



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the March 3, 2025 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Zach Dudley – Landmark Commission
- Tim Doyle – Downtown Review Board
- Bill Couldry – Planning Commission

Summarized City Council Actions

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

Noyes Tennis Courts (Item #12 Bill #1153-22): The City Council has approved an agreement with Pro Track and Tennis for resurfacing of the Noyes Tennis Center Courts and an amendment to the Park Maintenance fund budget to reflect a maintenance contribution from the St. Joseph School District. Tennis court surfaces require ongoing maintenance to provide safe, functional, and clean recreational and competitive facilities.

Daily's Premium Meats (Item #13 Bill #1154-22): The City Council has approved the acceptance of funds from Epstein and Sons International to cover future professional service costs related to the expansion of Daily's Premium Meats, LLC. Daily's is in the early stages of a \$40 million expansion project. Due to the vacancy in the Chief Building Official position, the City will rely on its third-party construction consultant, GBA, for certain services related to the project, including preliminary plan review. Epstein and Sons International have agreed to contribute funds to the City to partially cover GBA's fees. Additional permit fees collected from Daily's will provide the remaining funds necessary to fully compensate GBA for its services throughout the expansion.

Wyeth Hill Pump Track (Item #17 Bill #1158-22): The City Council has authorized a purchase order with Auxier Construction Company for the construction of a concrete ADA-accessible sidewalk and shelter pad, funded by Transient Guest Tax revenues. The previously approved Wyeth-Hill Pump Track Project was designed to accommodate wheelchairs; however, its location is not easily accessible from the parking lot. To address this, a 550-foot-long ADA-accessible concrete sidewalk and shelter pad will be constructed to ensure better accessibility.

Sunbridge Cemetery (Item #18 Bill #1159-22): The City Council has authorized an agreement with Winn's Lawn Service to provide mowing services at the Sunbridge Cemetery. The City of St. Joseph Health Department is responsible for mowing services at the cemetery.

Police Department Equipment Purchases (Item #20 Bill #1161-22, Item #21 Bill #1162-22): The City Council has authorized the purchase of ten Motorola APX 800 handheld radios, along with all necessary accessories, from Midwest Mobile. This purchase supports the ongoing upgrade of aging technology within the police vehicle fleet and will be funded through the Police Sales Tax Fund.

Additionally, the City Council approved the purchase and installation of equipment for upfitting twenty marked police vehicles and one SRO vehicle, as budgeted for FY 24/25. Funding for this project will come from both the General Fund and the Police Sales Tax Fund. The upfitting includes prisoner security cages/partitions, radios, laptops, radars, emergency equipment, wiring, and installation.

Streets Maintenance Vehicle Purchase (Item #24 Bill #1165-22, Item #25 Bill #1166-22): The City Council has authorized the purchase and installation of a dump bed, snowplow, hydraulic system, and salt spreader from American Equipment Co. for use by the Streets Maintenance Division.

Additionally, the Council approved the purchase of an International MV607 cab and chassis from Rush Truck Center, onto which these components will be mounted. Once installation is complete, SIMR will have a fully operational, multi-use truck capable of transporting personnel and materials while also serving as an effective tool for snow and ice control.