



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the January 21, 2025 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Walter Eis – Landmark Commission

Summarized City Council Actions

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

Property Vacation (Item #9 Bill #1121-22, Item #10 Bill #1122-22): The City Council approved the vacation of the following areas:

- Unimproved 20-foot alley that runs north-south in the middle of the block between 18th and 19th streets, north of Felix. Current property owners will fence the vacated alley as a yard since the alley way is not in use.
- Abandoned Burlington Northern Railroad Company Right of Way which crosses the property at 802 Mitchell Avenue. There was no public access across this ROW when in railroad use and the ROW has been fenced off since at least 2013. This vacation will connect the owners main parcel with a small corner fragment to the southeast.

The Planning Commission and Traffic Commission both recommend approval of these vacations, and the Planning and Community Development Department agrees with the recommendation.

Patee Market Snow Removal Agreement (Item #12 Bill #1124-22): The City Council authorized an agreement with Barron's Snow and Mow, LLC, to provide snow and ice removal and ice control at Patee Market Health Center, 904 South 10th Street and the St. Joseph Animal Shelter, 701 Lower Lake Road. The City of St. Joseph Health Department is responsible for having snow and ice removed and ice controlled at both locations.

Budget Adjustments for Minimum Wage Increase (Item #13 Bill #1125-22): The City Council authorized amendments to multiple budgets to provide additional funds for the increase in minimum wage. As of January 1, 2025, the new Missouri Minimum Wage is in effect. The change increases from \$12.30 per hour to \$13.75 per hour. This will have a financial impact on several program budgets that rely heavily on part time and seasonal employees. The programs include Swimming, Remington Nature Center, JRP 50+ Activity Center, REC Center, Bode Sports Complex, Park Concessions, and Fairview Golf Course. The Softball program and Park Maintenance budget will also be impacted by an increase in fees for Employment Services, which is where we obtain our seasonal employees.

Fire Department Grant Acceptance (Item #14 Bill #1126-22): The City Council approved acceptance of the FY24 State Homeland Security Program Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. Grant funding will be used for the purchase of a trailer mounted diesel generator with extendable LED light tower to be utilized for Emergency Management throughout the region and deployable for State incidents. Scene lighting is vital for all night emergencies and would be a critical component during flooding, storms, and for any terrorism threat.

Landfill Moratorium Repeal (Item #20 Bill #1137-22): The City Council approved a repeal to Resolution no. 49518, which was adopted on January 6, 2025, declaring a moratorium on all new dumping of construction and demolition (C&D) waste. The landfill needs a certain amount of construction and demolition waste to assist with the compaction of the site, therefore the decision was made to repeal the moratorium.