



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the November 25, 2024 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Richard Bolton – Museum Oversight Board

Summarized City Council Actions

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

Chronic Nuisance Business Ordinance (Item #7 Bill #1058-22): The City Council approved an amendment to Chapter 15 of the City's Code of Ordinances to add a provision regarding Nuisance Businesses. The goal of the proposed code change is to equip Police Officers and Code Enforcement Officers with additional tools to discourage businesses from becoming chronic nuisances. Certain businesses have become gathering spots for vagrants, creating eyesores and blight, particularly in high-traffic areas or neighborhoods undergoing economic development. The amendment would deter business owners from permitting unseemly activities on their properties and establish penalties for those who fail to address or abate such nuisances.

Pickett Road & Craig Parkway Project (Item #16 Bill #1068-22): The City Council approved a contract with CP Excavating, LLC. for the Pickett Road & Craig Parkway Project. Upon completion, the project will enhance the roadway infrastructure on Pickett Road from Riverside Road to Craig Parkway and Craig Parkway from Pickett Road to Highway 36. This project will benefit businesses and residents in the area when MoDOT begins removal and reconstruction of the bridge on Route AC (Riverside Road) in the near future. These upgrades will contribute to better traffic movement and improved accessibility for the community.

Eastowne Business Park Project (Item #19 Bill #1071-22): The City Council approved a contract with CP Excavating, LLC for the Eastowne Business Park 2024 Project. The City received a grant in May 2023 to fund utility extensions for the Eastowne Business Park, a 95-acre industrial site zoned M1 (light manufacturing). This portion of the project is subdivided with some areas being further developed with utilities and roadways. The project's main goal is to connect utility assets including water, wastewater, sanitary sewer, and a lift station to the Eastowne Business Park. The construction will take place along Pickett Road between Riverside Road (Route A/C) and Riverside Terrace.

Patee Market Health Center Roof Repairs (Item #20 Bill #1072-22): The City Council approved an agreement with Robert's Roofing for roof repairs and component replacement at Patee Market Health Center. The roof at Patee Market has been leaking during and following inclement weather for several years. Replacing and repairing roof components will prevent further deterioration, protect the building's infrastructure, and ensure the Patee Market Health Center can continue providing essential services to the community.

American Rescue Plan Act Funded Projects: The City Council approved multiple projects utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funding which must be allocated by the end of December 2024. The following are a list of select projects with brief descriptions:

- (Item 22 Bill 1074-22): Purchase of four large spotlights for the Civic Arena.
- (Item 23 Bill 1075-22): Purchase of a floor covering system for the portable athletic floor at the Civic Arena.
- (Item 25 Bill 1077-22): Purchase of twenty 2025 Chevy Tahoes to be used by the Police Department.

Landfill Equipment Purchase (Item #27 Bill #1080-22): The City Council approved the purchase of a Rice Lake Weighbridge for use at the St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill. The addition of this scale will provide a third scale at the landfill, allowing commercial roll-offs to exit without having to be weighed by the scale clerk. This will help alleviate congestion at the other outbound scale during peak traffic times. Furthermore, the new scale will serve as a backup in the event of a scale failure, enabling staff to maintain operations with two functioning scales and reducing wait times.

216 South 8th Street Improvements (Item #28 Bill #1081-22): The City Council approved an agreement with William H. and Elaine C. Guenther Trust, (Grantee), and Brandt's Fuel Savers (Contractor) as part of the St. Joseph River Bluff Gateway Revitalization Project. The structure at 216 South 8th Street is located in the identified project zone for the project. The awnings will have a substantial positive impact on the historic downtown streetscape and will improve the appearance of a large structure which is visible from both Felix Street Square and the Missouri Theater.

Police Department Vehicle Purchase (Item #29 Bill #1082-22): The City Council authorized the purchase of one Chevy Tahoe through the Cooperative Agreement with the St. Joseph School District to be used by the Police Department's School Resource Officers. The vehicle purchase for the SRO unit will enable the Police Department to upgrade older vehicles in the fleet and provide the 2nd of 7 newer vehicles for the unit.

City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Clint Thompson reported the following:

- All City facilities will be closed Thursday in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. City Hall and the Rec Center will also be closed on Friday.
- The Parks Department will be conducting their annual lighting ceremonies this Friday, November 29th where the Mayor will be turning on the holiday lights for the first time this year. Krug Park's Holiday Park will be lit at 6pm and Hyde Park's South Pole will be lit at 6:30pm.