

CITY OF DONIPHAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 7th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The City Council met in regular session at 110 N. Grand Avenue, at the above-mentioned time and date with the following members of the council present: Mayor Dennis Cox. City Attorney Chris Miller & City Clerk Marti Porter. Council members present: Riley March, Steve Collins & Denver Jackson.

Others present were: Chief of Police Mark Rodgers & Utilities Director Jarret Ficke, Fire Chief Greg Crain, Treasurer Chasity Mathis, & Collector Kim Cannon.

Visitors were: Talena Short, Nichole Robinson, Amber, Karen Hall, Debra Tune & 27 others.

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order. The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 16th meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve minute. Motion was seconded by Alderman Collins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mayor Cox asked for a motion to accept a mowing and lawn maintenance bid. Utilities Director Jarret Ficke states they will take over option A, leaving just the base bid to need approval.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept Nicks Lawn Care. Not second motion.

A discussion followed.

Alderman Collins made a motion to accept Elliots Lawn Care bid. Motion was seconded by Alderman March. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Cox asked for a motion accepting a bid for Baseball/Softball team t-shirts. There were 3 bids submitted. Bids were read out loud by Mayor Cox. A motion was made by Alderman March to accept Here's Your sign bid of \$10.00/shirt. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Visitors

Nichole Robinson was the first visitor asked to speak. Ms. Robinson is here due to an ongoing water issue she has been having. Mayor Cox stated that after she had contacted the DNR, he had contacted her the day prior to by telephone, and explained that the next steps were to have Missouri Rural Water come out today (April 7th) to try and locate the leak. They (Missouri Rural Water) suspect they have located the minor leak, and work will begin Monday (April 13th) to try to dig up and find this leak. A discussion followed.

The next visitor asked to speak was Amber Hornbeck with Ozark Foothills Planning Commission. Ms. Hornbeck was here to pass out results on the transportation survey that was completed. A discussion followed.

The next visitor asked to speak was Karen Hall. Ms. Hall is here to further discuss her ongoing issue was code enforcement and roaming dogs. Mayor Cox states that since Ms. Hall was here last, we have hired a new Code Enforcement officer who is actively learning all the City Codes and writing citations. Mayor Cox also states that the dog pound has been being worked on based on the new revisions given to the city to follow. A discussion followed.

Departmental reports were next on the agenda.

- MMDA Trial Balance, Alderman Collins made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- March Routine Bills, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman March seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- March Sales Tax, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- March 15th Payroll/Bills, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- March 30th Payroll/Bills, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Public Works March Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman March seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Code Enforcement/Zoning March Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Fire Dept March Monthly Report, Alderman March made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Police Dept March Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A lengthy discussion followed the Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Attorney Miller

Attorney Miller 1st reading **ORDINANCE 2026-3** : **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE SALE POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION AND LICENSING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, WITH PENALTY PROVISIONS.** A discussion followed. A motion to suspend the rules and place ordinance on its second reading was made by Alderman Collins and seconded by Alderman March. All in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance was read a second and final time. The roll call vote was as follows: March – yea; Collins – yea; Jackson – yea. All in favor. Motion carried

Open discussion,

A lot of side discussion.

Alderman Collins asked about the City Wide Clean Up. City Treasurer Chasity Mathis states that it is May 2nd in the old Freds parking lot. It will be conducted the same way it was last year. Dumpster will be provided and residents will need to bring items down themselves to be disposed of.

Police Chief Mark Rodgers asks permission to hire a road officer cross trained with dispatch, as he has money in his budget. Alderman Jackson made a motion to allow the hiring of more help. Alderman March pointed out that the candidate in question is family, therefore there is no quorum, and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Time was 7:12 p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT THEIR NEXT MEETING