

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**January 20, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
4th Floor Conference Room – City Hall**

A City Council work session was held to discuss the Survey Guided Action Plan Progress Report from Public Safety (Police/Fire/Code Enforcement).

Attending: Mayor John Josendale and Councilmembers Madison Davis, Jason Eslinger, Mike Grimm, Mary Novak, Kenton Randolph, Jeff Schomburg, Randy Schultz and Andy Trout.

Mike Schumacher, City Manager; Josh Emberton and Jason Soper, City Attorneys; Abe Forney, Public Works & Transportation Director; Dawn Lanning, Assistant City Manager; Paul Luster, Police Chief; Jeff Atkins, Parks and Recreation Director; Amy Cohorst, Human Resources Director; Debra Bradley, Health Director; Nate Pate, Planning & Community Development Director; Ivan Klippenstein, Fire Chief; Jamey McVicker, Asst. Fire Chief; Jason Strong, Deputy Police Chief; Laurie Thompson, HR Programs Manager; Jessica Kozol, Communications & Community Engagement Manager; Heidi Eggers, Business Liaison; Paula Heyde, City Clerk; Kaycee Garton, Deputy City Clerk, and Jacy Brooks, Executive Admin. Asst.

Mayor John Josendale called the meeting to order.

Paul Luster, Police Chief, gave an update on the following focus areas: Hot Spot Policing with Crime Analyst Support; Code Enforcement Partnership to Address Blight; Traffic Enforcement Focus at High Accident Areas; Increased Awareness of Services; Homeless Outreach with Social Worker Partnership; and Improve Code Enforcement Services. He distributed a handout on the “College Hill Neighborhood Cleanup and Safety Fair” initiative.

[Councilmember Jeff Schomburg arrived.]

Using a power point presentation, Ivan Klippenstein, Fire Chief, gave an update on the following focus areas: Emergency Dispatch Services and Provide Fire Personnel Training Opportunities;

Following comments and questions from the City Council, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.

Community
Saturday, October 25 • 12

Community fair including the Fire Department, Police, American Red Cross and Family Guidance
 Dumpster available for area residents
 Fire Department handing out 100 smoke detectors and battery
 Fire Insurance Matt Cathey and John Anderson
 Health Department providing information on vaccines and W
 Providing free microchips
 Fire truck for visitors to enjoy

COLLEGE HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP & SAFETY FAIR

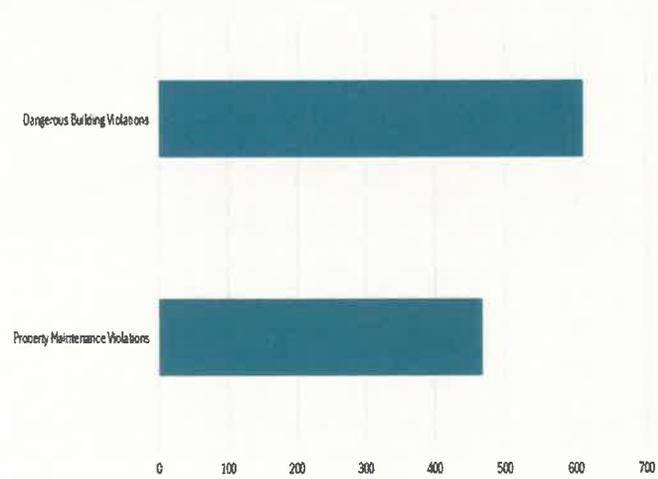




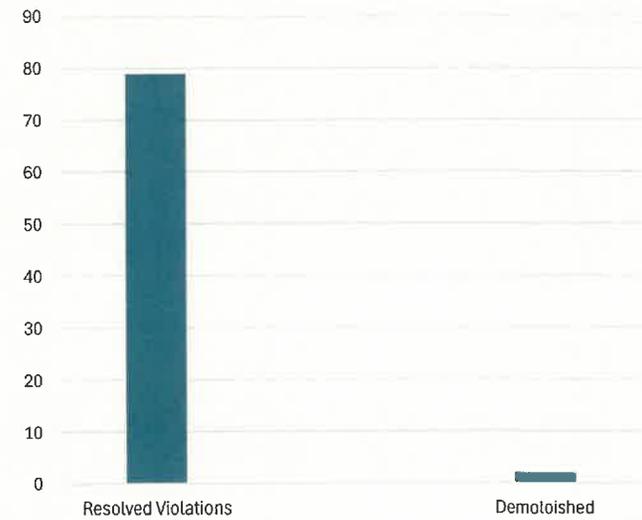
CODE ENFORCEMENT

PROGRESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Property Maintenance Violations



Resolution

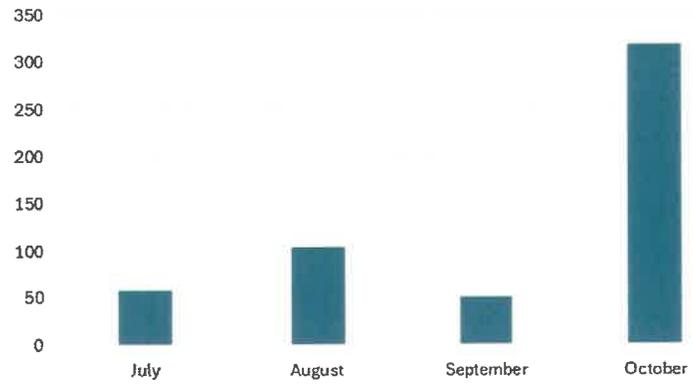




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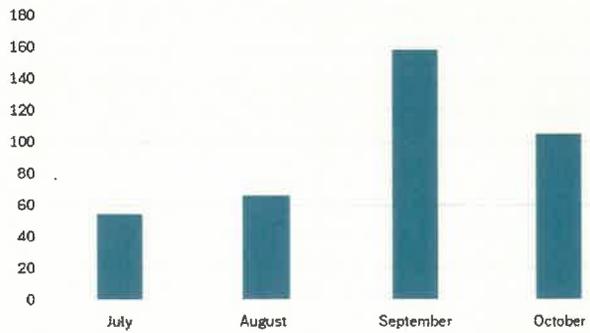


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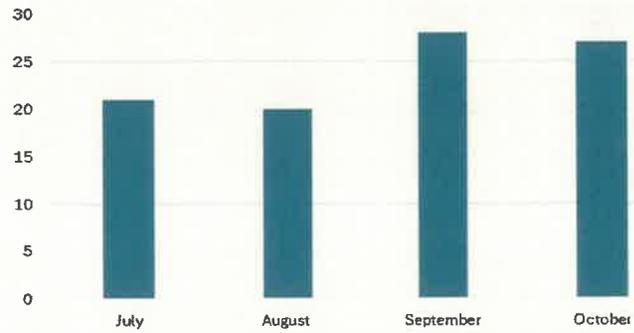


ENFORCEMENT RESULTS

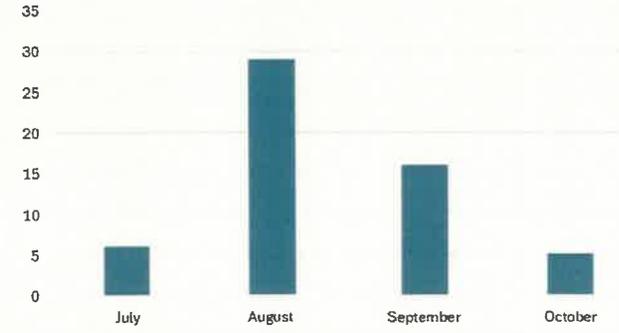
Self Initiated



Citations Issued



Arrests





H&S FAIR RESOURCE COLLABORATION



RETURN ON
ENGAGEMENT

SJFD

WestNet Dispatching

- In operation since October
- Improving Response Times
 - Dispatchers receive 911 calls and initiate emergency response dispatch before completing the collection of additional caller information.
 - Sending crews at the beginning of the 911 call is placing the public at more ease knowing that we are enroute while dispatchers collect additional information.

Fire Training and Safety

- Live Fire Training Facility
 - Winning the Military Enhancement Grant
 - Awarded \$116,625 matching grant. City Matching for a total of \$233,250.
 - Working with the 139th Air Wing and Missouri Western
 - Posting an RFP very soon
 - Class A Live Fire prop, 2 story with roof access creating an NFPA 1402 qualified training facility

Structured Social Media

- Facebook and Instagram accounts
 - We have posted information on these social media platforms on Fires and other emergency calls, as well as Retirements, Promotions and other public service announcements.
 - 1.2 Million Views in the last 90 days-up 25% from the previous 90 days
 - 45,536 Engagement-up 135% from the previous 28 days
 - Engagement-users find it valuable and included reaction of likes, loves, shares, save, etc.

Community Outreach and Fire Prevention

- Community Engagement Partnership with City Departments
 - College Park Conversations with local community members
 - Partnered with Home Depot and American Red Cross
 - Home Depot Donated, We handed out and American Red Cross Installed 25 smoke detectors
- Fire prevention officer
 - Has taken on a more proactive role in community interaction
 - October Fire Prevention Month
 - Contacting 5320 adults and children
 - Show and Tells, Fire Prevention Presentations and portable Smoke Trailer training prop.
 - Schools, Churches, Parks and Community Events.
 - Tours of businesses with fire crews

Business Inspections, Reporting, Preplans and Training

- First Due Software implementation
 - 4 Part process
 - 1st Fire Reporting-this is operational Jan 1, 2026 and we have converted all reporting according to Federal Guidelines From NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) to NERIS (National Emergency Response System).
 - 2nd Scheduling-currently operating Scheduling concurrently with the old software to confirm proper operation.
 - 3rd Training-Setting up training classes and submitting data on in house training
 - 4th Fire Prevention is learning how to set up and perform inspections
 - The data collected will be used immediately upon inspection and can be used in fire preplans that same day.
 - Current and Complete list of operational businesses.

ISO-Insurance Services Offices

- Rates Community Fire Protection and impacts property insurance rates.
 - Much added Equipment on Truck
 - New Ladder 5 (Leaving old Ladder 5 in Reserve Status)
 - WestNet Dispatching Software
 - More Timely Responses
 - Redundant Dispatch Platforms
 - Consistently Audible Voice Dispatches received in the stations
 - Live Fire Training Facility (most valuable points acquired through live fire training)
 - Currently a rating of 3, hoping to achieve a rating of 2 with our current expenditures
 - ISO will evaluate soon

2024 Fire Code

- Adoption of the 2024 Fire code
- Also is important to ISO
- Attracts forward-thinking businesses focused on safety, sustainability and innovation.

Emergency Operations Center

- Working with PD planning the EOC
- Dollars Allocated for EOC Project