

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 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:	Councilmember Madison Davis	(143-13)
	Councilmember Jason Eslinger	(69-6)
	Councilmember Mike Grimm	(128-28)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(153-3)
	Councilmember Kenton Randolph	(145-11)
	Councilmember Jeff Schomburg	(147-9)
	Councilmember Randy Schultz	(151-5)
	Councilmember Andy Trout	(135-21)
Members absent:	Mayor John Josendale	(153-3)
Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.		

Also present were 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, Technology Services Director Josh Royle, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Civic Facilities Director Mary Robertson, Interim Planning & Community Development Director Dale Reuter, General Services Director Laurie Thompson, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Mark Pettit, Deputy Police Chief Jason Strong, Communication & Community Engagement Manager Jessica Kozol, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling, City Clerk Kaycee Garton and Executive Admin. Asst. Jacy Brooks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:30pm. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Deputy Mayor Schultz. 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 February 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and the special meeting held February 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., as transcribed by the City Clerk.

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

2. None.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

3. Motion to accept the Agenda as published.

It was moved by Councilmember Eslinger and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Eslinger, Grimm, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--8, Absent, Josendale--1.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Councilmember Trout and seconded by Councilmember Schomburg that Item Numbers 8 through 20 and 22 through 26 on the Consent Agenda be passed. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Eslinger, Grimm, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--8, Absent, Josendale--1.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

6. Filed 2/6/26: Councilmember Andy Trout nominates Gwen Neidel, 2006 N. 35th Terrace, to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term expiring the third Monday in January 2031; she is replacing Denise Bradley, whose term has expired.

Approved.

7. Filed 2/6/26: Councilmember Andy Trout nominates Heather Thornton, 6803 Mack Street, to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term expiring the third Monday in January 2031; she is replacing Lanny Ellis, whose term has expired.

Approved.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

8. **BILL # 25-26**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 7-32 "BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL CODES ADOPTED;" 7-33 "AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODE"; AND 7-34 "AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL

CODE" OF CHAPTER 7 "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

G.O 3141

9. **BILL # 26-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7-60 "ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 7-61 "AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE" OF CHAPTER 7 "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC).

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

G.O 3142

10. **BILL # 27-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7-217 TITLED "MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTED" AND SECTION 7-218 TITLED "AMENDMENTS TO THE MECHANICAL CODE" OF CHAPTER 7 "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE (IMC) AND PORTIONS OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE (IFGC).

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

G.O 3143

11. **BILL # 28-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7-258 "PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED" AND SECTION 7-259 "AMENDMENTS TO THE PLUMBING CODE" OF CHAPTER 7 "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE (UPC).

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

G.O 3144

12. **BILL # 29-26**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-316 TITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ADOPTED"; SECTION 7-317 TITLED "AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"; AND SECTION 7-319 TITLED "NOTICE OF VIOLATION," OF CHAPTER 7 "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

G.O 3145

13. **BILL # 30-26**
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7-410 TITLED "EXISTING BUILDING CODE ADOPTED" AND SECTION 7-411 TITLED "AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE EXISTING BUILDING CODE" OF CHAPTER 7 "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE (IEBC).
- The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.
 G.O 3146
14. **BILL # 31-26**
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 16-31 "FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTED" AND 16-32 "AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE" OF CHAPTER 16 "FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.
- The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.
 G.O 3147
15. **BILL # 32-26**
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PARKS SALES TAX FUND AND THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH CONFLUENCE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR NORTHSIDE AQUATIC FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,945.00.
- The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.
 S.O 10780
16. **BILL # 33-26**
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WOOLPERT, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AVIATION PLANNING AND ON-CALL DESIGN SERVICES AT ROSECRANS MEMORIAL AIRPORT.
- The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.
 S.O 10781
17. **BILL # 34-26**
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASS TRANSIT FUND AND THE EXECUTION OF WORK ORDER AUX2604 USING THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH AUXIER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$121,553.94 FOR THE RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS STOP AT 20TH AND FREDERICK AVENUE.
- The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.
 S.O 10782

18. BILL # 35-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LANDFILL FUND BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FOLEY EQUIPMENT CO. TO REBUILD THE 2019 CAT TRASH COMPACTOR TO BE USED BY THE LANDFILL DIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$657,673.94.

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

S.O 10783

19. BILL # 36-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LANDFILL FUND BUDGET, AFFIRMING THE INITIAL TWO-MONTH RENTAL OF A CATERPILLAR 826K TRASH COMPACTOR FROM FOLEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$122,885.00, FOR USE BY THE LANDFILL DIVISION FOR WASTE OPERATIONS.

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

S.O 10784

20. BILL # 37-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM BUDGET TO ROLL FORWARD UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,280.00.

The ordinance, having been read the first time on February 2, 2026, was read the second time and passed.

S.O 10785

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:**21. BILL # 39-26**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS FOR A POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH PLAN (PEHP) FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 5606

22. BILL # 40-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LUMP SUM CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF COLEMAN HAWKINS PARK ON THE FELIX STREET SQUARE WITH HERNER CONSTRUCTION, INC. UTILIZING PARKS SALES TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$902,700.00.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 5607

- 23. **BILL # 41-26**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR AND EXTERNAL VEST CARRIERS FOR POLICE OFFICERS FROM 911 CUSTOMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,867.12.

The resolution was read and adopted.
Resolution No. 5608

- 24. **BILL # 42-26**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TURN-KEY MOBILE, INC., FOR THE PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION (UPFITTING) OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$308,434.00 AND THE PURCHASE OF 14 RADIOS FROM MOTOROLA COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,954.00.

The resolution was read and adopted.
Resolution No. 5609

- 25. **BILL # 43-26**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAY SAFETY DIVISION, AND THE EXECUTION OF A CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATION GRANT, A YOUTH ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT, A DWI SATURATION PATROL ENFORCEMENT GRANT, AND A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND EDUCATION GRANT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$188,784.01.

The resolution was read and adopted.
Resolution No. 5610

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

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- 26. None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

- 27. **BILL # 38-26**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE ST. JOSEPH CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU (CVB) REGARDING THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE SYSTEM.

It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Grimm that Bill #38-26 be amended before consideration for passage by including Exhibit A, which is referenced in the MOU but not originally attached. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Eslinger Grimm, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--8, Absent, Josendale--1.
The resolution was read and adopted.
Resolution No. 5611

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

28. None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

29. None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

30. **BILL # 44-26**
AN ORDINANCE SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER ESLINGER AMENDING ARTICLE V "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER" OF CHAPTER 20 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW SECTION 20-194 TITLED "UNAUTHORIZED RELOCATION OF TRANSIENT AND UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS."
The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.
31. **BILL # 45-26**
AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING PARCEL 06-8.0-28-002-001-014.000, LOCATED ON SOUTH 22ND STREET AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 11TH STREET ROAD, FROM R-1B DETACHED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY AMANDA MILLER.
The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.
32. **BILL # 46-26**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI FOR THE USE OF THE MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY (MWSU) THOMAS EAGLETON INDOOR POOL.
The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.
33. **BILL # 47-26**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR ON CALL SANITARY SYSTEM TREATMENT MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY WITH GARNEY COMPANIES, INC.
The ordinance was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

34. Filed 1/27/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Public Library meeting held January 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the East Hills Library, 502 N. Woodbine Road.

35. Filed 1/28/26: Minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held August 26, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
36. Filed 1/28/26: Minutes of the Social Welfare Board held December 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at Roger's Pharmacy, 3705 N Belt Highway.
37. Filed 1/29/26: Museum Oversight Board 2nd Quarter Report for FY25-26.
38. Filed 1/30/26: Minutes of the Trades Board of Appeals meeting held January 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
39. Filed 1/30/26: Minutes of the Human Rights Commission meeting held January 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
40. Filed 2/4/26: Minutes of the Landmark Commission meeting held November 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

WORK SESSION MINUTES - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

41. Filed 2/5/26: Minutes of the City Council Work Session held February 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., in the Fourth Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

42. None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

43. None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

44. Filed 1/28/26: Buchanan County Commission Appointment of Mike Korte to Landbank Board.

45. Filed 1/29/26: Minutes of the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting held January 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
46. Filed 1/29/26: City of St. Joseph Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.
47. Filed 2/2/26: Health Department End of Year Report, 2025.
48. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Exhibits Committee meeting held January 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
49. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held January 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
50. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held January 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
51. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held January 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
52. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Bi-Monthly Board meeting held January 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
53. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Juneteenth Planning Committee held January 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
54. Filed 2/3/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Collections Committee meeting held December 5, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.
55. Filed 2/4/26: Minutes of the St. Joseph Transit, Inc. Board of Directors meeting held January 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Public Works & Transportation Admin Office, Room 204, at City Hall.

56. Filed 2/4/26: Municipal Division Summary Report, January 2026.

57. Filed 2/6/26: Memorandum from Ellen Starks, Animal Services, in re: Disposition List.

OTHER BUSINESS:

58. City Manager's Report.

Assistant City Manager Dawn Lanning said the Student Voice Alliance had a meet-and-greet on February 11th with City Staff, City Council, Mayor and County Commissioners. Discussion reinforced strong student interest in topics such as youth spaces, public safety, beautification and community well-being. Their next step is monthly meetings to further develop priority items to bring to the Council to move the City forward. She then expressed thanks to MoDOT for quick response and coordination on the Gene Field Bridge demo.

59. Acceptance of Election Results

It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Davis that the results of the Primary Election held February 3, 2026, as submitted by the City Clerk be accepted. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Eslinger, Grimm, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--8, Absent, Josendale--1.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Redistricting Bill #45-26:

- Everlee Smith, explained the impact that Mega Gymnastics has had on her life.
- Elliott Hurst, explained the impact that Mega Gymnastics has had on her life and the asset it is to the City of St. Joseph.
- Scout Smith, explained the impact that Mega Gymnastics has had on her life.
- Mandy Miller (5315 SE State Route H, Agency, MO), owner of Mega Gymnastics, shared that Mega opened in 2010 with just 60 students and three staff members. Over the past 15 years, the business has grown to serve more than 800 students and employ over 50 staff members. She is requesting approval of the rezoning to construct her dream gym and to continue serving the City of St. Joseph.
- David Slawson (2414 Big Pine Terr.), who owns the property directly north of the site proposed for rezoning, stated that he supports the gym; however, he is requesting that Council deny the rezoning. He expressed concern that the remaining portion of the parcel could be developed for other commercial uses within a residential area, which he believes could be detrimental to the neighborhood.
- Julie Hertel (4611 Libby Lane), lives immediately adjacent to the parcel under consideration. She asked the Council to take into account the school district's recent decision to implement a two-school model, noting that families may be seeking housing near Benton High School. Because the parcel is located within that district, she stated it could support a substantial amount of residential development. She also noted that commercial businesses do not generate the same level of revenue as a residential neighborhood would. She also mentioned concerns over increased traffic in surrounding residential areas.

- Jim Weidinger (4614 Iris Ave.), lives in Kerns Krest. Mentioned that the area was zoned residential for a reason. He's concerned about commercial businesses going into that area and failing. He asked that the Council consider a partial zoning on this parcel instead of the full 10 acres.

Public Comment:

- Pat Jones (5314 Savannah Rd.) personally invited the Council & Mayor to participate in the Northside Parade on Saturday, April 18th at 10am. She also asked for donations for the parade due to the insurance requirements that the City places on events.

ADJOURN:

By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 06:09 PM.



Minutes transcribed by Kaycee Garton, City Clerk