

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

January 11, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.  
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting via video conferencing at City Hall, on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

|                  | <u>Name</u>                   | <u>Term Attendance</u><br>(mtgs attended-mtgs absent) |
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| Members present: | Mayor Bill McMurray           | (99-02)   |
|                  | Councilmember Brenda Blessing | (96-05)   |
|                  | Councilmember Madison Davis   | (96-05)   |
|                  | Councilmember PJ Kovac        | (85-16)   |
|                  | Councilmember Russell Moore   | (98-03)   |
|                  | Councilmember Brian Myers     | (95-06)   |
|                  | Councilmember Marty Novak     | (96-05)   |
|                  | Councilmember Kent O'Dell     | (89-12)   |
|                  | Councilmember Gary Roach      | (87-14)   |

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Gary Edwards, City Attorney Bryan Carter, Police Chief Christopher Connally, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling, Network Administrator Paul Flury, City Clerk Paula Heyde and Deputy City Clerk Rita K. Domini.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Councilmember Myers voted first.

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MINUTES:

45759 By general consent, the minutes of the special meeting held December 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. and the regular meeting held December 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

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ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

45760 It was moved by Councilmember O'Dell and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--9.

CONSENT AGENDA:

45761 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Roach that Agenda Number 45762 through 45771 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--9.

Nominations and Appointments:

45762 Filed 12/30/20: The nomination by Councilmember Moore was approved, appointing Lanny Ellis, 2123 N. 31st Terrace, as a member of the Personnel Board for a term expiring on the third Monday in January 2026; he will be replacing Kristine Girard whose term will expire on January 18, 2021.

45763 Filed 12/30/20: The nomination by Councilmember Moore was approved, appointing Denise Bradley, 225 N. Ryan's Way, as a member of the Personnel Board for a term expiring on the third Monday in January 2026; she will be replacing Audrey Cravatt whose term will expire on January 18, 2021.

Bills for Passage:

45764 (S.O. 9829) A Bill (#974-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "London Addition" a major commercial subdivision consisting of two (2) lots proposed for the property located at 1801 North Woodbine, as requested by Dan McChristy, having been read the first time on December 14, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

45765 (S.O. 9830) A Bill (#973-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Police Department budget in the General Fund and the acceptance of a grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri Region H Homeland Security Office in the amount of \$5,527.29 to be used to purchase a radio for the command post, having been read the first time on December 14, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

45766 (S.O. 9831) A Bill (#975-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Aviation Fund budget in the amount of \$10,885.00 to provide funds for the replacement of the Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs) at Rosecrans Memorial Airport from Strukel Electric, Inc., having been read the first time on December 14, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

45767 (S.O. 9832) A Bill (#977-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Health Department budget in the General Fund to budget funds received in the amount of \$6,400.00 from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B COVID-19 Grant passed through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, having been read the first time on December 14, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

45768 (S.O. 9833) A Bill (#980-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing an amendment to the Water Protection Fund budget and the purchase of one (1) 2021 RAM 1500 pickup truck from Reed Jeep RAM for use at the Water Protection Division in the amount of \$22,288.00, having been read the first time on December 14, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Bills for Passage: (Cont'd)

45769 (S.O. 9834) A Bill (#981-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 to Work Order 43101-07 with SAK Construction, LLC., to extend the cleaning of the Riverside Road Interceptor Sewer, the installation of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining and the epoxy reconstruction of manholes for the Riverside Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) Project, and an amendment to the Water Protection Fund budget all in an amount not to exceed \$1,445,690.50, having been read the first time on December 14, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

45770 (Resolution No. 45770 – 4690) A Resolution (#985-18) approving the appointment of three board members to the 36th and Frederick Community Improvement District, was read and adopted.

45771 (Resolution No. 45771 – 4691) A Resolution (#989-18) authorizing the approval and adoption of new design guidelines pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances for the purposes of historic preservation, was read and adopted.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\*\*\*

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

45772 (S.O. 9835) A Bill (#955-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with Board of Directors Mo-Kan (d/b/a Mo-Kan Regional Council) and an amendment to the Gaming Initiatives Fund to appropriate \$4,000.00 for the development and maintenance of a website featuring information about St. Joseph’s downtown area, having been read the first time on November 30, 2020, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Myers, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore--8. Nay, Roach--1.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

45773 A Bill (#983-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget to provide additional funds for the construction of the new Fire Station Number 8 Project in the amount of \$200,556.00, was introduced and read the first time.

45774 A Bill (#984-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing the execution of an agreement with the County of Buchanan for the provision of City Communication Center Services for dispatch of county personnel in the amount of \$422,605.56 for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2021, was introduced and read the first time.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING: (Cont'd)

- 45775 A Bill (#986-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,307.00 and the Parks Maintenance Fund budget in the amount of \$4,501.00 and acceptance of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant funds passed through Buchanan County, Missouri from the U.S. Treasury Department in the amount of \$6,807.95, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45776 A Bill (#987-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Fire Department budget in the General Fund to accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$445,455.00 and to appropriate matching funds in the amount of \$44,545.00 from fund balance to be used to purchase firefighter self-contained breathing apparatus, and to authorize the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus from Conrad Fire Equipment in the amount of \$490,000.00, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45777 A Bill (#988-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "The Commons 2nd Plat," a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 4524 Commonwealth Drive, 4530 Commonwealth Drive, 4525 Commons Drive and 4531 Commons Drive, as requested by William Anderson, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45778 A Bill (#990-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing an amendment to the Water Protection Fund, Sewer Improvements Program budget in the amount of \$285,084.00 and the execution of Change Order No. 5 with Kissick Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$285,083.50 for additional work related to the Blacksnake Creek Stormwater Separation Improvement Project, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45779 A Bill (#991-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the acceptance of a revised Permanent Hike & Bike Trail Easement from Second Harvest Community Food Bank (as successor in interest to the MO-KAN Regional Food Bank), located at 915 Douglas Street, for the Blacksnake Creek Stormwater Improvement Project, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 12/9/20: Minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held December 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 12/15/20: Minutes of the Senior Citizen Foundation, Inc. Board meeting held October 20, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., at the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center, 100 N. 10th St.

Filed 12/16/20: Minutes of the Administrative Violation Review Board meeting held October 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 12/16/20: Minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held December 15, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 12/18/20: Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 12/28/20: Minutes of the Land Bank Advisory Committee meeting held October 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 12/28/20: Minutes of the Land Bank Advisory Committee meeting held November 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

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REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 12/29/20: Minutes of the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Board meeting held December 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 12/30/20: Minutes of the Library Board Budget/Personnel Committee meeting held December 28, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street, via Zoom video conferencing.

Filed 12/30/20: Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting held December 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street, via Zoom video conferencing.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 12/28/20: Minutes of the Council Work Session held December 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 1/6/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held January 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 1/5/21: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (January 7, 2021).

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 12/9/20: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Subcommittee meeting held July 23, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 12/9/20: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Subcommittee meeting held September 16, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., at the Bartlett Center, 409 S. 18th Street.

Filed 12/9/20: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Subcommittee meeting held September 30, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., at the Bartlett Center, 409 S. 18th Street.

Filed 12/9/20: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Subcommittee meeting held November 18, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., at empowerU, 518 S. 6th Street.

Filed 12/11/20: City Link, December 10, 2020.

Filed 12/14/20: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Bi-Monthly Board meeting held November 19, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue via Zoom video conferencing.

Filed 12/15/20: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held July 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 12/15/20: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citizen’s Crime Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held July 30, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bartlett Center, 409 S. 18th Street.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 12/15/20: Letter from Timothy P. McGrail, Deputy Director, Missouri Gaming Commission, in re: State/Local Allocation of Gaming Revenues for the period 11/1/20 through 11/30/20.

Filed 12/16/20: Memorandum from Judy Hovey, Finance & Revenue Associate Director, in re: Plante Moran Financial Process Assessment Response.

Filed 12/16/20: Commendations regarding Police Department staff.

Filed 12/16/20: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held November 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 12/16/20: Minutes of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Committee meeting held June 17, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 12/16/20: Minutes of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Committee meeting held December 14, 2020, at 12:30 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 12/17/20: City Link, December 17, 2020.

Filed 12/28/20: Social Welfare Board, The Clinic Beat newsletter, November 2020.

Filed 12/28/20: City Link, December 23, 2020.

Filed 12/29/20: Memorandum from Clint Thompson, Planning and Community Development Director, to Gary Edwards, City Manager, in re: CARES Act Funds.

Filed 12/29/20: Memorandum from Clint Thompson, Planning and Community Development Director, to Gary Edwards, City Manager, in re: Update on St. Joseph HUD CARES Act Fund Appropriation.

Filed 12/31/20: Memorandum from Tom Mahoney, Administrative Services Interim Director, in re: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, FY2020.

Filed 1/4/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held December 1, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 1/4/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held December 1, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 1/4/21: Anonymous communication regarding masks.

Filed 1/5/21: Municipal Division Summary Reporting, December 2020.

Filed 1/5/21: Police Department Monthly Activity Report Highlights, November 2020.

Filed 1/5/21: Health Department Monthly Statistical Report, November 2020.

Filed 1/5/21: Encumbrances \$5,000 to \$25,000, November 2020.

Filed 1/5/21: Memorandum from Debra Bradley, Health Director, in re: Vaccine Planning.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 1/5/21: Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Department Monthly Update, November 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

45780 City Manager's Report – City Manager Gary Edwards said he needs to update the City Council on I-229, budget schedule and Fiscal Year 2020 audit at a work session next week. As an update on what is happening on the Krug Park issue, we have pretty much wrapped up a citizens committee to spearhead and address such issues as parking, financing, etc. and will send the list of members to the City Council tonight or tomorrow.

Councilmember Novak said it would be good to provide the information in the Health Director's memo on the COVID vaccine rollout to the public. Mr. Edwards said that is going to start this week.

Councilmember O'Dell said he wants to make sure people in the community involved in promotions, etc. are asked to serve on the committee.

Councilmember Roach said he is concerned about truck traffic being routed through the downtown if I-229 is removed and feels the City Council needs to stick together to maintain the interstate presence downtown. He believes requests for funds should be considered during the budget review discussions. He appreciates Mr. Edwards' weekend reviews.

Councilmember Davis thinks we need to get moving on the I-229 issue as soon as possible.

Councilmember O'Dell asked for the phone number for people to call about the City's stimulus assistance. Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson said the number is 271-8341.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Gary Clapp, Director of Missouri Western State University Center for Service, provided a letter thanking the City Council for the financial support and contribution of \$40,000 to the Center for Service at Missouri Western State University. He said almost 70 students enrolled in the first semester of the program. Councilmember Davis asked if the City Council could receive a periodic update on the program. Dr. Clapp said yes.

Kenny Reeder, 4000 River Road, asked when the Blacksnake Creek project will end.


NOTES:

Agenda No. 45772 – Nic Hutchison, Executive Director of Mo-Kan Regional Council, and Pat Modlin, downtown merchant, spoke about and answered questions about the development of a new website for the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT:

45781 By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

  
Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.