



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 12:00 pm

Location: New Haven Public Works Facility, 205 Industrial Drive, New Haven MO 63068

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 9, 2026
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Joint City and Community Business Meeting – schedule a meeting
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Comprehensive Plan Update
 - b. City Website Update
 - c. “New Haven – A Place To Put Down Roots” Marketing Plan
 - d. Budget
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Adjourn**

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1. Call to Order by Sarah Skeen

2. Roll Call

- Members Present- Mark Laune, Don Ruzika, Michelle Otten, Sarah Skeen, Lydia Placht, Tara Steffens, Josh Hoener
- Members Absent: Dave Engelbrecht, Rob Ross, Steve Bertrand

3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 12th meeting by Tara Steffens. Seconded by Don Ruzika. All were in favor.

4. Old Business

- There are no new surveys submitted since the last meeting. Try to get new submissions if possible.

5. New Business

- Comprehensive Plan RFP has been made public and will be in the newspaper next week.
 - July 10th bids will open for the Comprehensive Plan. Hopeful to be selecting consultant from these bids in August. Do not have to select from this first round of bids and can reopen bids if needed.
 - Looking to start a committee for this plan. Hoping to have about 5 people. Will have a Board of Aldermen member, City Administrator, and hoping for one from each committee, business owners, or citizens from each ward.
 - Tara has volunteered to be on this committee.
 - The board is in favor of the Comprehensive Plan and there is currently \$75,000 in the budget
 - Still not sure what the local use tax will bring in to contribute to this
 - Comprehensive Plans are typically updated every 10 years. It has been a while since the last one.
- Looking for suggestions for best ways of reaching out to businesses, organizations, committees, and citizens
 - Have used Facebook and sent out multiple newsletters to get surveys completed with little interaction



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- It was decided to move on with the businesses that have responded. We don't want to continue to put in effort to encourage people to complete it with no progress.
 - Looking into having a meet and greet event that will be the precursor to the joint meeting with the City and Community Businesses
 - Will reach out to those that have completed the survey and invite them to the event possibly on September 3rd in the evening
 - Hoping to combine efforts with Chamber
 - Reach out to the Lions to see if they would be interested in cooking. Drinks provided as well to encourage attendance
 - Possible locations: Hilltop back room or park
- City Administrator and Mayor will attend the next Chamber meeting and talk about this meet and greet event
- By the August or September Chamber meeting hopeful to have collected funds from the local use tax and be able to report on that
- Updates on businesses that have come and gone from New Haven recently and potential housing opportunities
- We will be skipping the July meeting. The next meeting will be on August 11th

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned with the motion made by Tara Steffens and seconded by Josh Hoener.

Meeting minutes prepared by,

Lydia Placht

Secretary of Economic Development Committee

NEW HAVEN, MISSOURI

A Place to Put Down Roots. A Place to Invest.

WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS OPPORTUNITY

New Haven is a community with something increasingly hard to find: **a genuine small-town quality of life with room to grow.**

Located along the Missouri River and surrounded by the beauty of the Missouri countryside, New Haven offers families a place to build a life—and developers an opportunity to help build the community's future.



FOR FAMILIES

Put Down Roots. Find Your Community.

New Haven is a place where neighbors know one another, children have room to explore, and community still matters.

Families choose New Haven for:

- A welcoming, close-knit community
- Parks, playgrounds and outdoor recreation
- Riverfront experiences and community events
- A historic downtown filled with local character
- Local restaurants, shops and businesses
- Safe, comfortable neighborhoods
- Small-town living with convenient access to the region
- A community that takes pride in its past while investing in its future

It's not just where you live. It's where you belong.



FOR DEVELOPERS

Build Where Families Want to Live.

New Haven is preparing for thoughtful growth—and we want development that strengthens the community.

Developers will find:

- Opportunities for residential and mixed-use development
- Available land and redevelopment opportunities
- A community investing in infrastructure and public spaces
- A City focused on improving development processes
- Strong community amenities that create demand for housing
- Regional connectivity and access to Washington and surrounding communities
- Local leadership committed to responsible, sustainable growth
- An opportunity to create neighborhoods designed around people, connection and quality of life

Don't just build houses. Help build a community.

OUR PROMISE

LIVE. CONNECT. INVEST. BELONG.

LIVE — A community where families can build their future.

CONNECT — Neighborhoods, downtown, parks, the river and people connected together.

INVEST — A City committed to improving the places and infrastructure that make New Haven stronger.

BELONG — A community where residents, businesses and developers have a stake in the future.

NEW HAVEN IS READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT.

Come for the small-town charm.

Stay for the community.

Invest in the future.

NEW HAVEN, MISSOURI

A Place to Put Down Roots.

Come to

NEW HAVEN

A Place to Put Down Roots

SMALL-TOWN CHARM. BIG OPPORTUNITIES.

Nestled on the Missouri River, New Haven, Missouri is a welcoming community where **families** build their lives and **businesses** build their future.

CHARMING DOWNTOWN
along the Riverfront



QUAINT SHOPS
and lodging



INVESTMENT IN
A SAFE COMMUNITY



PARKS & RECREATION
for all ages



FOR FAMILIES

A place to live. A place to belong.

- ✓ Safe, welcoming neighborhoods
- ✓ Excellent schools and student achievement
- ✓ Parks, playgrounds & outdoor recreation
- ✓ Riverfront access & community events
- ✓ Historic downtown with local shops & dining
- ✓ Convenient access to Washington & the region
- ✓ A close-knit community where neighbors care



FOR DEVELOPERS

Build where families want to live.

- ✓ Available land & redevelopment opportunities
- ✓ Strong housing demand & growth potential
- ✓ City focused on efficient, transparent processes
- ✓ Infrastructure investments & capacity
- ✓ Business-friendly environment & partnerships
- ✓ Connected to regional markets & resources
- ✓ Opportunity to build quality neighborhoods that strengthen our community



LIVE

A community where families can build their future.



CONNECT

Neighborhoods, downtown, parks, the river and people connected together.



INVEST

A City committed to improving infrastructure, amenities, and the places that matter.



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STAY for the community.



INVEST in the future.



NEW HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT



13:1
STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO



97%
GRADUATION
RATES



95%
OF GRADUATES ENTER
POST-SECONDARY
TRAINING OR HIGHER
EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS



72%
OF GRADUATES TAKE
THE ACT AND SCORE
AN AVERAGE OF 22.4



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