

CITY OF KNOB NOSTER
Board of Aldermen Session
Meeting Minutes—March 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, KLEOPPEL, STAUFFER-BAUM, WRAY and SMITH. A quorum was verified.
4. ALDERMAN THERING made motion to approve the Agenda with a second by ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.
5. ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:
 - a. Approving minutes of the March 3, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting minutes with amendment to Item 14, removing Alderman Charrette and replacing with Alderman Smith.

ALDERMAN THERING seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.
6. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
7. ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL asked if the City had video of the sewer line in Valley Hill? ALDERMAN THERING said that Stealth Panther Robotics will be competing in Arkansas on Saturday, March 21, 2026. He said he thinks that the City should put the whole-town street repaving on the ballot as a bond issue for Knob Noster citizens to vote on. He would like to see the street study performed by Walter P. Moore be brought back to a meeting. ALDERMAN SMITH said that the potholes around town are deep. He relayed that the grate at State and McPherson needs cleaned out for proper drainage. Public Works Superintendent, Kyle Hamrick, thanked the City for their support and flowers sent to his relative's funeral. He relayed information regarding a water leak on Washington Street. Police Chief Karl Van Vickle said that the PD needed an awning to cover police vehicles. He also relayed that the EMA position is a contracted position.
8. There was no virtual or in-person public participation.
9. The City Administrator relayed his report.
10. Discussion was held regarding the Mutual Aide Agreement that had been submitted by the LaMonte Fire Department. Chief Johnson relayed that there was a new Chief in LaMonte and he could not locate our Mutual Aide Agreement. Motion was made to approve the Mutual Aide Agreement submitted by LaMonte Fire Department by ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL with a second by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.
11. Chief Van Vickle briefed the Board of the proposed purchases to be made for the Blue Shield Grant. These included (10) ballistic plates for carriers, (5) mini rifle shields, (10) ballistic helmets, and (2) Halligan bars. They intend to apply for this grant again in 2026.
12. Discussion was held regarding the grant submittal to AARP. If awarded, the project will include installation of an ADA-compliant walking surface, three shaded park tables with integrated seating, and cohesive way-finding signage directing patrons and visitors to downtown destinations and local points of interest. These improvements will create a safe, shaded, and dignified place for older adults to rest, socialize, and participate in community life while strengthening downtown vitality. This grant request is \$15,000.00.
13. Discussion was held regarding the grant submitted to the US Congress for the FY26 Community Project Funding Request (CPF), through Mark Alford's office. Typical funded awards are between \$250,000.00 and \$4-7 million. The Washington Avenue bridge is the route students walk and drive to school and there are approximately 1,000 cars a day that drive down it. The 40-foot steel girder bridge serves as a primary north-south collection route for Knob Noster. The City is requesting \$700,00.00 for complete bridge replacement.

14. Motion was made at 6:40pm by ALDERMAN SMITH, to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo, Paragraph 9, Contract Negotiations with a second by ALDERMAN KLEOPPEL.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Smith	Aye
Alderman Thering	Aye
Alderman Stauffer-Baum	Aye
Alderman Wray	Aye
Alderman Kleoppel	Aye

15. Motion was made to adjourn at 7:11 pm by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM and was seconded by ALDERMAN SMITH. Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy M. Schouten
Knob Noster City Clerk