OPENING STATEMENT – MOTION TO INTERVENE

Larry Womack | Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Missouri | Rule 52.12

Your Honor, my name is Larry Womack, and I am representing myself. I am asking the Court to allow me to intervene under Missouri Supreme Court Rule 52.12.

I live in Pevely, I am a registered voter, and I pay City taxes. This case directly affects my voting rights and my interest in having the City follow the decision Pevely voters made in 2014.

The issue is straightforward. The parties are asking the Court to recognize a four-year term for Mayor. The official City and Jefferson County election records show that Pevely placed a two-year mayoral term on the April 8, 2014 ballot, beginning with the April 2015 election, and the voters approved it 598 to 100, or 85.67 percent.

I believe I meet the requirements to intervene because I have a direct interest in the outcome, that interest could be harmed if the Mayor's term is extended beyond the voter-approved term, and the existing parties have not adequately presented or defended these official records.

I would like to submit an affidavit from the Jefferson County Custodian of Records authenticating the election records, along with four exhibits. Together, those records contain the City's certified ballot submission, Ordinance No. 1315, the ballot language, official vote totals, certification of the election results, and affidavits showing publication of the election notice.

I also ask the Court to consider adequate representation. The Plaintiff serves as an alderman on the City of Pevely Board of Aldermen alongside the Mayor, and defense counsel serves as the City Attorney for Pevely. The campaign contribution records referenced in my motion were filed with my original filing. I am not claiming these relationships

or contributions are improper or illegal. I raise them only as relevant context in determining whether the voter-approved two-year term is being adequately represented in this case.

Most importantly, the authenticated records speak for themselves. They show that Pevely voters were asked to approve a two-year mayoral term and approved it by a vote of 598 to 100.

And for more than ten years since that vote, Pevely has actually held its mayoral elections on that two-year cycle. That history is consistent with what the voters approved in 2014.

If the Court allows me to intervene, I respectfully ask the Court to:

1. Recognize the voter-approved term. Consider the certified election records, Ordinance No. 1315, and the official 2014 election results.
2. Require the City's published code to accurately reflect the voter-approved two-year term.
3. Review the full record and determine whether any corrective action is appropriate.

For those reasons, I respectfully ask the Court to grant my Motion to Intervene under Rule 52.12(a), or alternatively Rule 52.12(b), and accept the affidavit and four exhibits into the record.

Thank you, Your Honor.