



# City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the April 29, 2024 City Council meeting.

## Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Linda Eslinger – Housing Authority

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:

**701 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street Conditional Use Permit** (Item #4 Bill #812-22) The City Council approved the issuance of a conditional use permit that will allow for the operation of a used vehicle dealership on the property located at 701 South 8th Street. The dealership will be operated by Cornelius Auto Sales LLC. The application for a conditional use permit was previously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

**Police Department Equipment Purchase** (Item #10 Bill #805-22) The City Council authorized the purchase of two LiveScan Booking and Applicant Workstations and printers. The Police Department currently uses and maintains two LiveScan Fingerprint machines and two printers and needs to replace the aging LiveScan ELSA systems with the new LiveScan TPEv5. Fingerprint fee revenues support the cost of maintaining these two machines/printers.

**Animal Control Donation Acceptance** (Item #11 Bill #806-22) The City Council approved acceptance of a donation from Petco Love to be used to promote microchipping and keeping pets out of shelters. The program goals are to increase the number of dogs returned to their owners, reduce intake, increase the number of microchipped pets, and increase accessibility to scanners.

**Civic Arena Concessions Agreement** (Item #12 Bill #810-22) The City Council authorized an agreement with Pizza Ranch to provide a full-service concession operation at the St. Joseph Civic Arena. Historically, the Civic Arena managed its own concession operations which required a commitment of multiple part-time City employees who were required to work very inconsistent and occasionally demanding schedules. Two years ago, the City began contracting concession services. The contract expires May 2024, an RFP was advertised, and Pizza Ranch was selected for concession operations.

**Eagles Way Second Plat Preliminary Plat Approval** (Item #14 Bill #813-22) The City Council approved the preliminary plat entitled Eagles Way Second Plat, consisting of four lots created from four properties at 3512, 3602 and 3604 Waterworks Road. The subdivision was proposed to realign property boundaries of large tracts of land in the area and combine properties that are not currently in a subdivision. One of the lots is greater than ten acres, which is required by City Code to go through the Major Subdivision process. A riverfront RV park is proposed in this area. RV parks such as the proposed development are permitted by right in P-12 zoning, and no change of zoning is proposed for this location.

**Pioneer Material, Amended Preliminary Plat Approval** (Item #15 Bill #814-22) The City Council approved the preliminary plat entitled Pioneer Material, Amended, a major subdivision consisting of three lots created from five parcels located at 3702 and 3910 Waterworks Road, 3806 River Road, and two adjacent parcels. The subdivision was proposed to realign property boundaries of large tracts of land in the area and combine properties that are not currently in a subdivision. One of the lots is greater than ten acres. The size of the lot triggers a City Code requirement to go through the Major Subdivision process. The area is not currently in a subdivision, no major development is proposed, and no change of zoning is planned.

**Non-Profit Agreements for ARPA Funds** (Item #17 Bill #816-22) The City Council authorized the execution of Non-Profit Funding Agreements with fourteen agencies to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for various purposes. On December 11, 2023, Resolution 48514 was approved by City Council stating the intent to distribute up to \$150,000.00 in ARPA funds to eligible non-profit organizations actively providing services in St. Joseph. Through a public advertisement for the use of funds, the City received 22 proposals. Those were provided to the City Council for review and consideration. After the City Council narrowed the list of applications to individual requests and amounts, City Staff reviewed proposals to determine eligibility under ARPA guidelines. Funding Agreements were then provided to each agency to acknowledge requirements for the use of funds. The agencies and amounts include the following:

Allied Arts Council:	\$11,111.11
Boy Scouts of America:	\$3,366.67
Mission House:	\$8,333.33
Second Harvest Community Food Bank:	\$18,333.33
United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri:	\$13,888.89
YWCA St. Joseph:	\$14,444.44
Interfaith Community Services, Inc. (InterServ):	\$12,222.22
AFL-CIO Community Services:	\$16,666.67
Pony Express Museum, Inc.:	\$10,555.56

Special Olympics Missouri, Inc.:	\$13,333.33
St. Joseph Youth Alliance:	\$12,777.78
St. Joseph Youth Soccer Association:	\$5,300.00
Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri, Inc. (Latinos Connect):	\$5,000.00

**Indoor Aquatic Facility Contribution** (Item #18 Bill #817-22) The City Council approved a resolution stating the City of St. Joseph’s intent to contribute up to \$7,000,000 in Capital Funds to construct a modern indoor aquatic facility on the YMCA Community Campus as well as \$270,000 annually for operational costs of the facility. In order to support the YMCA’s submission of grant applications seeking funding, the City was asked to provide a resolution stating the intention. The intention is contingent upon the YMCA obtaining commitments for remaining funds necessary to construct the facility before the end of calendar year 2024.

**River Bluff Bike Track Project** (Item #19 Bill #818-22) The City Council authorized the execution of a Change Order with Ideker, Inc. for the construction of a skills track and a flow track as part of the River Bluff Trails Park project. Both tracks will be located at Huston-Wyeth Park in the open area north of the circular overlook and picnic shelter. 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.

**Heritage Park Stadium Seat Replacement** (Item #20 Bill #819-22) The City Council authorized the purchase of replacement stadium seats and hardware for the Bill McKinney Softball Complex at Heritage Park. On March 4, 2024 a Special Ordinance was passed that authorized funding for several projects associated with the St. Joseph Riverfront Master Plan area, including the seats. The City Council’s action on April 29 authorized the actual procurement of the specific seating. The complex and most fixtures and amenities are over twenty years old and have sustained wear and tear due to multiple flooding events. Stadium style seating is a necessary feature in this type of complex to attract national, regional, and state tournaments to St. Joseph. There are 411 stadium style seats on the lower level of Field 4 in the complex. Removal of the old seats and installation of the new will be performed by Park Maintenance staff.

**Opioid Settlement Funding Agreements** (Item #23 Bill #822-22) The City Council authorized eight individual funding agreements between the City of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, and applicant entities to be awarded Opioid Settlement Funding. The following entities are being awarded funds: Buchanan County EMS, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office (Drug Strike Force), Community Missions Corp., Mission House, New Seasons St. Joseph Metro Treatment Center, St. Joseph Museums, The Samaritan Center, and Youth Alliance. The Opioid Settlement Funds Review Board met throughout March 2024, and made final recommendations regarding funding to be awarded. Applicants were notified of award recommendations, and funding agreements were developed for each awarded agency. The funding will be utilized to fill substance use prevention, treatment and recovery gaps through support positions, equipment purchases, home furnishings, transportation and other strategies.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

**FY25 Proposed Budget:** Over the last two weeks, staff has been refining and finalizing the proposed budget for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1 and continue through June 30, 2025. That budget will be presented at a series of work sessions starting on April 30. After those work sessions, the budget will be submitted for approval by Special Ordinance. That ordinance is scheduled for first reading on May 28 with a vote occurring on June 10.