

**CITY OF OSBORN, MISSOURI  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

Mayor Carlana Bradford declared the meeting open at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll call of council persons:**

Present –Mayor Carlana Bradford  
Alderman Norman Baumgarden  
Alderman Ferren Gibson  
Alderman Valerie Kull  
Alderman Brian Stone

Also present:  
City Clerk Jody Barlow

**Agenda:**

**Old Business**

A. Water Rates

**New Business**

- A. Complying with RSMo 71.948. Copies of code on file with municipal clerks and open to the public. – At least three copies of the published book shall be kept on file in the office of the municipal clerk and kept available for inspection by the public at all reasonable business hours.
- B. Alderman Comments

Alderman Gibson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stone, to accept and approve the agenda for tonight’s meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

**Old Business**

**Water Rates:**

The proposed increase in water rates was reviewed. The last rate increase occurred in 2018. After discussion, it was determined that a rate increase is necessary because the city is purchasing water from PWS#1 of Dekalb County. Alderman Gibson suggested that a letter be mailed to citizens informing them about the rate increase. The new rate will be set during the board meeting on March 26th.

**New Business**

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At the board meeting on March 19th, the City Clerk informed the board about state statute RSMo 71.948, which requires three copies of the city code to be available at all times. The Clerk confirmed with a Missouri Municipal League representative that this statute applies to the City. The Board decided to hold off on making three copies of each ordinance until August, in order to see if the state statute would be amended to require only one copy of each ordinance.

On March 20th, the City Clerk contacted the Missouri Municipal League for further guidance on compliance with the state statute. During this discussion, it was clarified that RSMo 71.948 only applies to cities that have their ordinances codified. Since the City of Osborn's ordinances are not codified, this statute does not apply to the city.

The City Clerk also explained that city ordinances are available to the public during business hours, and ordinances from 2010 to the present are accessible on the city website. The City always complies with the Sunshine Law.

**Adjourn:**

As no other business was presented, Alderman Gibson moved, second by Alderman Kull to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 P.M. Motion passed 4-0.

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Carlena Bradford, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Barlow, City Clerk