



# City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the August 5, 2024 City Council meeting.

## Boards & Commissions Appointments

No board or commission nominations were considered.

## Summarized City Council Actions

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

**Landfill Unsecured Load Fee Increase** (Item #7 Bill #928-22): The City Council authorized an increase in the fee charged by the City's landfill for unsecured loads, which are usually loads that are not covered by a tarp during transport. Historically, the landfill has included an additional \$10.00 charge for haulers who do not put tarps or other covers on their loads. The adjustment is intended to reduce the number of loads that are not secured and reduce the amount of garbage that escapes during transport.

**Horace Mann Playground Improvements** (Item #8 Bill #929-22): The City Council authorized the purchase and installation of safety surfacing from Forever Lawn for the Horace Mann playground. New playground equipment has already been purchased using Community Development Block Grant funds. Although the playground is on the campus of the Horace Mann building, it will be available for use by the public.

**Civic Arena Signage Purchase** (Item #9 Bill #930-22): The City Council authorized the purchase and installation of signage for the Civic Arena from Yellow Frog Graphics. Previously, funding was allocated to paint the interior and exterior of the arena and add signage to the exterior. Interior painting is underway, and replacement of existing external signage is the next step in the improvements process. Installation of new signs on the west, south, and east sides of the building will begin after all exterior painting is completed.

**Phil Welch Stadium Structural Evaluation** (Item #10 Bill #931-22): The City Council authorized the execution of a Work Order with Snyder & Associates, Inc. for the structural evaluation of Phil Welch Stadium. A previous evaluation revealed structural members were over their designed capacity. Snyder and Associates will design the plans to fix the structural issues and replace tiered concrete in the grandstand. The project is part of the 2021 Parks Sales Tax program.

**Aquatic Park Lap Pool Demolition Plans** (Item #11 Bill #932-22): The City Council authorized the execution of a Work Order with Snyder & Associates, Inc. for plans and documents for the demolition of the Aquatic Park Lap Pool. To avoid harm to the Aquatic Park, a minimal amount of demolition design is necessary before demolition can proceed.

**Pump Station Upgrades** (Item #12 Bill #933-22): The City Council authorized the purchase of four Sulzer dry pit submersible pumps from FTC Equipment, LLC for installation at the Faraon Street Pump Station and the Water Protection In-Plant Pump Station. The current clutch-driven pumps have become costly to maintain and are unreliable. Dry pit submersible pumps from Sulzer are already installed at two other pump station locations and are more efficient, reliable, and require less maintenance. Additionally, the pumps do not need external seal water, resulting in further cost savings on water usage. The purchase will enhance the reliability and cost-effectiveness of both pump stations.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

- **National Night Out:** The annual National Night Out will be hosted locally by the Police and Fire Departments, in conjunction with other local public safety agencies, tomorrow night from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Civic Center Park. The event is open to the community and does not require prior registration.
- **Police Officer James Edwards Recognition:** On July 25, Police Officer James Edwards was recognized by the Missouri Department of Transportation at the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference for his work removing 101 impaired drivers from St. Joseph roadways in 2023.