

**SMITHVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
RETREAT/FINANCIAL SUMMIT WORK SESSION
May 17, 2023**

A Retreat Work Session of the Smithville Board of Aldermen was held on May 17, 2023 at Northwest Missouri State University-Kansas City building located at 6889 North Oak Trafficway, Gladstone.

Present: Mayor Damien Boley; Board members: Melissa Wilson, Leeah Shipley, Dan Hartman, Ronald Russell, Marvin Atkins and Dan Ulledahl. Ronald Russell arrived at 10.05 a.m.

Staff: Cynthia Wagner, Gina Pate, Jack Hendrix, Jason Lockridge, Stephen Larson, Chuck Soules, Matt Denton, Linda Drummond, Tony Roetman, Mayra Toothman, Brandi Schuerger, Alex Threlkeld and Chase Stewart.

Call to Order

Mayor Boley called to order the Retreat Work Session at 9:32 a.m.

FY2024 Initial Budget Development and Board Priorities

The Board and staff discussed the community and Board priorities in development of the FY2024 budget.

Staff outlined ongoing budget needs including human infrastructure and physical infrastructure. The Board requested information regarding the vehicle and equipment replacement fund (VERF) and annexation. Future work sessions will address the Main Street District and CIP. The Board noted a need for more involvement with senior citizens and a focus for increasing community pride.

Priorities for the present were employee compensation and retention.

Staff then outlined revenue estimates and potential funding solutions. The Board discussed a ½ cent public safety sales tax, ¼ cent sales tax for infrastructure and a bond issuance for debt levy for facilities.

Based on discussion the Board identified funding priorities and revenue solutions to address these needs, with associated ballot initiatives and timing.

Adjourn

Alderman Ulledahl moved to adjourn. Alderman Russell second the motion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carried. The Mayor declared the retreat/financial summit work session adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Linda Drummond, City Clerk

Damien Boley, Mayor