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

July 29, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

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 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 7:00 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:

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<td>Mayor Bill McMurray</td>
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Members absent: Councilmember PJ Kovac

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

Also present were Acting City Manager/Police Chief Chris Connally, City Attorney Bryan Carter, Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Asst. Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Jeff Atkins, Health Director Debra Bradley, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Chief Building Official Jim Haake, 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 Roach voted first.

A moment of silence was held in honor of local newscaster Bob Heater who passed away over the weekend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Minutes:

44581 By general consent, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

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AGENDA NUMBER 44582

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Blessing that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Special Recognition Award – St. Joseph Mustangs

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES FOR REZONING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

G.O. 2918 A Bill (#481-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell amending Section 31-190 “Historic Landmarks” of Chapter 31, “Zoning” of the Coding of Ordinances to add 424 South 9th Street as an historic landmark in the City, having been read the first time on July 15, 2019, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Agenda Numbers 44586 through 44592 be accepted by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

Nominations and Appointments:

Filed 7/15/19: The nomination by Councilmember Myers was approved, appointing Andrew Montee, 912 S. 14th Street, as a member of the Downtown Review Board for a term expiring March 22, 2022; he is being reappointed.

Filed 7/17/19: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Karen Planalp, 3518 Karnes Road, as a member of the Planning Commission for a term expiring August 4, 2024; she is replacing Brandon Tritten, whose term expires August 4, 2019.

Filed 7/19/19: The nomination by Councilmember Roach was approved, appointing Mary Kottenstette, 208 N. 19th Street, as a member of the Administrative Violation Review Board for a term expiring April 29, 2020; she is filling a vacancy on the board.

Bills for Passage:

S.O. 9621 A Bill (#477-18) sponsored by Councilmember Blessing adopting the annual revisions to the City’s Personnel Manual, which sets forth the policies and procedures pertaining to employees of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, having been read the first time on July 15, 2019, was read the second time and passed.

S.O. 9622 A Bill (#478-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the execution of Master Agreements for Professional Engineering Services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., Black & Veatch Corporation, and HDR Engineering, Inc. for on-call design services for the City’s Wastewater Treatment Facility, having been read the first time on July 15, 2019, was read the second time and passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA: (Cont’d)

Resolutions for Adoption:

44591 (Resolution No. 44591 – 4479) A Resolution (#484-18) authorizing the purchase of 350 Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus Subscriptions, 350 Microsoft Office 365 Sharepoint Plan 1 Subscriptions and 20 Skype for Business Online Plan 2 Subscriptions from Computer Discount Warehouse – Government (CDW-G) for the amount of $54,044.00, was read and adopted.

44592 (Resolution No. 44592 – 4480) A Resolution (#487-18) authorizing the issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed $157,978.00 for four (4) emergency repair projects, utilizing the Master Agreement with Sprague Excavating Company, was read and adopted.

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

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

44593 Filed 7/16/19: The nomination by Councilmember Roach was approved, appointing Christel Gollnick, 5050 SW Highway O, Trimble, Missouri, as a member of the Aviation Board for a term expiring August 10, 2024; she is being reappointed. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

44594 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Myers that Bill #482-18 be amended before consideration for passage by substituting a new ordinance and explanation letter in place of the ones originally filed. Motion carried. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

44595 (S.O. 9623) A Bill (#482-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers authorizing an amendment to the budget to transfer funds in the amount of $1,000,000.00 from the EBR/HHS TIF Program in the Special Allocation Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to pay for regional infrastructure improvements made to Fire Station Number 4 (the primary response station to the TIF District) and Fire Station Number 12 (the secondary response station), having been read the first time on July 15, 2019, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

44596 It was moved by Councilmember O’Dell and seconded by Councilmember Roach that Bill #485-18 be amended before consideration for first reading by changing Section 1 of the bill to replace the incorrect reference to a “five member board” in Section 2 1505(h) on page 6 with a reference to a “seven member board.” Motion carried. Ayes, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

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A Bill (#485-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell authorizing an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to enact a new Article XV titled “Land Bank Program” creating the St. Joseph Land Bank under the authority of a Land Bank Commission and enacting a new Division 23 of Article V, “Boards and Commissions,” to establish a Land Bank Advisory Committee, was introduced and read the first time.

A Bill (#486-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the acceptance of a Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement from Pauline V. and Lonnie L. Vaughn for the Sanitary Sewer Extension Project located at 5110 Pickett Road, St. Joseph, Missouri, was introduced and read the first time.

A Bill (#488-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget and the execution of a Lump Sum Contract with JD Bishop Construction, LLC, and the issuance of purchase orders towards said contract all in a total amount not to exceed $72,221.00 for the Cook Road Sidewalk Extension Project, was introduced and read the first time.

A Bill (#489-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers recognizing a salary increase for the Municipal Court Judge and new hourly rates for substitute judges, was introduced and read the first time.

A Bill (#490-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the Gaming Initiatives Fund budget and execution of an agreement with The Crossing both in the amount of $4,335.00 to provide financial assistance for the purpose of paying for the fence, cover and picnic tables to make a courtyard at The Crossing shelter as part of the Urban Mission Project, was introduced and read the first time.

A Bill (#491-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget and approving the execution of Change Order No. 5 to the contract with Herzog Contracting Corporation for parking lot renovations for the Noyes Tennis Court Renovation Project both in the amount of $77,000.00, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 7/12/19: Minutes of the Downtown Review Board meeting held July 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 7/15/19: Minutes of the Tourism Commission meeting held July 11, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 7/16/19: Minutes of the Plumbers Examining and Appeals Board meeting held July 9, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 7/16/19: Minutes of the St. Joseph Regional Port Authority meeting held August 23, 2018, at 7:30 a.m., at the River Port facility in the offices of Transport 360.

Filed 7/16/19: Minutes of the St. Joseph Regional Port Authority meeting held December 19, 2018, at 7:30 a.m., at the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, 3003 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 7/19/19: Minutes of the Housing Authority meeting held May 16, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Housing Authority office, 2902 South 36th Street.

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WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 7/12/19: Minutes of the Council Work Session held July 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 7/15/19: Minutes of the Council Work Session held July 11, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 7/17/19: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (July 19, 2019).

Filed 7/22/19: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (July 24, 2019).

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 7/10/19: Building Permits Issued, June 2019.


Filed 7/10/19: Letter from Patt Lilly, President/CEO, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, in re: Report of activities during the contract for economic development services for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.


Filed 7/12/19: City Link, July 11, 2019.

Filed 7/12/19: Email from David Crane, President of Crane Construction Company, in re: “User friendly” city staff throughout construction of the Aldi’s store at 3201 S. Belt Highway.

Filed 7/12/19: Letter from David M. Grothaus, Executive Director, Missouri Gaming Commission, in re: State/Local Allocation of Gaming Revenues for the period 6/1/19 through 6/30/19.


Filed 7/12/19: Fire Department 2nd Quarter Report (April, May, June 2019).

Filed 7/15/19: Letter from Ted Hauser, 1108 Felix Street, in re: Complimenting Public Works & Transportation Department staff and Missouri Dept. of Transportation (MoDOT) for working together to get Mitchell Avenue from Woodbine Road to Riverside Road rebuilt and repaved.

Filed 7/16/19: Memorandum from Clint Thompson, Planning and Community Development Director, in re: Notice to Property Owners – Planning Commission meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont’d)

Filed 7/16/19: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc. Executive/Financial Committee meeting held June 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, Inc., 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 7/17/19: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held May 15, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room.

Filed 7/19/19: City Link, July 18, 2019.

Filed 7/23/19: Letter from Harold Draper, President, Friends of Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge, to Laurie Salanski, former members of the Humane Society of St. Joseph and the City Council in re: Thank you for the generous contribution of $4,289.00 which will be used for youth education, bird conservation and monarch butterfly conservation.

Filed 7/23/19: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc. Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held July 1, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., 3406 Frederick Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager’s Report – Acting City Manager/Police Chief Chris Connally said he thinks everyone can agree that the Chiefs Camp was a great success this year and set some records. It’s not the only camp going on this week. The Cops Who Care Kids Camp is also going on this week where 45 youngsters throughout the City are at the REC Center in partnership with the Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities and a number of other organizations. Next Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. is National Night Out in Civic Center Park.

Councilmember Davis asked if a follow up meeting has been set to discuss the Urban Mission. Mayor McMurray said it has not been scheduled yet.

Councilmember Novak said The Crossing Neighborhood Watch group meeting is Wednesday, July 31.

Councilmember O’Dell said there has been a lot of theft of air conditioning coils and some representatives from A & M Heating & Cooling have a suggestion for a way to curtail this (see Public Comment).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Anderson and Lori Gage with A & M Heating Cooling suggested that the City mandate that businesses that accept air conditioning coils can do so only if the seller shows an EPA license or proof that they work for such a business. Chief Connally said the code was changed two weeks ago and some amendments were made to that so that they could catch more at the scrap yards and suggested they get with Sgt. Derr who could show them what the changes are and if additional changes need to be made they can look at those.

The following spoke on the gates around Coleman Hawkins park on Felix Street Square:

Dottie Douglas, owner of Polished & Pampered Salon Day Spa, 120 N. 7th St., said she received a letter from the St. Joseph Downtown Association stating that they could not park on the streets when the gates are closed for the Imagine 11 concerts. She spoke about how this is affecting her business and asked the City Council to really think about this.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (Cont’d)

James Green, owner of The Rendezvous, 619 Felix St., said the gates are ridiculous. People coming to the concerts take his customers’ parking spaces and the Downtown Association is there to help promote the downtown and the businesses there but the concession stand that it operates is in competition with his business and other restaurants in the area. He thinks the Council needs to look at this.

Chris Coffman, 1501 5th Ave., said she owns a business and property downtown. The gates are counterproductive to all the time, money and efforts spent by the people who are pouring their livelihoods into the downtown. She asked the Council to consider the options of repurposing or selling the gates to make some of the costs back and a better option explored.

Stanley Harris, 627 N. 25th St., said he finds the barricades unsightly and in conflict with the surrounding landmark architecture. They are difficult to use and are not achieving their objective. He suggested sending flyers to city manager and other professional national association membership list offering the barricades for sale to the highest bidder and see what the market bears.

Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Ave., spoke about Bob Heater who passed away over the weekend and said the St. Joseph Mustangs are very good for St. Joseph.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 44583 – Councilmember Roach read the Special Recognition Award and presented it to St. Joseph Mustangs Coach Johnny Coy.

Mr. Coy thanked the City Council for the recognition and for everything it has done for them.

Agenda No. 44584 – Lisa Rock, 2209 Felix St., thanked the City Council for considering this incredible property. She spoke about the efforts Jennifer Baxter-Higgs and Gary Higgs have put into restoring the structure.

ADJOURNMENT:

44604 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.