

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

November 15, 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, November 15, 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	(134-02)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(130-06)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(115-21)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(133-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(124-12)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(131-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(123-13)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(119-17)
Members absent:	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(129-07)

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, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Human Resources Director/Interim Administrative Services Director, Amy Cohorst, Superintendent of Streets/Sewer Division Keven Schneider, Superintendent of Parks Brian Jackson, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

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

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MINUTES:

46623 By general consent, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 1, 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:

46624 It was moved by Councilmember O'Dell and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--8. Absent, Blessing--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

46625 It was moved by Councilmember Roach and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Agenda Numbers 46626 through 46640 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--8. Absent, Blessing--1.

Nominations and Appointments:

46626 Filed 11/2/21: The nomination by Councilmember Novak was approved, appointing Dennis Dornhoffer, 2910 Cook Road, as a member of the Community Police Advisory Committee for a term expiring November 26, 2024; he is being reappointed.

46627 Filed 11/8/21: The nomination by Councilmember Kovac was approved, appointing Kenton Randolph, 3115 N. 35th Street, as a member of the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Board for a term expiring November 7, 2026; he is being reappointed.

46628 Filed 11/8/21: The nomination by Councilmember Moore was approved, appointing Ashley Hines, 2501 Meadow Ridge Drive, as a member of the Land Bank Advisory Committee for a term expiring November 15, 2024; she is replacing Joni Westcott, whose term has expired.

46629 Filed 11/8/21: The nomination by Councilmember O'Dell was approved, appointing Tama Wagner, 2316 N. 22nd Street, as a member of the Land Bank Advisory Committee for a term expiring October 7, 2024; she is being reappointed.

Bills for Passage:

46630 (S.O. 10011) A Bill (#1344-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers authorizing amendments to the General Fund; Special Allocation Fund; Debt Service Fund; Capital Projects Fund; Aviation Fund; Municipal Golf Fund; and Landfill Fund budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, having been read the first time on November 1, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

46631 (S.O. 10012) A Bill (#1345-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Fire Department budget in the General Fund to accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$367,272.73 and to appropriate matching funds in the amount of \$36,727.27 from fund balance; and authorizing the purchase of radios and equipment from Midwest Mobile Radio in the amount of \$404,000.00, having been read the first time on November 1, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

46632 (S.O. 10013) A Bill (#1346-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with Board of Directors Mo-Kan (d/b/a Mo-Kan Regional Council) and an amendment to the Gaming Initiatives Fund to appropriate \$3,500.00 for the cost of maintaining membership with Mo-Kan Regional Council, having been read the first time on November 1, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Bills for Passage: (Cont'd)

46633 (S.O. 10014) A Bill (#1347-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing a new lease agreement with Herzog Contracting, Corp. to provide storage of aircraft and corporate office space at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, having been read the first time on November 1, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

46634 (S.O. 10015) A Bill (#1349-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the budget to transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the General Fund to be used for repairs and the purchase of equipment for the Civic Arena, having been read the first time on November 1, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

46635 (Resolution No. 46635 – 4829) A Resolution (#1351-18) authorizing the purchase of five new marked police all-wheel drive Ford Explorer Interceptor SUV’s for the amount of \$38,074.36 per vehicle for a total cost of \$190,371.80 from Anderson Ford to be used by the Police Department, was read and adopted.

46636 (Resolution No. 46636 – 4830) A Resolution (#1352-18) authorizing the purchase of lighting fixtures, theatrical console and accessories for improvements to the Missouri Theater stage area lighting project in the amount of \$95,132.00 from A to Z Theatrical Supply and Services, was read and adopted.

46637 (Resolution No. 46637 – 4831) A Resolution (#1353-18) of support for the installation of a new nine-hole youth/beginner level disc golf course, valued at approximately \$10,000.00, at Bartlett Park to be funded and constructed by the St. Joseph Disc Golf Club, was read and adopted.

46638 (Resolution No. 46638 – 4832) A Resolution (#1354-18) authorizing execution of a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$46,124.06 to provide maternal and child health services within the community, was read and adopted.

46639 (Resolution No. 46639 – 4833) A Resolution (#1361-18) authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2022 Ford F-150s in an amount totaling \$76,351.17 from Anderson Auto Group to be used by the Water Protection Division, was read and adopted.

46640 (Resolution No. 46640 – 4834) A Resolution (#1363-18) authorizing the issuance of a Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed \$40,508.00 for the emergency repair of a gravity flow interceptor pipe located at the Messanie Street Diversion Structure utilizing the Master Agreement for Construction – Unit Price with Sprague Excavating Co., Inc., was read and adopted.

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

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

- 46641 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Novak that a Resolution (#1311-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis stating the city's position regarding mandatory COVID-19 vaccination or testing for employees, be withdrawn. Motion carried. Ayes, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--7. Nay, Davis--1. Absent, Blessing--1. (Editor's note: On October 4, 2021, Bill #1311-18 was postponed until OSHA has issued its emergency temporary standard related to mandatory vaccinations or testing for City employees. November 9, 2021 MML Weekly Voice states- *On Nov. 4, 2021, the Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor filed emergency temporary standards requiring COVID-19 vaccination and testing for employees of large employers (100 or more employees). These new OSHA standards do not apply to Missouri municipalities, which does not have an OSHA-approved state plan. Therefore, in Missouri, only private sector employers must comply with the new OSHA vaccination and testing rules.*)
- 46642 (Resolution No. 46642 – 4835) A Resolution (#1364-18) authorizing the execution of Work Order Number 2-A in an amount not to exceed \$134,596.00 for transportation planning services and Metropolitan Transportation Planning update for the St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization utilizing the Master Agreement for Professional Transportation Planning Services with AECOM, was read and adopted. Ayes, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--8. Absent, Blessing--1.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

- 46643 A Bill (#1350-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Fire Department budget in the General Fund to accept a grant from the Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$12,604.76 to be used to purchase an emergency trailer, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46644 A Bill (#1355-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of a Transportation Planning Consolidated Grant Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) under which the MHTC will provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$239,534.00 and the city will contribute matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$72,139.00 to assist in Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning activities within the St. Joseph urbanized area, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46645 A Bill (#1356-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Greystone Plat 9," a major subdivision consisting of twenty-four (24) lots, as requested by Greystone Partners Land Development LLC, Donald Clark, agent, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46646 A Bill (#1357-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell authorizing the vacation of the right-of-way located between the properties at 1309 Jules Street and 1401 Jules Street, as requested by James Kieffer, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46647 A Bill (#1358-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell redistricting the northern portion of the property located at 3906 Pickett Road from R-1A, Single Family Residential District to C-3, Commercial District, as requested by Jeremy Worth, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46648 A Bill (#1359-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "Culver Addition," a major subdivision consisting of two lots proposed for the property located at 2920 North 2nd Street, as requested by Connie Culver, was introduced and read the first time.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING: (Cont'd)

- 46649 A Bill (#1360-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "Cordonnier Addition," a major subdivision consisting of 1 lot proposed for the property located at 421 Hickory Street, as requested by the City of St. Joseph, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46650 A Bill (#1362-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "Whitehead Plaza 1st Plat," a major subdivision consisting of two lots proposed for the property located at 2507 South Belt Highway, as requested by Ashley Smith on behalf of McBee's Coffee N' Carwash, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46651 A Bill (#1365-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell authorizing an amendment to Sections 26-10, 26-25, 26-43, 26-44, 26-45, 26-46, 26-47 and 26-132 of Chapter 26 "Subdivisions" of the Code of Ordinances to amend language pertaining to subdivision regulations, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46652 A Bill (#1366-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray and Councilmember Blessing adopting the annual revisions to the City's Personnel Manual, which sets forth the policies and procedures pertaining to employees of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 10/27/21: Minutes of the Housing Authority meeting held September 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority, 2902 S. 36th Street.

Filed 10/27/21: Minutes of the Social Welfare Board meeting held August 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at Rogers' Pharmacy, 3705 N. Belt Highway.

Filed 10/27/21: Minutes of the Social Welfare Board meeting held September 28, 2021, at 3:04 p.m., at Rogers' Pharmacy, 3705 N. Belt Highway.

Filed 10/29/21: Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held October 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

None.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 10/27/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held October 5, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 10/28/21: City Link, October 28, 2021.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 10/28/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held October 5, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 10/29/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held October 13, 2021, at 4:02 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 11/1/21: Email from Michael Jasper, 2119 N. 32nd Street, in re: Resignation from the Human Rights Commission.

Filed 11/1/21: Minutes of the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting held October 27, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall via videoconferencing.

Filed 11/3/21: Municipal Division Summary Reporting, October 2021.

Filed 11/4/21: City Link, November 4, 2021.

Filed 11/8/21: Single Family Rental Property Licenses Report, October 2021.

Filed 11/8/21: Duplex-Housing Rental Property Licenses Report, October 2021.

Filed 11/8/21: Building Permits Issued Report, October 2021.

Filed 11/8/21: Business Licenses Report, October 2021.

Filed 11/8/21: Property Maintenance Report, October 2021.

Filed 11/8/21: Encumbrances \$5,000-\$25,000.

Filed 11/8/21: Human Resources Department Monthly Activity Report, October 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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City Manager's Report – City Manager Bryan Carter said a couple of weeks ago the Fire Department assisted the Independence Fire Department allowing the members of the department to attend the funeral of a member of the department. While there the St. Joseph crew responded to several calls and the fact that they were able to seamlessly run calls in another community is a testament to the training and dedication they demonstrate on a daily basis. Last week the Health Department administered its 8,000th COVID-19 vaccination. This is a significant accomplishment by a staff of seven who are primarily responsible for administering the injections with assistance from the Fire Department and Buchanan County EMS. COVID update: Positivity rate was at 7.42 this week which is up from the prior weeks. The average number of new cases has generally doubled over the past few weeks—14-day average at 23.43 up from just under 13; 10-day average is 26 up from 13; 7-day average 24.57 up from 12.86. The vaccination rate is at 35.9% complete and 38.9% initiated.

Councilmember Myers said a citizen contacted him about a concern with the speed of semi-truck traffic on Alabama Street.

Mayor McMurray invited everyone to attend the Mayors' Thanksgiving Dinner, which is a fund raiser for the Second Harvest Food Bank, on November 20, 2021, at the Civic Arena beginning with a social hour at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Avenue, said he understands the state is going to be making a decision on the plans for the I-229 bridge and hopes the City Council is taking this seriously because it will be a big impact on the town and its future.

After further discussion by the City Council, Mayor McMurray said the feeling by Council is to have a work session with the MPO and proceed from there.

Barbara LaBass, 3901 Bucher Dr., asked some questions about Bill #1362-18 and thanked the Council for letting them express their concerns about the development.

Dottie Wildberger, 2628 S. 39th St., spoke about her concerns with how the development proposed on Bill #1362-18 will impact the homes on her street.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 46641- Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Dr., and Kristopher Miller, (no address provided), and Holt Ellis, 4620 Iris Ave., spoke on the bill.

Agenda No. 46642 – Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Avenue., spoke about the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), I-229 and the future of the I-229 bridge and urged the Councilmembers who are members of the MPO to stand up for what is the best course for the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

46654 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.