



# City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the March 4, 2024 City Council meeting.

## Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Marty Novak – Urban Homestead Agency Board
- Kevin Kelly – Land Bank Board
- Bruce Crum – Aviation Board
- Greg Hatten – Tourism Commission
- Dr. Evan Hart – Landmark Commission
- Jolene Dempster – Parks and Recreation Board
- Diane Waddell – Museum Oversight Board
- Lee Sawyer – St. Joseph Regional Port Authority
- Stephen McFarland – St. Joseph Regional Port Authority.
- Dana Stickley – Traffic Commission
- Dennis Fetter – Traffic Commission

No board or commission nominations were denied or postponed.

## Summarized City Council Actions

Following is an explanation of select items that were taken up by the City Council:

**Riverfront Master Plan Projects** (Item #17 Bill #697-22): The City Council approved the use of Hotel-Motel Tax, or Transit Guest Tax, Funds for four projects associated with the St. Joseph Riverfront Master Plan. The projects include:

- Spillway Project: construction of a permanent draining culvert to allow the northern portion of the Riverfront Master Plan area to drain more rapidly after a flooding event.
- Heritage Park Improvements: replacement of five scoreboards damaged by flooding events, a playground canopy cover, stadium seating at Field 4, a large shade umbrella between Fields 3 and 4, and installation of a public address system.

- **Huston-Wyeth Park Pump Track:** installation of a pump track, skills track, and flow track. A pump track is a circuit of rolling hills and banked turns designed for mountain bikes, skateboards, and wheelchairs. A skills track provides an opportunity for riders to improve their skills in an environment that is more controlled than normal mountain bike trails. A flow track creates a challenging terrain-induced roller coaster experience.
- **River Bluff Bike Trail Erosion Control:** an area near the Bob Simpson pedestrian bridge is suffering from erosion issues that need remedied to prevent further storm water damage.

Approval of the projects allows City Staff to formally bid the projects. Each project will be presented to the City Council for consideration following the receipt of bids.

**Civic Arena Improvements** (Item #18 Bill #707-22, Item #19 Bill #708-22, Item #20 Bill #709-22):

The City Council approved funding for 3 enhancement projects to the Civic Arena, including:

- The purchase of 60 team chairs and a hanging storage rack from Specialty Seats International Corporation.
- An agreement for professional engineering and architectural planning services for design of the Restroom Renovation Project which will repair existing plumbing and restore all restrooms within the Civic Arena.

Civic Arena improvements enable the City, Convention & Visitors Bureau, and other partnering agencies to promote, bid, and host future championship opportunities for multiple sporting events.

**Rosecrans Memorial Airport Aviation Complex** (Item #23 Bill #713-22): The City Council approved a series of 5 grant agreements with a total value of \$19.7 million with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration for construction of the Aviation Complex, which consists of a new air traffic control tower, terminal building, and possible snow removal equipment facility at Rosecrans Memorial Airport. These upgrades position the airport to support the 139<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and general aviation into the future.

**Airport Tower Project Construction** (Item #40 Bill #712-22): The City Council approved a Lump Sum Contract with E.L. Crawford Construction Inc., and a Lump Sum Construction Management Contract with Woolpert, Inc. for the Rosecrans Memorial Aviation Complex Project. E.L. Crawford Construction Inc. will provide construction services while Woolpert, Inc. will provide highly specific technical and professional services for the construction of the Aviation Complex Tower. These services include oversight and design of general construction. Woolpert's role will ensure compliance with stringent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines and rules.

**FlyTech Aviation Academy Agreement** (Item #24 Bill #714-22): The City Council approved a lease agreement with Lute Atieh, DBA FlyTech Aviation Academy to lease a modular trailer for operation of a pilot training academy located at Rosecrans Memorial Airport.

**Eastowne Business Park Improvement Design** (Item #25 Bill #715-22): The City Council approved the execution of a Work Order with Snyder & Associates to provide design plans and construction documents for utility extension improvements at Eastowne Business Park. This project will enhance the industrial zone by building a new sewer pump station at the end of Pickett Road. That pump station will also benefit the adjacent Capstone Technology Park. The project's main goal is to connect utility assets including water and wastewater to the Eastowne Business Park to enable future industrial development.

**Community Missions Improvement Grant** (Item #27 Bill #719-22): The City Council approved a St. Joseph River Bluff Gateway Project Revitalization agreement with Community Missions to provide funds to install a cement parking area for the Cold Weather Shelter located at 700 Olive Street.

**YWCA Improvement Grant** (Item #28 Bill #720-22): The City Council approved a St. Joseph River Bluff Gateway Project Revitalization agreement with YWCA to replace the flat portion of the roof at the GRIT Center located at 323 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This grant will both enable the YWCA to provide much-needed services for the community and help to preserve a historic church.

**Phil Welch Stadium Improvements** (Item #31 Bill #723-22): The City Council approved an agreement with Game Time Athletics Sports Field Specialists to install Backstop and Protective Netting at Phil Welch Stadium. For multiple baseball seasons, the need for added protective netting at Phil Welch Stadium has been evaluated. The additional protective netting mitigates the consequences in instances where foul balls enter fan areas.

**Fire Station HVAC Upgrades** (Item #32 Bill #724-22): The City Council authorized the replacement and installation of the HVAC and ductwork system at Fire Station 5 using excess funding from the Fire Station 4 HVAC project. The current HVAC system is no longer adequately cooling the building and is in a failing state. Additionally, the return air galvanized ductwork was built under the floor of the station and has rusted out, causing potential mold and mildew to permeate.

**Karnes Road Shoulder Stabilization** (Item #33 Bill #725-22): The City Council authorized work to stabilize the roadway shoulder along Karnes Road. Sprague Excavating Co., Inc. will perform the work. Rain events and snow runoff have caused the creek bank along the shoulder to erode. This erosion has become more proximate to the road's edge, creating risk of damage to the roadway. The bank will be shored up to prevent further erosion and help protect the roadway surface from future damage.

**Parks Department Equipment Purchases** (Item #36 Bill #728-22, Item #37 Bill #729-22): The City Council authorized the purchases of two new pieces of equipment for the Park Maintenance Division. A hydraulic hammer attachment will allow a skid steer loader to be utilized for numerous projects throughout the park system and facilities. A Kubota utility vehicle will provide safe and reliable means of accessing park facilities, parks, trails, and the boulevard system. It will be used for general maintenance of urban trails, landscaping, special events, vandalism cleanup, and other various tasks.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

**Joint Citizens Law Enforcement Academy:** The Joint Citizens Law Enforcement Academy will be hosted by the St. Joseph Police Department and Buchanan County Sheriff's Office beginning Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Academy offers citizens the opportunity to gain insight into law enforcement day-to-day operations and learn more about specialized efforts and operations. The Academy meets every Tuesday from 6:00-9:30 at the Law Enforcement Center and runs from April 2 through May 28. Applications to participate must be submitted by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Brittany Village:** Following a foreclosure sale, Brittany Village is now under new ownership and management. City officials recently met with the company that has assumed management of the complex and been assured that the company is committed to improving conditions at the complex; however, they were still developing their long-term capital improvement plan. Additionally, the duration of the current ownership and management of the complex is not yet determined.