would like to have more communication in regard to what is going on with the grants being asked for.

5. Closed session

City Services: No report.

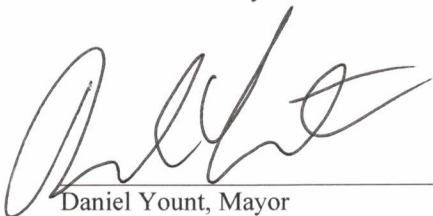
Moved to closed session. Alderman Martin Motioned to move to the closed session. Alderman Newell seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

Move to open session. Alderman Martin made motion to open session. Alderman Hollowell seconded. Motion carried with all 6 ayes.

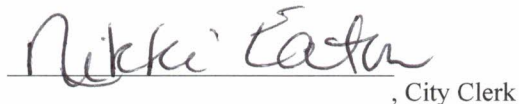
Motion to adjourn. Alderman Martin made motion to adjourn. Alderman Hollowell seconded. Motion carries with all 6 ayes.

Minutes taken by Courtney Renner

Minutes written by Nikki Eaton



Daniel Yount, Mayor



Nikki Eaton, City Clerk