

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
January 20, 2026
5:30 PM Regular Meeting
City Hall – 1100 Frederick Avenue**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor John Josendale	(151-2)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(140-13)
	Councilmember Jason Eslinger	(66-6)
	Councilmember Mike Grimm	(125-28)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(150-3)
	Councilmember Kenton Randolph	(142-11)
	Councilmember Jeff Schomburg	(144-9)
	Councilmember Randy Schultz	(148-5)
	Councilmember Andy Trout	(132-21)

Members absent: None.

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Mike Schumacher, Assistant City Manager Dawn Lanning, City Attorneys Josh Emberton and Jason Soper, Public Works & Transportation Director Abe Forney, Police Chief Paul Luster, Fire Chief Ivan Klippenstein, Finance Director Nicole Poirier, Health Director Debra Bradley, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Atkins, Civic Facilities Director Mary Robertson, Planning & Community Development Director Nate Pare, Assistant Fire Chief Jamey McVicker, Human Resources Programs Manager Laurie Thompson, Deputy Police Chief Jason Strong, Communication & Community Engagement Manager Jessica Kozol, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling, City Clerk Paula Heyde, Deputy City Clerk Kaycee Garton and Executive Admin. Asst. Jacy Brooks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:30pm. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Josendale. Notice of said meeting has been established as every other Monday at 5:30pm, except when it falls on a holiday then it shall be held the following day. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) in the City Clerk's office three days in advance.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., as transcribed by the City Clerk.

By general consent, the minutes were approved as transcribed by the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

2. Key to the City - Paula Heyde

Mayor Josendale presented a Special Recognition Award and a "Key to the City" from the City Council and a Resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives to retiring City Clerk Paula Heyde.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

3. Motion to accept the Agenda as published.

It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Eslinger, Grimm, Josendale, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--9.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. Public Hearing on the termination and dissolution of the 36th & Frederick Community Improvement District.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Councilmember Schultz and seconded by Councilmember Eslinger that Item Numbers 6 through 10 on the Consent Agenda be passed. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Eslinger, Grimm, Josendale, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--9.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6. Filed 1/9/26: Mayor John Josendale nominates Mary Kottenstette, 208 N. 19th Street, to serve as a member of the Land Bank Board for a term expiring January 20, 2030; she will be replacing Tara Horn, whose term has expired.

Approved.

7. Filed 1/13/26: Councilmember Kenton Randolph nominates David E. Humbert, Jr., 213 S. 4th Street, to serve as a member of the Landmark Commission for a term expiring September 29, 2026; he is filling a vacancy on the Commission.

Approved.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

8. **BILL # 9-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET AND THE EXECUTION OF A LUMP SUM CONTRACT WITH MVP PAINTING LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,590.00 FOR THE ST. JOSEPH AQUATIC PARK POOL PAINTING PROJECT.

The ordinance, having been read the first time on January 5, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

S.O. 10774

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

9. **BILL # 11-26**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE FREE BUS RIDES TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 5597

10. **BILL # 12-26**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INSURICA/PALOMAR INSURANCE COMPANY, ALLIED WORLD SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE AND MOUNT CLAIMS SERVICE FOR VEHICLE AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES FOR THE MASS TRANSIT DIVISION IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$449,920.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 5598

***** END OF CONSENT AGENDA *****

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

11. None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

12. **BILL # 10-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL #77 AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY TAX FUND FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF

\$200,000 TO IMPLEMENT SALARY INCREASES AND ASSOCIATED BENEFITS REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACT.

It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Randolph that Bill #10-26 be amended before consideration for passage by substituting a new Fire Department Contract in place of the one originally filed with the ordinance. Motion carried. The ordinance, having been read the first time on January 5, 2026, was read the second time and passed.
S.O. 10775

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

13. None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

14. None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

15. **BILL # 13-26**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV "DEPARTMENTS" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 13 TITLED "GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT" TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.

16. **BILL # 14-26**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF THE 36TH AND FREDERICK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF REMAINING ASSETS OF THE DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.

17. **BILL # 15-26**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LANDFILL FUND AND THE EXECUTION OF WORK ORDER HDR2608 USING THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$280,500.00 FOR CELL 9 LINER DESIGN AT THE CITY SANITARY LANDFILL.

The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.

18. **BILL # 16-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,076.00 AND THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$56,583.00.

The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.

19. **BILL # 17-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE SALES TAX FUND BUDGET AND THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TBL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH (CAD), RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS), JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JMS), ELECTRONIC CITATION (ECITATION), AND DIGITAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DIMS) FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BOTH IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,650,007.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Schomburg that Bill #17-26 be amended before for first reading by substituting a new Master Software License Agreement in place of the one originally filed with the ordinance. Motion carried. The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

20. Filed 12/31/25: Minutes of the Human Rights Commission meeting held December 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
21. Filed 1/5/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Public Library meeting held December 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street.
22. Filed 1/8/26: Minutes of the Downtown Review Board meeting held December 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
23. Filed 1/12/26: Minutes of the Museum Oversight Board meeting held December 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St.
24. Filed 1/13/26: Corrected minutes of the Downtown Review Board meeting held December 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

WORK SESSION MINUTES - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

25. Filed 1/7/26: Minutes of the City Council Work Session held January 5, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.,

in the Fourth Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

26. None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

27. None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

28. Filed 12/31/25: East Hills Community Improvement District Annual Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.
29. Filed 1/2/26: Municipal Division Summary Report, December 2025.
30. Filed 1/5/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Juneteenth Planning Committee meeting held December 2, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
31. Filed 1/5/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held December 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
32. Filed 1/5/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held December 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
33. Filed 1/6/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Exhibitions Committee meeting held December 4, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., at the Wyeth Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St.
34. Filed 1/6/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held December 9, 2025, at 1:40 p.m., at the Wyeth Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St.
35. Filed 1/6/26: Email from Kevin Kelly in re: Resignation from Land Bank Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

36. City Manager's Report.
None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:Fire Department Union Contract Bill #10-26

- Skyler White - Thanked the Council for their support of the new Union Contract.

Public Comment:

- Dianne Valentine (2533 Francis St.), Clairissa Brooks (725 S. 14th St.) and Mardell Barber (810 S. 24th St.) requested for the City Council to consider funding a Trap, Neuter and Release program.
- Kenneth Reeder (1801 E. Randolph) spoke about his attendance at Council meetings, having Directors move to the front of the Council Chambers, and the time of meetings.

ADJOURN:

By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 06:07 PM.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk