

CITY OF KNOB NOSTER
Board of Aldermen Session
Meeting Minutes—February 17, 2026

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
2. Invocation.
3. MAYOR BYERLY called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All present included: ALDERMEN THERING, CHARRETTE, KLEOPPEL, PALMER, STAUFFER-BAUM and SMITH. A quorum was verified.
4. ALDERMAN PALMER made motion to approve the Agenda with a second by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
5. ALDERMAN SMITH to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:
 - a. Approving minutes of the February 5, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting minutes with Alderman Palmer's name removed from last meeting and an amendment on Item 12 to state that the City will maintain the paved alley behind the Christian Church once it has been paved.

ALDERMAN CHARRETTE seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

6. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
7. ALDERMAN SMITH thanked Public Works for the alley repair beside Knob Noster Physical Therapy. He said that the sidewalk on Washington Street looks great. ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL mentioned potholes on Workman Street. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM inquired about an update for the Wimer Street sidewalk. He asked what could be done about downtown property owners not renting their buildings and Knob Noster having so many empty storefronts. He mentioned the need for a restroom somewhere near Norman Park at the 4-way intersection of State and McPherson. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE inquired as to whether Public Works will be filling potholes this week. The Public Works Supervisor said it would be 2 to 3 weeks before asphalt is ordered as it is currently too cold for the asphalt to stay in the potholes. Alderman Charrette said that at the intersection of Lucas and Allen and somewhat in front of 900 Allen, there were potholes needing repair. He relayed that the bridge on Washington Street now has a small hole in it. He said the PD had not presented the 2025 Police report. He wants the Satellite Water Meter RFP on the next agenda. MAYOR BYERLY said that he had attended a Missouri Municipal League meeting in Jefferson City where numerous things were discussed. Representative Ready is still a proponent of the proposed transient tax bill. He said the Garden Club thanked the City for their donation. He relayed that Panther Stealth Robotics first match will be on March 4, 2026.
8. There was no virtual or in-person public participation.
9. The City Administrator relayed his report.
10. Amy Blansit, co-founder of the Drew Lewis Foundation, introduced Jessica Smith and Alex Light, and they made an expansive presentation regarding the RISE Program and the benefits proposed to our city.
11. Discussion was held. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE asked if any other city in Missouri was participating in the Drew Lewis Foundation. They said that Knob Noster would be their first city to participate. He thought that a Steering Committee could be put together to determine if this would be feasible for our small city. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM inquired about the volunteer manning of the program in our community. He said that perhaps the Whiteman Area Leadership Committee or other organization would be a better fit. ALDERMAN THERING said he doesn't think Knob Noster is prepared for this program. MAYOR BYERLY feels that the City is not the right entity for their program but other organizations within our community might work better.
12. Motion to pass Bill No. 021726-A: An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code, Article V, Supplementary Regulations, Chapter 405.456, Short-Term Rental Properties, Applications and Procedures, Section (A) Subsection (4) Short-Term Permit Posting, to its first reading, by title only, was made by ALDERMAN PALMER, with a second by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion was held.

MAYOR Byerly had the City Clerk present the Bill by title only.

Motion to pass Bill No. 021726-A: An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code, Article V, Supplementary Regulations, Chapter 405.456, Short-Term Rental Properties, Applications and Procedures, Section (A) Subsection (4) Short-Term Permit Posting, to its second reading, by title only, was made by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM, with a second by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Thering	Aye
Alderman Smith	Aye
Alderman Charrette	Aye
Alderman Kleoppel	Aye
Alderman Stauffer-Baum	Aye
Alderman Palmer	Aye

Bill No. 021726-A passed 6 ayes to 0 nays. Ordinance number 934 was assigned.

13. Discussion was held regarding the Knob Noster Water and Sewer Connection Policy. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE says that anyone outside KN city limits should have to pay more to received city water benefits and annexation. Motion was made to set aside this item by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM with a second by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
14. Discussion was held regarding the Knob Noster Purchasing Policy. In the current policy, there is no mention of grants and grant matches and how they are allocated. The language submitted by the City Administrator makes Department Heads responsible to request funds for grant matches using in place Purchasing Policy thresholds under Section 3 of the Purchasing Policy. Motion to approve the amendment of the Purchasing Policy regarding grants and grant matches, adding Section 9. Grant Applications and Purchases, was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE and was seconded by ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
15. Discussion was held regarding the Emergency Management Director's position in the City of Knob Noster. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE doesn't feel that Chief Van Vickle has diligently worked the EMD position and stipend that he has been getting and that the City Administrator would be better qualified for the position as he attends all the meetings. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM asked whether the Chief would lose the \$5,000 yearly stipend. He would. The Aldermen asked whether the City Administrator was certified. He is not, but he can be named EMD and complete the training within one year. Motion was made to designate the City Administrator as the Emergency Management Director, thereby removing the Chief of Police from the EMD role, the effective date of this change shall be determined and set by the City Administrator, and the EMD stipend will be reassigned to the City Administrator by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE with a second by ALDERMAN THERING. Motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay (SMITH).
16. Motion was made to adjourn at 7:44 pm by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE and was seconded by ALDERMAN PALMER. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy M. Schouten, Knob Noster City Clerk