

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

July 27, 2020 - 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 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, July 27, 2020, 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> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(80-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(78-04)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(66-16)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(81-01)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(77-05)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(79-03)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(70-12)
Members absent:	Councilmember Madison Davis	(79-03)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(74-08)

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

Also present were Interim City Manager Chris Connally, City Attorney Bryan Carter, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Health Director Debra Bradley, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Jeff Atkins, Acting Police Chief Eric Protzman, Chief Building Official Jim Haake, Emergency Manager Bill Lamar, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

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

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MINUTES:

45367 By general consent, the minutes of the special meeting held July 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., and the regular meeting held July 13, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

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NumberACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 45368 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember O'Dell that the Agenda be accepted as published with the addition of one emergency bill for passage (Bill #825-18) being placed on the Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing--7. Absent, Roach, Davis--2.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 45369 It was moved by Councilmember O'Dell and seconded by Councilmember Myers that Agenda Numbers 45370 through 45391 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing--7. Absent, Roach, Davis--2.

Nominations and Appointments:

- 45370 Filed 7/13/20: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Hannah Kleopfer, 726 S. 19th Street, as a member of the Library Board for a term expiring June 30, 2022; she is filling a vacancy on the board.
- 45371 Filed 7/14/20: The nomination by Councilmember Myers was approved, appointing Sara C. Markt, 12 Stonecrest, as a member of the Downtown Review Board for a term expiring July 27, 2023; she is filling a vacancy on the board.
- 45372 Filed 7/14/20: The nomination by Councilmember Blessing was approved, appointing Janie Obermier, 328 Ohio Street, as a member of the Senior Citizen Foundation, Inc. Board for a term expiring July 27, 2023; she is filling a vacancy on the board.
- 45373 Filed 7/13/20: The nomination by Councilmember Blessing was approved, appointing Eugene (Gene) Egbert, 2312 Bent Tree Court, as a member of the Senior Citizen Foundation, Inc. Board for a term expiring July 28, 2023; he is replacing Michael Maguire, whose term expires July 28, 2020.
- 45374 Filed 7/14/20: The nomination by Councilmember Blessing was approved, appointing John Rodgers, 1625 S. 20th Street, as a member of the Landmark Commission for a term expiring February 22, 2022; he is filling a vacancy on the commission.
- 45375 Filed 7/14/20: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Tara Horn, 3803 Churchill Court, as a member of the Land Bank Board for a term expiring August 26, 2024; she is being reappointed.
- 45376 Filed 7/15/20: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing John Reese, 4605 Brookwood Terrace, as a member of the Tax Increment Financing Commission for a term expiring August 15, 2024; he is being reappointed.
- 45377 Filed 7/15/20: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Pastor Timothy Doyle, 4706 Stonecrest Terrace, as a member of the Tax Increment Financing Commission for a term expiring August 15, 2024; he is replacing Scottie K. Burnham, Jr., whose term expires on August 15, 2020.
- 45378 Filed 7/15/20: The nomination by Councilmember Kovac was approved, appointing Scott Nelson, 3015 Ashland Avenue, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board for a term expiring July 27, 2025; he is replacing Jerry Wilkerson, whose term has expired.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Nominations and Appointments: (Cont'd)

45379 Filed 7/15/20: The nomination by Councilmember Kovac was approved, appointing Kenton Randolph, 3115 N. 35th Street, as a member of the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Board for a term expiring November 7, 2021; he is filling a vacancy on the board.

Bills for Passage:

45380 (S.O. 9761) A Bill (#804-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing execution of a Use Agreement with the Bishop LeBlond High School for the use of various athletic facilities for a term of three years, having been read the first time on July 13, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

45381 (S.O. 9762) A Bill (#808-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the acceptance of a proposal from U.S. Bank for investment management and custodial trustee services for Mass Transit Defined Benefit Pension Plans, for a period of three years in the total amount of \$10,000.00 per year, having been read the first time on July 13, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

45382 (S.O. 9763) A Bill (#810-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the issuance of Special Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Sewerage System Project), Series 2020, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$33,000,000, prescribing the form and details of said bonds and the covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto, having been read the first time on July 13, 2020, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

45383 (Resolution No. 45383 – 4613) A Resolution (#811-18) authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to provide vital records services, was read and adopted.

45384 (Resolution No. 45384 – 4614) A Resolution (#812-18) renewing a Cooperative Agreement with Colony Hills Fire Protection District for fire protection services for an additional one-year, was read and adopted.

45385 (Resolution No. 45385 – 4615) A Resolution (#813-18) renewing a Cooperative Agreement with Maxwell Heights Fire Protection District for fire protection services for an additional one-year, was read and adopted.

45386 (Resolution No. 45386 – 4616) A Resolution (#814-18) renewing a Cooperative Agreement with Lake Contrary Fire Protection District for fire protection services for an additional one-year term, was read and adopted.

45387 (Resolution No. 45387 – 4617) A Resolution (#815-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray canceling the regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Joseph City Council on December 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., was read and adopted

45388 (Resolution No. 45388 – 4618) A Resolution (#816-18) authorizing the citizens of St. Joseph, Missouri, to have a garage sale without purchasing a \$5.00 permit from Thursday, August 6, 2020, through Sunday, August 9, 2020, was read and adopted.

45389 (Resolution No. 45389 – 4619) A Resolution (#821-18) to contract for household hazardous waste disposal services for two (2) City sponsored annual collection events during FY 2020-2021 from Heritage Environmental Services in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, was read and adopted.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Resolutions for Adoption: (Cont'd)

45390 (Resolution No. 45390 – 4620) A Resolution (#822-18) authorizing the execution of Work Order Number GGA21-01 with Goldberg Group Architects, P.C., in the amount of \$77,250.00 for architectural services for the exterior renovations of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Project utilizing the Master Agreement with Goldberg Group Architects, P.C., was read and adopted.

45391 (Resolution No. 45391 – 4621) A Resolution (#823-18) authorizing execution of an amendment to the Financial Services Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co. to add the Special Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 to the existing Financial Services Agreement at a cost of \$50,000.00, was read and adopted.

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

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

45392 (S.O. 9764) An Emergency Bill (#825-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the Cell Phone Program budget in the amount of \$22,000.00 to provide debris removal, transportation assistance, and portable restroom facilities to mitigate the effect of the Contrary Creek flood; authorizing the waiver of tipping fees and dumpster placement fees associated with cleanup of flood damage; and authorizing the payment of certain public transportation fees for those affected by the flood, was introduced, read and passed. Ayes, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing--7. Absent, Roach, Davis--2.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

45393 A Bill (#817-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray amending Article V "Boards and Commissions" of Chapter 2 "Administrative Code," of the Code of Ordinances by repealing Division 20 titled "Downtown Economic Stimulus Authority of St. Joseph, Missouri," was introduced and read the first time

45394 A Bill (#818-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing execution of a Use Agreement with the St. Joseph School District for the use of various athletic facilities for a term of three years, was introduced and read the first time.

45395 A Bill (#819-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1588 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "One-way streets" to provide for two-way traffic on Third Street, from Faraon Street to Jules Street, was introduced and read the first time.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING: (Cont'd)

- 45396 A Bill (#820-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in the amount of \$936,740.00 to roll forward unspent CDBG CARES Act grant funding from the prior Fiscal Year, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45397 A Bill (#824-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000.00, of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri; prescribing the form and details of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 7/10/20: Minutes of the Tourism Commission meeting held July 9, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 7/10/20: Minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held July 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 7/13/20: Minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held March 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 7/13/20: Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held June 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., at the Parks, Recreation and Civic Facilities Adm. office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Filed 7/15/20: Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting held July 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom/YouTube.

Filed 7/20/20: Minutes of the Land Bank Advisory Committee meeting held June 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 7/21/20: Minutes of the Housing Authority meeting held June 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., at 2902 S. 36th St. via Zoom.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 7/14/20: Minutes of the Council Work Session held July 9, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 7/20/20: Minutes of the Council Work Session held July 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 7/15/20: Memorandum from Chief Connally, Interim City Manager, in re: Acting Interim City Manager (July 16-24, 2020).

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 7/8/20: Property Maintenance Activity Report, June 2020.

Filed 7/8/20: Property Maintenance Invoices Report, June 2020.

Filed 7/8/20: Human Resources Department Monthly Activity Report, June 2020.

Filed 7/8/20: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held June 11, 2020, at 4:03 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 7/9/20: City Link, July 9, 2020.

Filed 7/9/20: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held March 12, 2020, at 4:10 p.m., at St Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 7/10/20: Parks, Recreation and Civic Facilities Department Monthly Update, June 2020.

Filed 7/10/20: Anonymous letter regarding wearing masks.

Filed 7/1/20: Minutes of the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting held June 17, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., at City Hall, via video conferencing.

Filed 7/13/20: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Board Development Committee meeting held June 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 7/14/20: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Executive/Financial Committee meeting held June 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 7/14/20: Health Department Monthly Statistical Report, June 2020.

Filed 7/14/20: Letter from Timothy P. McGrail, Deputy Director, Missouri Gaming Commission, in re: State/Local Allocation of Gaming Revenues for 6/1/20 through 6/30/20.

Filed 7/14/20: Commendations regarding Police and Fire Departments staff.

Filed 7/15/20: Police Department Monthly Activity Report Highlights, June 2020.

Filed 7/15/20: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held June 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 7/16/20: Revised minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Bi-Monthly Board meeting held May 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom video conferencing.

Filed 7/20/20: Email from Frank Leone, 3803 Covington Court, in re: Resignation from Land Bank Board.

Filed 7/20/20: City Link, July 16, 2020.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

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City Manager's Report – Interim City Manager Chris Connally acknowledged the terrible impact the Contrary Creek flooding had on many the residents in the south end. He thanked Fire Chief Mike Dalsing, Supt. of Streets/Sewer Division Keven Schneider and Emergency Manager Bill Lamar for their leadership and immediate response to it. He said they are continuing to work on a number of areas and there is additional pumping going on. Supplementary ditching crews are being added and continuing with the dumpsters. He also acknowledged the Red Cross, Inter-Serv, Habitat and AFL-CIO agencies and United Way President Kylee Strough is here to help residents connect with services.

Councilmember Myers said he spent several hours this morning meeting with southside residents to hear their concerns and try to answer their questions. He talked to the executive director of Community Action Partnership (CAP) and at their board meeting on Wednesday they will be discussing if they can find funds in the budget to provide rental assistance for individuals who are displaced and to help with clean up. In addition to the things that have already been done, there are some things folks wanted him to ask this evening. Is there an Emergency Operations Plan that was implemented and how often is it updated and tested? Are there any funds in the financial reserves to assist people with cleanup and damage to their homes? Are CDBG HOME funds available that can be shifted to help them? Can birth certificate fees be waived? Can sewer bills be abated during the cleanup? Can more police patrols be added to help prevent looting? Can city employees help clean up while on city payroll?

Emergency Manager Bill Lamar spoke about the City's Emergency Operations Plan.

Chief Connally said they can put additional police patrols in the area and City staff can look into the other items Councilmember Myers asked about.

Mayor McMurray said he sent a letter to the Governor asking for an emergency declaration. He also talked to U.S. Senators Blunt and Graves and State Representatives Shields and Solon and Rep. Solon has talked to the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources. They are chasing all the leads possible on this.

Kylee Strough, President of United Way of Greater St. Joseph, said a team of case workers has been put together from a variety of social service agencies to help those affected by the flooding as soon as possible. She listed what multiple agencies, churches and individuals are doing to assist.

Supt. of Streets/Sewer Division Keven Schneider spoke about what his crews have been doing since last Monday.

Chief Building Official Jim Haake distributed a copy of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate map of the area that was flooded and said according to HUD guidelines, only those living in Zone C will qualify for assistance from HUD funds; those living in Zone B will not be covered.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shannon Hutcherson, 1002 W. Cliff St., said her home is a total loss. She spoke about the concerns she and her neighbors have about the financial and health issues caused by the flooding and said they need people to come and help them tear down the damaged portions of their homes before mold starts to grow. She thanked the Fire Department for their efforts rescuing everyone the night of the flood.

Bethany Hoffman, 7024 Marie St., asked how long the permit fees will be waived. Mayor McMurray said they will be waived as long as they need to be waived if that is okay with the City Council. No objections were expressed.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (Cont'd)

Vanessa Steward, 119 N. 15th St., wondered why wearing masks is not mandatory and what is being done to those businesses that are not complying.

Sue Mattson, W. Cliff St., said she is concerned about the mosquitos; they need something to address the mosquitos.

NOTES:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

45399 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Heyde". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the City Clerk.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.