BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting and budget workshop session of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the City of Fremont Hills, 3301 Winged Foot Drive, Fremont Hills, MO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL. Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer called the roll—a quorum was present.

Luke Davis, Mayor	Present		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Susan Wilson, Alderwoman Ward 1	Present
Jon McKinney, Alderman Ward 2	Absent	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Matt Madura, Alderman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: None in attendance
City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager and Kay O'Neill/City Clerk/Finance Officer

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*
No comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL
Sludge Hauling Contract Extension (O'Neill)
The current sludge hauling contract was included in the board packet. Nelson recommended putting the sludge hauling services out for bid. Discussion took place regarding current hauling rates, available contractors, and the City's options for the upcoming contract. Austin's Pumping had previously quoted Nelson a rate of $0.19 per gallon but quoted Batson $0.25 per gallon during a meeting at the plant the previous day. Batson stated that Ozarks Pumping has the option to agree to a $0.20 per gallon rate if the City extends the current contract under the same terms and pricing. The City currently averages approximately 210,000 gallons of sludge hauling annually, resulting in an estimated $2,100 annual difference between the $0.19 and $0.20 per gallon rates. The Board also discussed contacting smaller companies when the services are next put out for bid and the requirement that contractors maintain workers' compensation coverage.

A motion to extend the sludge hauling contract for an additional year under the same terms, conditions, and pricing was made by Nelson and seconded by Wilson. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1, with Nelson opposing.

Aluminum Sulfate Contract Extension (O'Neill)
The current aluminum sulfate contract was included in the board packet. Batson recommends extending the contract for an additional year. A motion to extend the aluminum sulfate contract for an additional year under the same terms, conditions, and pricing was made by West and seconded by Mills. The motion was unanimously approved.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Contract Extension (O'Neill)
The current wastewater treatment plant operator contract was included in the board packet. Batson recommended extending the contract for an additional year. A motion to extend the wastewater treatment plant operator contract for an additional year under the same terms, conditions, and pricing was made by Nelson and seconded by Madura. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Fremont Road Existing Sidewalks (Madura)

Information and photos regarding the sidewalk along Fremont Road were included in the board packet. Madura inquired about ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the sidewalk and the two trees that overhang it. He also expressed concern that the new entrance being installed at Estes Farms may result in increased golf cart traffic along the sidewalk and questioned whether golf carts are permitted to use the sidewalk.

Batson stated that the sidewalks are located on private property within the plat. He does not believe the City installed the sidewalks and indicated they may have been installed by the developer. Batson stated that he does not believe the City has authority to require the property owner to trim the trees. He also noted that individuals using the sidewalk may be trespassing on private property.

2027 Budget Workshop Session (Davis)

The Board reviewed the draft 2027 work papers and had the September 29, 2026, P&L for review (which were made a part of the board packet). A few adjustments were made to the line items as they were discussed. These adjustments will be entered using the five-section format. The budget will be discussed over the next four meetings and will be approved at the December 17 meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning

No report.

Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update (Batson)

Batson reported that the fence at the Cassidy lift station needs to be stained. He contacted Tom Gorman, who will stain both the interior and exterior of the fence in red cedar for $1,100, including the cost of materials. A contract will be completed for the work.

Batson stated that the fence around the plant will eventually need to be replaced. He will prepare specifications for an 8-foot chain-link fence around the plant and obtain bids to determine the project cost. The City may consider completing the project in phases, with a portion of the fence potentially being replaced this year. Mayor Davis will explore options for the gate.

Streets

No report.

Beautification

No report.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Madura and seconded by West. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer