Town of West Jefferson - Board of Alderman
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mayor Rusty Barr, Alderman Phil Absher, Alderman Brian Blanco, Alderman Calvin Green, Alderman David Miller, and Alderwoman Beth Shelton.

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Brantley Price, Assistant Town Manager Rebecca Eldreth, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Miller, Fire Captain Lambert, and WWTP Superintendent Brandon Patrick.

Several other residents of the community also attended.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Barr called to order the meeting of the Board of Alderman. Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance after the invocation was given.

Approval of the August 3, 2026 Agenda – Alderman Absher made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Shelton seconded the motion with a vote of 5-0 in favor.

Regular Session

Public Comments – none

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – With no discussion, Alderman Absher made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2026 regular meeting. Alderman Blanco seconded the motion with a vote of 5-0 in favor.

Consideration of Resolution for Street Closure – Holiday Parade – With no discussion, Alderman Blanco made the motion to adopt the resolution for the holiday parade. Alderwoman Shelton seconded the motion with a vote of 5-0 in favor.

Review Paving – Town Manager Price and Maintenance Supervisor Miller made their recommendations to the board to pave Ridge Avenue, Liberty Street and the intersection of Locust and Ridgecrest. Alderman Green made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Alderman Miller seconded the motion with a vote of 5-0 in favor.

Consideration of Planning Board Reappointment –With no discussion, Alderman Miller made the motion to approve the reappointments of Vic Gammon and Phyllis Hartzog for an additional term on the planning board. Alderman Absher seconded the motion with a vote of 5-0 in favor.

Discussion of Board of Adjustment Date – The board agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30pm.

Discussion of September Board Date – The board agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00pm.

Police Report – Chief Jordan gave his report to the Board for the month. A total of 300 calls were dispatched through the communications center including 21 motor vehicle crashes, 4 larcenies, 1 DWI, 30 minor citations, and other miscellaneous calls. The Board thanked Chief Jordan for his report.

Water/Wastewater & Maintenance Report – WWTP Superintendent Brandon Patrick gave his report to the Board. Rain totals for the month were reported at a little over 4 inches. The annual wastewater lab recertification quality control assessment was completed and passed. The filter plant averaged between 30,000 and 40,000 gallons per day. The board thanked Brandon for his report.

Fire Report – Fire Captain Matt Lambert gave his report to the Board. A total of 68 calls were recorded for the month. The repairs to the waterpoints are almost complete. The department is preparing for the 9S inspection which is scheduled for August. The board thanked Captain Lambert for his report.

Maintenance Report – none

Town Managers Report – Brantley Price, Town Manager gave his report to the board. Padco has completed the work on most of the water points then will move to the repairs to the culverts at Mike's Mufflers. Additional funding was received through SmBIZ to line the sewer line on Beaver Creek School Road in the amount of $233,000. The SmBIZ project for paving Hice Avenue and Third Avenue has not been approved and the Long Street stormwater project was not funded. Work on the detention pond at the park continues while the underground detention system is under construction at the maintenance shop. Taxes collected to date total 97.7% of the 2025 tax levy. Collections have started for year 2026 since tax bills were mailed last Friday. Sales tax increased by 0.3% over last May with year to date up 2% over prior year. Paddy Mountain trail had 593 visitors for the month. A log of the fire calls were provided to the board per their request. Manager Price informed the board of a culvert on Oak Street in need of repair that was not budgeted. The Board thanked Brantley for his report.

Aldermen Comments – Alderman Green expressed his admiration for Officer Edwards as he has turned in a list of streetlights that need to be repaired. Alderman Absher commended the works of the publications about West Jefferson for keeping West Jefferson on the map. David Miller praised Cypress McCoy for her work on the Visit West Jefferson Facebook page. Mayor Barr thanked all those in attendance.

Adjournment – With nothing further, Alderman Absher made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Alderman Blanco. A vote of 5-0 in favor.

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Rusty Barr, Mayor Rebecca Eldreth, Town Clerk