

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

September 20, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. 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) three days in advance in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(130-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(127-05)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(126-06)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(112-21)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(129-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(120-12)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(127-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(119-13)
Members absent:	Councilmember Gary Roach	(115-17)

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

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, Police Chief Chris Connally, Interim Fire Chief Kenny Cordonnier, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Health Director Debra Bradley, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director/Interim Administrative Services Director Amy Cohorst, City Planner Zack Martin, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling, City Clerk Paula Heyde and Deputy City Clerk Rita K. Domini.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Councilmember Myers voted first.

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MINUTES:

46508 By general consent, the minutes of the special meetings held August 30, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., and September 2, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and the regular meeting held September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

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ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 46509 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Blessing that the agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--8. Absent, Roach--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 46510 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Agenda Numbers 46511 through 46515 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--8. Absent, Roach--1.

Bills for Passage:

- 46511 (S.O. 9985) A Bill (#1284-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the submission and execution of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant (CRRSA) Program Agreement in the amount of \$57,162.00 for state assistance under the State Block Grant Program in financing operation costs at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, having been read the first time on September 7, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46512 (S.O. 9986) A Bill (#1286-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray abating weed and trash liens totaling \$2,152.63, plus penalty and interest, and releasing the liens on the real property located at 806 South 15th Street, having been read the first time on September 7, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46513 (S.O. 9987) A Bill (#1290-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing execution of an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Crisis Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$140,116.00 and an amendment to the Public Health Department Program Budget in the General Fund to allocate funds in the amount of \$15,339.56 in the current fiscal year, having been read the first time on September 7, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

- 46514 (Resolution No. 46514 – 4818) A Resolution (#1304-18) authorizing the purchase of one (1) new Kubota mowing tractor with mowing deck, from Coleman Equipment of Missouri for the Parks Maintenance Division for the amount of \$28,449.81, was read and adopted.
- 46515 (Resolution No. 46515 – 4819) A Resolution (#1309-18) authorizing the execution of a Supplier Agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services to participate in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, which provides funds for those who need assistance paying their sewer bill and arrearages, and to authorize deviation from the collection policy as necessary to comply with said agreement, was read and adopted.

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

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

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BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

- 46516 (G.O. 3003) A Bill (#1297-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Chapter 30 “Vehicles for hire” of the Code of Ordinances to enact a new Article V entitled “Shuttle service – River Bluff Trails Park” providing regulations for any business desiring such an operation at the River Bluff Trails Park, having been read the first time on September 7, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46517 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember O’Dell that a Bill (#1299-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing execution of an agreement with Westminster Place Neighborhood Association for the operation and maintenance of the fountain at 25th and Folsom Streets and an amendment to the General Fund Cell Phone Program in an amount up to \$4,500.00 to provide 50% matching funds for the repair of the fountain, be postponed to the October 4, 2021, Council meeting. Motion carried. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--8. Absent, Roach--1.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

- 46518 A Bill (#1300-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell redistricting the property located at 2500 South 11th Street from M-2, Heavy Manufacturing District to R-2, Two-Family Residential District, as requested by Andy Meyer, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46519 A Bill (#1301-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell redistricting the property located at 3712 Seneca Street from C-3, Commercial District to R-2, Two-Family Residential District, as requested by Kelly Jarrett, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46520 A Bill (#1302-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell redistricting the property located at 4406 King Hill Avenue from M-2, Heavy Manufacturing District to MP-2, Planned Heavy Manufacturing District, as requested by Craig Strong, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46521 A Bill (#1305-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers amending Section 13-28 “Costs, assessment, disposition” of Chapter 13 “Courts” of the Code of Ordinances to update the list of costs that can be collected with the fine assessed by the court, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46522 A Bill (#1306-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore amending Section 28-105 “Violations and Penalties” and Section 28-926 “Violations and Penalties” of Chapter 28 “Traffic and Vehicles” of the Code of Ordinances to change the fine for violating these provisions of Chapter 28, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46523 A Bill (#1307-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell approving the final plat entitled “Biozyme East,” a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 4621 Easton Road, as requested by Robert Norton, was introduced and read the first time.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING: (Cont'd)

- 46524 A Bill (#1308-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000, of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri; prescribing the form and details of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 9/7/21: Minutes of the Senior Citizen Foundation, Inc. Board meeting held July 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center, 100 South 10th Street.

Filed 9/8/21: Minutes of the Community Police Advisory Committee meeting held September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Law Enforcement Center, 501 Francis Street.

Filed 9/8/21: Minutes of the Landmark Commission meeting held August 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 9/9/21: Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held July 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Filed 9/9/21: Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held August 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 9/1/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session meeting held August 30, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 9/14/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session meeting held September 7, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 9/9/21: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (September 10, 2021).

Filed 9/15/21: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (September 17, 2021).

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 9/1/21: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citizens Crime Advisory Committee meeting held June 14, 2021, at 12:30 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 9/1/21: Municipal Division Summary Reporting Form, August 2021.

Filed 9/2/21: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citizens Crime Advisory Committee meeting held March 15, 2021, at 12:30 p.m., via video conferencing.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 9/2/21: Letters from five local companies expressing support of the expansion of services at Hillyard Technical Center.

Filed 9/2/21: City Link, September 2, 2021.

Filed 9/2/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Committee meeting held August 3, 2021, at 3:07 p.m. at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 9/3/21: City of St. Joseph American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding Applications received.

Filed 9/3/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held July 8, 2021, at 4:10 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 9/7/21: Minutes of the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting held August 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 9/7/21: Building Permits Issued, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Apartment House Rental Property Licenses, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Single Family Rental Property Licenses, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Duplex-Housing Rental Property Licenses, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Property Maintenance Activity, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Encumbrances \$5,000 to \$25,000, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: St. Joseph Transit Report, July 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Letter from Teresa Fankhauser, Executive Director, Allied Arts, in re: Thanking the City for its contribution to the *St. Joseph 2021: from steam to S.T.E.A.M. Festival* in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Filed 9/7/21: Business Licenses, August 2021.

Filed 9/7/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Executive/Finance Committee meeting held August 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 9/9/21: City Link, September 9, 2021.

Filed 9/10/21: "Notice of Appeal Pursuant to Section 31-311 of the Code of Ordinances" filed by AT&T Mobility LLC via its authorized agent, Network Real Estate LLC for a telecommunications tower.

Filed 9/10/21: Social Welfare Board The Clinic Beat newsletter, August 2021.

Filed 9/14/21: Letter from Peggy D. Richardson, Executive Director, Missouri Gaming Commission, in re: State/Local Allocation of Gaming Revenues for the period 8/1/21 through 8/31/21.

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Filed 9/14/21: Health Department Monthly Statistical Report, August 2021.

Filed 9/14/21: Human Resources Department Monthly Activity Report, July 2021.

Filed 9/14/21: Human Resources Department Monthly Activity Report, August 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 46525 City Manager's Report – City Manager Bryan Carter said for the 31st consecutive year, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting." Congratulations to the Accounting and Finance teams. The City received the Missouri Department of Conservation "Arbor Award for Excellence" for the "Municipality/ Government" category for the tree planting component of the Blacksnake Creek Project. 1,185 trees were planted. He recognized the work of Water Protection Division employees Eddie Leaverton, Katie Bruegge and Colleen Armstrong who took the lead on making the program a success. He said the City has received a 2021-22 Missouri Fertilizer Permit which authorizes the sale of fertilizer pellets produced at the Water Protection facility. COVID-19 update: Positivity rate is 7.51% down from 8.17% the previous week; the Delta variant is still the dominant variant found in our sewershed; vaccination rates – 21.9% have completed vaccinations with 24.3% initiating vaccinations; the Health Department averages five shots each day; and three first dose clinics were held at Tyson this week with 46 individuals getting their vaccine. The annual flu clinic will be October 12, 2021, and will likely be held at the Civic Arena. The COVID-19 vaccine will also be offered at the clinic. He asked for feedback from the City Council on whether to reconvene the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee now to make a recommendation on the remaining funds or wait until after the funding agreement negotiations are completed. Councilmembers Blessing, Moore, Myers, Novak and O'Dell said they preferred to wait.

Councilmember Blessing asked about Mosaic's plan for booster shots. Mr. Carter said most pharmacies in town are giving vaccinations and the Health Department or the Missouri vaccination website can provide more information.

Councilmember Novak gave a shout out to the organizers of the Southside Fall Festival and Parade. He said it was a wonderful time and there was a tremendous turn out and it was great to see everyone enjoying the splash park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NOTES:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

- 46526 By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.