



# THE WIGMO CITIZEN

**February 2025**  
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**City of Duenweg**  
**PO Box 105**  
**7409 Johnson HWY**  
**Duenweg, MO 64841**

**Police - Non-emergency**  
**(417) 623-2263**  
**Fire - Non-emergency**  
**(417) 623-7408**



## FEBRUARY

### City Officials & City Staff

- Mayor -  
**Russell Olds**
- City Clerk -  
**Shannon Box**
- Ward One Aldermen -  
**James Williams**  
**Karen Edge**
- Ward Two Aldermen -  
**William Haldeman**  
**Dellaca Reynolds**
- Administrative Assistant to  
Mayor's Office;  
Prosecutor's Assistant -  
**Terry L. Edwards**
- Police Chief -  
**Jeff Pearce**
- Publics Works Manager;  
Water Facilities Director -  
**Ron Klein**
- Court Clerk;  
Utilities Clerk -  
**Michael Henderson**
- Building Department -  
**Colton Harbin**
- Office Clerk -  
**Danny Hosp**

### NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing to discuss the 2024 water and sewer rates, will take place at the Duenweg City Hall on February 7th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### City Water Bill Payments are Due Upon Receipt

Bills can be paid online through the City's web site, in person at City Hall or placed in either drop box.

Beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month, or on the Monday following that date if it falls on a weekend, a late charge of 10% is applied. If the past due amounts are not paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the same month at 8:00 AM, then your water service will be discontinued on the 25th or the next business day if it is on a weekend or holiday. There is a reconnect fee of \$25.00 if your water is turned off for non-payment. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (417) 623-2027.



The City of Duenweg Board of Aldermen (Council) meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be listed on the agenda, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting.

**The Board of Aldermen met on January 23rd, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Discussion included:**

- Well #1 Expenditure Request
- Expenditure Request for Ozark Drug Enforcement Team
- Proposal for leasing vehicles from ESU Pursuits
- Insurance Costs
- General Business

***The next Board of Alderman meeting will be on February 27th at 7:00 p.m.***

The City of Duenweg Park Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you would like to address the Park Board, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 by the Monday before the meeting to be listed on the agenda.

**The Park Board met on January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Discussion included:**

- Concrete Bids park at Southwind Trails
- Volunteer Day for assembling benches and tables
- Bartley Park Christmas Tree Lighting
- General Business

***The next Park Board meeting will be February 11th at 6:00 pm.***

The City of Duenweg Planning Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be listed on the agenda, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting.

**The Planning Board did not meet on January 16th at 7:00p.m. due to no new business.**

***The next Planning Board meeting will be February 20th at 6:00 p.m.***



**With the change in weather and expected precipitation of the white fluffy kind, the snowplows will be out as well as salt trucks.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ANY ITEMS NEAR THE ROAD ARE MOVED, SUCH AS BASKETBALL GOALS. THEY WILL BE IN THE WAY OF THE SNOWPLOWS.**

**Thank you!!!**



### Newsletter Content

If you have an article, information, or idea for the Wigmo Citizen, submit it to City Hall no later than the 15th of the month in order to be considered for the next month's newsletter. You can do this by dropping it off at City Hall, by mailing to PO Box 105, or by emailing it to: [tedwards@duenwegmo.com](mailto:tedwards@duenwegmo.com)

### Lending Library

Love is in the air this month so why not settle down with a good romance? Or maybe a mix of romance and adventure? Here is a sample of what we have below.

*10,000 Ways to Say I Love You*  
*Nightwatch* by Valerie Hanson  
*Wired* by Julie Garwood



### For Your Information

Any new construction, building or remodel requires a building permit from the Building Dept.

If you are planning any of these projects or even something larger, please contact the Building Department at City Hall.

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 	3	4	5 TRASH DAY	6	7 Public Hearing 2pm. & 7 pm.	8
9 	10	11 Park Board Mtg. 6p.m.	12 TRASH DAY	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16	17	18	19 TRASH DAY	20 Planning Board Mtg. 6p.m.	21 Late Fees Applied	22
23	24 Court @ 5:30pm	25 Shut Offs	26 TRASH DAY	27 City Council Meeting 7 p.m	28	

We are currently updating our records. Should you have a birthday or anniversary that you would like listed, please email [tedwards@duenwegmo.com](mailto:tedwards@duenwegmo.com) or stop in at City Hall.



Interested customers can write to these Post Offices for postmarks to keep or to share with friends. Enclose a stamped, addressed card or letter in another envelope or box labeled "Valentine re-mailing" and address it to the postmaster of one of the towns listed below. Please allow enough time for postmarking, re-mailing, and delivery. I have personally done this and it works.

- Bliss, ID 83314
- Bliss, NY 14024
- Bridal Veil, OR 97010
- Darling, MS 38623
- Deary, ID 83823
- Eros, LA 71238
- Fidelity, IL 62030
- Heart Butte, MT 59448
- Heartwell, NE 68945
- Honey Creek, WI 53138
- Honey Grove, PA 17035
- Honey Grove, TX 75446
- Honeyville, UT 84314
- Juliette, GA 31046
- Kissimmee, FL 34744
- Lovejoy, GA 30250
- Lovejoy, IL 62059
- Lovelady, TX 75851
- Loveland, CO 80538
- Loveland, OH 45140
- Lovelock, NV 89419
- Lovely, KY 41231
- Loveville, MD 20656
- Loving, NM 88256
- Loving, TX 76460
- Romance, AR 72136
- Romeo, CO 81148
- Romeo, MI 48065
- Sugar City, CO 81076
- Sugar City, ID 83448
- Valentine, NE 69201
- Valentine, TX 79854
- Valentines, VA 23887
- Venus, FL 33960
- Venus, PA 16364
- Venus, TX 76084



## City News ...

### Trash Pick-Up Dates —

Trash Day is Wednesday. If there is a holiday on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, then Trash Day is still on Wednesday. If the holiday is on Wednesday then the trash day will be on Thursday. If you have any questions, please call **417-499-0256**. **Also, trash service is earlier than normal. Please have your carts out the night before. Trash cans should be removed from the curb within 24 hours of pick up.**

### Storm Sirens —

Just a reminder, we will continue to test the storm sirens on the **second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** If you doubt one of the storm sirens is working properly please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

With storm season upon us I wanted to take a moment to inform every one of the city's policies on warning sirens. Our sirens are for outdoor warning. If you are indoors you need to rely on television or a NOAA weather radio. The sirens will sound when a tornado warning is received for our portion of our county or surrounding counties or when winds speeds reach 70 MPH or higher. We will not issue an all clear.

**The city residents have access to the storm shelter owned by the Joplin School District, located at 801 S Irwin. The fire station is not a shelter.** If you go to the fire station you will be sent to the shelter at the school. The shelter will be opened when severe weather approaches our area. The school district has a policy that any animal in the shelter must be in a cage or carrier. This is for everyone's safety. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

### SPECIAL NOTICE....

**The Public Works Department would like you to know that if you have issues with City Utilities after hours, please call 417-623-2263 so the proper authorities can be notified.**

### Duenweg Fire Department Monthly Runs by Incident Type December 2024

Building Fire	3
Grass Fire	1
Medical Assist/Assist Ems	65
MV Wrecks (no injuries)	5
Gas Leak (natural or LPG)	1
Service Call (other)	1
Dispatched and Canceled	9
Authorized Burning	2
False alarm/call	3
Nothing Found	1
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>91</b>



**Breakfast with the Fire Department will resume at a later date.**

## NOTICE

The online bill payment for the City is still being modified. Until further notice, please contact City Hall at (417)623-2027 to make bill payments. Drop boxes are still available at City Hall and at the Police Department. We appreciate your patience.

### Duenweg Police Department Monthly calls by Type December 2024

911 Hangup	6
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Animal Complaint	8
Assist Citizen Motorist	5
Burglary Past Tense	1
CI Driver Traffic Complaints	1
Door / School Check	7
Civil Parties Separated	1
Check Well Being	7
Community Check Area	3
Crash/Injury Unknown Injury	3
Crash Non Injury No Fire	3
Department Assist	7
Disturbance in Progress	3
DFS Assist	2
Domestic in Progress No EMS	3
Domestic Just Occur	1
Disturbance Past Tense	1
Electrical Hazard	1
Extra Patrol Watch List	1
Follow-up	21
Fraud Just Occur	1
Funeral Escort	1
Gun Shots Fired	1
Harassment	1
Information Only	1
Law Name Number	44
Medical Unknown	13
Medical w/ Law	2
Mental Health/Behavior Prob	1
Nuisance Service	3
Paper Service	1
Parking Complaint	3
Police Unknown	1
Road Hazard/Obstruction	1
Runaway	2
Sex Offender Assault / Rape	1
Stalking Past Tense	1
Stolen Vehicle	1
Structure Fire	1
Subject Stop Pedestrian CK	1
Suspicious Activity /Item	1
Suspicious Person	2
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Theft Just Occur	1
Theft Property or Services	3
Traffic Stop	66
Transport Person / Prisoner	1
Vehicle Lock Out No Fire	3
Walk in Report	5
<u>Warrant Serv Search Warrant</u>	<u>1</u>

Total Calls/Reports 254

**This article was originally published in the “Sarcoxie Record” on 6/16/1976. It is presented here in a 5 part section of this and upcoming newsletters. No changes have been made as to wording or phrases. We hope our readers enjoy this “Introduction to Duenweg.”**

## **PART 2**

Wolves came in packs and killed the sheep and other small domestic animals. Wild cats and panthers came lurking around at night, so in every home the trusty rifle always remained loaded and ready for use. Everyone old enough to carry a gun was taught to shoot and learned to brave danger of all kinds.

Commissioners were appointed to select a permanent site of the seat of justice for the county. The bill provided that they should make their location as near the center of the inhabitable portion of the county as possible, without a survey, due regard being given to the situation. The commissioners chose the site and at a meeting of the county court held on March 28, 1842, the county seat was formally named Carthage.

The first session of Jasper county circuit court was held at the residence of Mr. George Hornback, the building measured 12 x 16 that besides a table contained half a dozen split bottom chairs and two old fashion beds. (This building still remains standing.)

A new court house was built in 1851. The new structure was a two story brick building, the lower used for the circuit court and other offices and the upstairs being set apart for county and jail purposes. This building served as a hospital for the wounded soldiers of both the Union and Confederate armies after the battle of Carthage, and in 1863 it was burned during one of the frequent raids that took place in the county.

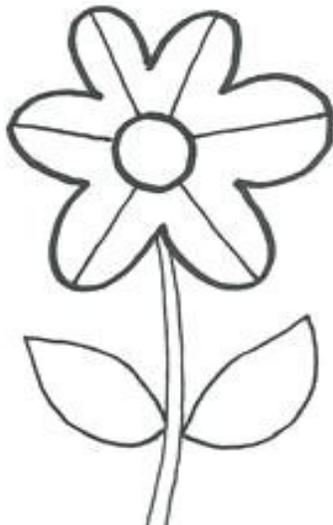
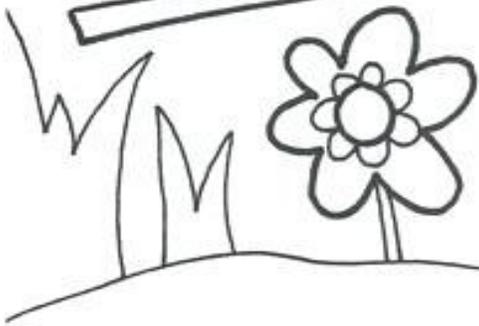
Schools and churches began to be organize in the county. Samuel Teas was the first school teacher in the county, and the first church to be organized was the Centerville Presbyterian Church which carried on its work at the home of some good brother or at its annual camp meeting held at Sarcoxie Spring.

**Next month, internal strife, the Civil War and government changes.**

JUST FOR FUN!

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Early  
Spring



MORE  
Winter