CITY OF KNOB NOSTER
Board of Aldermen Session
Meeting Minutes—July 21, 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 PALMER, WRAY, GOUCHER, KLEOPPEL, SMITH and THERING. A quorum was verified.

4. ALDERMAN PALMER made motion to amend the Agenda to add in at Item 10 "*Discussion and Consideration of TAP Project Changes*" with a second by ALDERMAN SMITH. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

5. ALDERMAN SMITH to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:
    a. Approving minutes of the July 7, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting minutes.

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

6. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.

7. ALDERMAN SMITH noted that Union Pacific Big Boy steam engine came through town and many patrons showed up to see it. ALDERMAN THERING said that his neighbor with the trees near his power lines contacted Evergy online to report the problem and Evergy will be sending a tree trimming crew to Knob Noster soon. He reminded all to get out and vote on August 4, 2026. ALDERMAN WRAY noted that the trees were overgrown and impeding line of sight at the intersection of Wimer and Washington Street. Chief Van Vickle introduced Rylee McKenzie to the Board of Aldermen. She is the new police clerk and the Board welcomed her. Parks and Recreations Department had held their first water event and many attended.

8. Dr. Jarrod Wheeler, Knob Noster, said that he and a few School Board members were concerned that increasing the ICC Code from 2003 to 2024 would put too much of a cost burden on builders. He feels that, by adopting the 2024 ICC Code, the City will lose their forward momentum of growth that has been happening. He said that he had heard the same from numerous builders and developers that they do not want to move to ICC 2024. What is the rationale for updating the code?

9. The City Administrator relayed his report.

10. Discussion was held regarding the MoDot TAP Grant. The engineers want to know if the sidewalk on the south side of the Taproom needs to be extended three feet as there is plenty of road for traffic. The City Administrator feels that a wider sidewalk would aid the downtown district. The Aldermen do not want to decrease the width of McPherson to lay three more feet of sidewalk on the north side. Motion was made by ALDERMAN PALMER to NOT increase the McPherson sidewalk by the Taproom three additional feet with a second by ALDERMAN GOUCHER. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

11. Motion was made to read Resolution 433: A Resolution Affirming the Intent of the City of Knob Noster to Move Forward with Implementing the 2024 ICC Building Codes in Sixteen Different Categories, and Establishing a Committee to Oversee Same in its entirety by ALDERMAN PALMER with a second by ALDERMAN SMITH. Motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay (THERING). The City Clerk read Resolution 433 in its entirety. MAYOR BYERLY said that this will be a discussion regarding what about the code each Aldermen do not like.

    ALDERMAN SMITH: He asked what the 13 Codes were that would be affected? The CA listed off: mechanical, fuel, natural gas, residential, commercial, etc. He asked why the change. He asked if houses were currently being built to unsafe standards? He understands about standards as he was in the military. He said he knows numerous contractors who are against this change. He feels that the process is too early and has too fast of an implementation timeline.

    ALDERMAN THERING: He believes that this requested move to 2024 ICC would hurt the City's building progress. He said that he knows people in Warrensburg, a City who adopted the 2024 ICC within the last couple of years, who have moved outside City limits to build their houses because the Code was too restrictive and costly. The City needs a "common sense" approach to development. He thinks that Knob Noster can compete with other cities with building projects if we remain on the 2003 ICC Code. He said that if the City adopts this code, it will stagnate growth in our town.

    ALDERMAN PALMER: She asked about what is being built currently? She also inquired about the comparison of the 2003 ICC Code to the 2024 ICC Code. She said that, ideally, instead of going through 30,000 pages of Code, a better idea would be to determine what the difference is between the 2003 and 2024 ICC Code. She asked if this would affect any already-built properties by updating the Code. The City Administrator said that those properties would be grandfathered in.

ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL: He believes that the City should enact policies and procedures before they approve the 2024 ICC Code. He feels that these need to be in place before the City considers a move to the 2024 Code. He said that the 2003 Code has issues that policies and procedures would/could remedy.

ALDERMAN GOUCHER: He said there was a big difference between the 2003 ICC Code and the 2024 ICC Code. He had personally calculated a 31% increase in building costs if 2024 Code was enacted. He said the Building Inspector can inspect generally but she cannot inspect VA homes as they have more stringent rules. He said that we could poll Building Inspectors from other towns about their code and their policy and procedures in place for inspections.

ALDERMAN WRAY: She said she was split on her decision. One the one hand, 2003 ICC is easier and cheaper, but 2024 ICC Code appears safer.

12. Chief Van Vickle led discussion regarding the 2026 Blue Shield Grant. The grant amount awarded to the KNPD is $26,000.00. He would like to purchase a vehicle with the grant monies, but he does know that would not be enough. He has been in conversation with David Mayhew, Chief of Police for Holden, Mo, and their department would be interested in purchasing the Dodge Charger being replaced. He had gotten four bids for vehicles: Lou Fusz Ford Chesterfield, 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder--$53,370.00; Lou Fusz Ford Chesterfield, 2026 Ford Explorer (K8A)--$47,820.00; Don Brown Chevrolet, 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD--$55,946.00, and Lou Fusz, 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder--$53,370.00. Through discussion, it was determined that Chief Van Vickle would like to purchase the 206 Ford Explorer (K8A). Motion was made by ALDERMAN THERING to purchase the 2024 Ford Explorer with the Blue Shield Grant, the proceeds from selling the Dodge Charger and upfitting with a second by ALDERMAN SMITH. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

13. Motion was made to enter Closed Session at 7:09pm Pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo, Paragraph 3, Personnel and Paragraph 2, Real Estate by ALDERMAN THERING with a second by ALDERMAN SMITH.

Roll Call Vote	
Alderman Thering	Aye
Alderman Palmer	Aye
Alderman Kleoppel	Aye
Alderman Goucher	Aye
Alderman Wray	Aye
Alderman Smith	Aye

14. Motion was made to adjourn at 7:50 pm by ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL and was seconded by ALDERMAN PALMER. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy M. Schouten
Knob Noster City Clerk