



Minutes of the City Board Meeting September 24th, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cool Valley was held on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025, at 6:02 p.m. at the City Hall, 100 Signal Hill Drive. The following members of the Board of Aldermen were present:

Mayor Jermaine Matthew- Present
Board President Alvin Robinson- Present
Debra Carter –Present
Floyd Blackwell – Present
Ms. Earline Jones Collins–Present
City Attorney – Mr. Craig Smith

Approval of the Agenda

Alderman D. Carter motioned to approve the agenda with amendments, which Alderman F. Blackwell seconded. The board approved the agenda with the amendments for the board meeting on September 24, 2025. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins –Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- Yes, Motion Carried.

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting

The motion to approve the August 27, 2025, meeting minutes, made by Alderman F. Blackwell, was seconded by Alderman E. Jones Collins. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins Yes, F. Blackwell-Yes, D. Carter-Yes, Motion Carried

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT

Alderman A. Robinson made the motion for approval to pay receipts and disbursements, which Alderman E. Jones Collins seconded. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- Yes, Motion Carried.

Police Department Report

Detective Beekman Calls for Service: 349 (Including Self-Initiated Calls) **Summonses / Tickets:** 92, 36- Exceeding posted speed Limit, 3 – Parking Violations, 2 – Abandoned / Derelict Auto Reports, 2-Driving While Suspended, 5-No State Operator's License **Generated:** 14 **Arrests:** 2,2 – Unlawful Use of a Weapon, 1 Traffic Arrest. **Patrol Hours:** 157, **Notable Reports:** Officers took several reports of fraudulent use of credit devices in the 1700 block of S. Florissant. Investigators discovered the individuals conducting the transactions were using credit cards of victims from recent stolen autos in the metro area.

Additional Information: The Normandy Police Department's Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 25, 2025. Volunteers are needed to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy, which will be provided by the agency.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to amend the agenda.

Alderman D. Carter made the motion to amend the agenda #6 and add item D. for each board member to have five (5) minutes to make a verbal report, and was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -No, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter -Yes,



E. Jones Collins-Yes. Motion Carried

2. Approval of Ordinance 192525 to repeal and replace Section 110.220

The motion for the first reading by title only, made by Alderwoman D. Carter, was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell for bill #25-005. Craig did the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Aldermen F. Blackwell, seconded by Alderman A. Robinson for the second reading, Craig did the second reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance 1-925-25 by the following roll call vote of the alderpersons. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter - Yes, Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Ordinance 2-295-25

The motion for the first reading by title only, made by Alderman F. Blackwell, was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson for bill #25-004. Craig conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Alderman F. Blackwell, seconded by Alderman A. Robinson, the ordinance was read for the second time. Craig performed the second reading.

Ordinance 2-925-25 was approved by the following roll call vote of the alderpersons. The vote was as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- Yes. Motion carried.

4. Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant RSMO 610.021(1) legal.

Alderman F. Blackwell made the motion and was seconded by Alderwoman E. Jones Collins. (7:33 p.m.) The vote was rolled as follows: A. Robinson -No, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter -Yes, E. Jones Collins-Yes. Motion Carried

Public Hearing

Mayor Matthew opened a public hearing (5:32 p.m.) to consider public comments on the annual rate of setting a tax rate on all real, personal, and other tangible property for the 2025 tax year. With Cool Valley residents present with some questions or comments about the 2024 tax rates and how the tax rate would impact the tax rate for properties within Cool Valley, a motion was made to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mayor Matthew closed the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Real Estate		
Residential	8,346,240	9,814,610
Agricultural	0	0
Commercial	7,391,377	9,470,627
Personal Property	3,033,599	2,999,475



New Construction: no new construction is being reported by the County Assessor at the time of this Notice Proposed Tax Rates for General Revenue:

Residential Real Estate:	.3060
Commercial Real Estate:	.3340
Personal Property:	.1650

Revenue Estimate: \$ 66,612

Estimated Revenue Increase over 2024: \$6,527 / 10.8%

WARRANTS

1. Approval of monthly bills for payments

The motion for approval to pay monthly city bills made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Not present, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Carter- Yes, Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Alderman A. Robinson motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting, and Alderman F. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved: _____

Jermaine Matthew, Mayor

Attest: _____

Dianna Drake, City Clerk

