



# THE WIGMO CITIZEN

**March 2025**

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**7409 Johnson Hwy**  
**Duenweg, MO 64841**  
**(417) 623-2027**

**Police - Non-emergency**  
**(417) 623-2263**  
**Fire - Non-emergency**  
**(417) 623-7408**  
**Emergencies Dial 9-1-1**



## **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**

## **Water / Sewer Rate** **Structure**

## **Town Hall Meetings**

**Monday March 10th - 2:00 & 7:00pm**

**Tuesday March 11th - 2:00 & 7:00pm**

**Tuesday March 18th - 2:00 & 7:00pm**

**Monday March 24th - 2:00 & 7:00pm**

**Tuesday March 25th - 2:00 & 7:00pm**

**Get your questions answered by attending at**  
**least one.**

## **Election Day**

**Tuesday April 8th, 6am to 7pm @**

**Duenweg City Hall**

**Voting for Alderman, Wards**

**I & II**



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 February 27th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.**

***Discussion included:***

- 2025 Chiefs Conference Expenditure Request
- Purchase City Clerk Laptop Expenditure Request
- Recycling Grant
- Resolution to Closeout Replacement & Extension, Bond Debt Service Reserve, and Water/Sewer Reserve Accounts. Continuing use of Bond Obligations Account for payment withdrawals.
- Water-Sewer Rate Study / Conduct Public Hearing / Town Hall
- General Business

***The next Board of Alderman meeting will be March 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 February 25th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**

***Discussion included:***

- Quotes for Pavilion / RR SRT
- Continued Input on DNR grant
- Quotes to Repair Tower at Apple Park w/ consideration of Sealing Top to prevent further damage
- General Business

***The next Park Board meeting will be March 11th at 6:00 p.m.***

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 met on February 26th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**

***Discussion included:***

- General Business

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

## Lending Library

In light of the recent wild fires in California, the following will provide you with an understanding of wildfires and what it takes to fight them. All are works of non-fiction.

A chronicle of Bravery & Betrayal, *The Thirtymile Fire* by John N. Maclean

Arson, murder and the agony of Engine 57 in *The Esperanza Fire* by John N. Maclean

On the front lines of American wildfires *Fire and Ashes* by John N. Maclean



## 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 TRASH PICK-UP	6	7	8
9 	10	11 Park Board 6 pm	12 TRASH PICK-UP	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19 TRASH PICK-UP	20 Planning Board 6 pm	21 Late Fees Applied	22
23	24	25 Shut Off's	26 TRASH PICK-UP	27 Council Meeting 7pm	28	29
30	31					

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.



## 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

### 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 January 2025

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

Total Calls 91

### 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.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

With storm season upon us I wanted to take a moment to inform everyone 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.



**Coffee with the Fire  
Department will return at  
a later date.**

### Duenweg Police Department Monthly calls by Type January 2025

911 Hangup	8
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm Resi/PNIC	1
Animal Complaint	17
Assist Citizen Motorist	4
Burglary Past Tense	1
CI Driver Traffic Complaints	4
Check Well Being	4
Community Check Area	2
Controlled Burn	1
Crash Injury / UNK Injury	2
Department Assist	1
Disturbance in Progress	5
Fall Low	1
Follow-up	8
Fraud Internet Identity Scam	2
Funeral Escort	1
Harassment	2
Information Only	6
JCSO Name Number	1
K9 Request	3
Law Name Number	52
Medical Unknown	13
Mental Health/Behavior Prob	1
Paper Service	1
Parking Complaint	2
Property Damage Vandalism	1
Property Found Lost	1
Public Works Referral	1
Road Hazard/Obstruction	2
Stolen Vehicle Just Occur.	1
Subject Stop Pedestrian CK	1
Suspicious Person	1
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Theft in Progress	1
Theft Just Occur.	2
Theft Property / Services	1
Threats	1
Towed Vehicle Possess.	1
Traffic Stop	53
Trespass in Progress	1
Walk in Report	1
Total Calls/Reports	220

**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.**



# **Saving Water as suggested by the EPA**

Some of the following suggestions you may already be doing, some you may not have even thought of. Please take a minute to review then try the suggestions. You may very well see a difference in your water usage and with continued attention, a savings in your wallet.

There are lots of things you can do in your own home to reduce water use and get more for less. Just follow these simple tips to get started.

## **Fix a Leak:**

Small household leaks can add up to gallons of lost water every day. Check your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems routinely.

**In the bathroom** - where over half of all water use inside the home takes place:

- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing your teeth. This saves about 5 gallons per day.
- Showers use less water than baths, as long as you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up.
- Toilets are notorious for leaking silently. City Hall has toilet tank leak detecting tablets available that you can use to check should you suspect a toilet leak.

**In the kitchen** - whip up a batch of big water savings:

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Use a dishwasher, and when you do, make sure it's fully loaded! Washing dishes by hand **without** the tap continually running saves about 25 gallons.
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Thaw food in the refrigerator overnight rather than using a running tap of hot water.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

**In the laundry room** - where you can clean AND be green:

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
- To save money on your energy bills, set your washing machines to use cold water rather than hot or warm water.