



AGENDA

Raymore City Council Regular Meeting
City Hall – 100 Municipal Circle
Monday, August 11, 2025
6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Presentations / Awards**
- 5. Personal Appearances**
- 6. Staff Reports**
 - A. Development Services
 - B. Court
 - C. Police/Emergency Management

- 7. Committee Reports**

- 8. Consent Agenda**

The items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the City Council. If any Councilmember would like to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately, they may so request.

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2025
- B. Arts Commission Appointments

Reference:

Resolution 25-39 Appointment of Larry Hightower to Arts Commission
Hightower Volunteer Application
Resolution 25-40 Reappointment of Jessica Berry to Arts Commission
Resolution 25-41 Reappointment of Cheryl Cunningham to Arts Commission

Mayor Turnbow has appointed Larry Hightower, a Ward 3 member, to the Arts Commission, and has reappointed Jessica Berry, a Ward 2 member, and Cheryl Cunningham, a Ward 4 member. The appointments are now before the Council for approval.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Bond Defeasance General Obligation Series 2017

Reference:

Bill 3980

Series 2017 Defeasance (Preliminary) 2025.07.08 (1)

Bill 3980 authorizes the City to redeem its outstanding General Obligation Bonds Series 2017 (the "Defeased Bonds") which mature on March 1, 2033, and thereafter, totaling \$830,000.

- City Council, 07/28/2025: Approval, 8-0

10. New Business

A. Setting the 2025 Tax Levy (public hearing)

Reference:

Bill 3982 Setting the 2025 Tax Levy

2025 Notice of Aggregate Assessed Valuation

2025 State Auditor Calculation

Missouri State Statutes require each political subdivision in the state, except counties, to fix their ad valorem property tax rates no later than Sept. 1 for entry in the tax books. Should any political subdivision whose taxes are collected by the County Collector of Revenue fail to fix its ad valorem property tax rate by Sept. 1, then no tax rate other than the rate, if any, necessary to pay the interest and principal on any outstanding bonds shall be certified for that year.

- No previous action on this item

B. 37th Amendment to Unified Development Code - Chapter 435 Signage (public hearing)

Reference:

Bill 3981
Exhibit A Chapter 435 Signage - Proposed Code
37th Amendment Staff Report
Chapter 435 Signs - Existing Code
Permanent Signage Table - Residential Districts
Permanent Signage Table - Commercial Districts
Temporary Signage Table - Residential Districts
Temporary Signage Table - Commercial Districts
July 15, 2025 PZ Minutes

In March 2024 and in subsequent work sessions, City staff presented an overview of the City's sign code to the City Council regarding revisions that would be necessary to bring the Code into compliance with recent rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding content-based regulations and freedom of speech protections as they relate to the City's adopted sign regulations. A newly drafted sign code is being presented as the 37th amendment to the Unified Development Code.

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7/15/2025: Approval, 8-0

C. Setting Required Restricted Fund Balance

Reference:
Resolution 25-38

The City Council currently reserves twenty percent of operating expenses in its operating funds. The City Manager is seeking approval to reduce the City's restricted reserve of operating expenses to seventeen and a half percent.

- No previous action on this item

D. Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission/Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Grant

Reference:
Resolution 25-37
Missouri Highway Safety Plan Program Agreement

Resolution 25-37 is for a Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Grant for traffic cone replacement.

- No previous action on this item

11. Public Comments

Please identify yourself for the record and keep comments to a maximum of five minutes.

12. Mayor/Council Communication

13. Adjournment

MISCELLANEOUS

City Council Work Session notes, 08/04/2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING)

The Raymore City Council may enter an executive session before or during this meeting, if such action is approved by a majority of Council present, with a quorum, to discuss:

- Litigation matters as authorized by § 610.021 (1),
- Real Estate acquisition matters as authorized by § 610.021 (2),
- Personnel matters as authorized by § 610.021 (3),
- Other matters as authorized by § 610.021 (4-21) as may be applicable.

Any person requiring special accommodation (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, hearing assistance) in order to attend this meeting, please notify this office at (816) 331-3324 no later than forty eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the meeting.

Hearing aids are available for this meeting for the hearing impaired. Inquire with the City Clerk, who sits immediately left of the podium as one faces the dais.