

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**August 13, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall (via video conferencing)**

A Council work session was held via video conferencing to discuss the following issues: 1) COVID-19 update; and 2) Flooding update.

Attending: Mayor Bill McMurray and Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Madison Davis, PJ Kovac, Russell Moore, Brian Myers, Marty Novak and Kent O'Dell.

Chris Connally, Interim City Manager; Bryan Carter, City Attorney; Debra Bradley, Health Director; Amy Cohorst, Human Resources Director; Tom Mahoney, Interim Administrative Services Director; Chuck Kempf, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director; Clint Thompson, Planning & Community Development Director; Mary Robertson, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager; Paul Flury, Network Administrator; Ed Schilling, Multimedia Planner; Dawn Lanning, Systems Support Specialist; and Paula Heyde, City Clerk.

Mayor Bill McMurray called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #2 - Flooding update.** Kylee Strough, President of United Way of Greater St. Joseph, gave an update on the relief efforts to date.

Mayor McMurray said HUD funds can be used in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate map Zone C but not in the A and B Zones. The funds allocated for the dumpsters are close to being depleted. He has not received a response to his letter from Governor Parsons.

**Agenda Item #1 – COVID-19 update.** Dr. Gary Clapp, Associate Chemistry Professor at Missouri Western State University, reviewed his graphs on “7 Day Average - Aug 12,” “10 Day Average - Aug 12,” “14 Day Average - Aug 12,” and “Cases per Day Since 5/28.”

[Councilmember Madison Davis joined the meeting.]

Mary Robertson, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager, said currently there are 12 individuals in the hospital, which is an increase of two and one is in ICU on a vent.

There was discussion on the start of the school year, students coming to MWSU campus quarantining before being around others and the status of the local schools' sports activities. Representatives from MWSU and St. Joseph School District will be asked to join next week's Zoom work session.

Bryan Carter, City Attorney, said they have been discussing the possibility of switching away from an order to an ordinance that requires face coverings to be worn in the same circumstances in which they are required now. The current order is set to expire on September 11 so an ordinance would need to be filed for first reading on August 24 and then voted on at the September 8th Council meeting and go into effect to replace the Order.

Mayor McMurray said it looks like we're going to be in this for a while so we might as well put it in ordinance form and if something crazy happens, he can always issue another mayoral order. Once we get through all this, we can vote to strike the ordinance. No objections were expressed to filing an ordinance.

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Councilmember Brian Myers spoke about things going on in midtown right now and what the City Council can do to help people in the area feel safer being outside until arrests are made. Chris Connally, Interim City Manager, said an event is being planned at EmPowerU possibly next Wednesday night. Patrols have already been increased in the neighborhood.

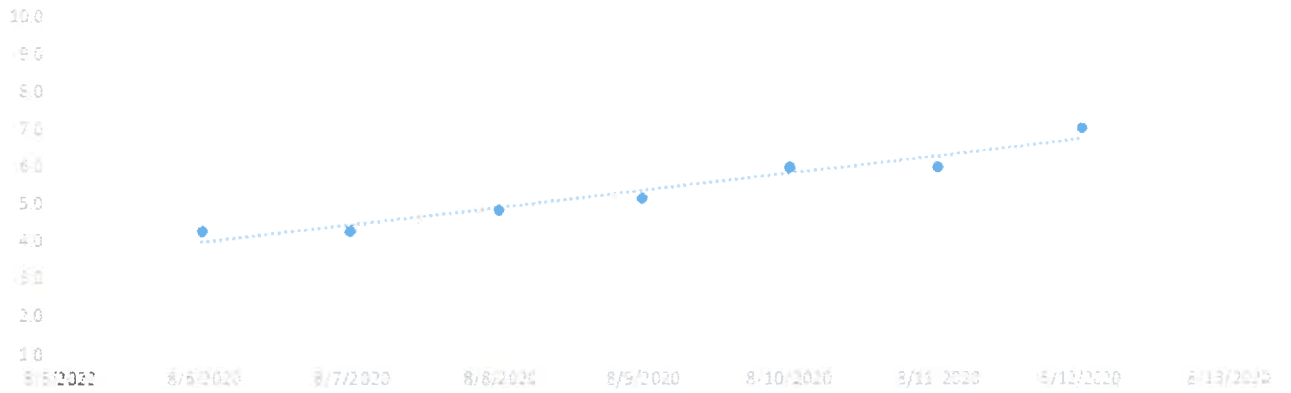
The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.

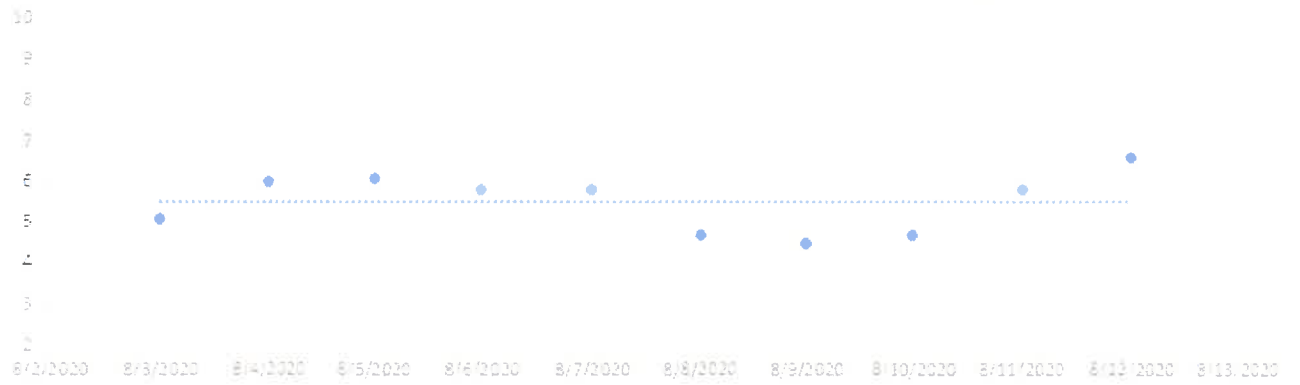
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# 10 Day Average- Aug 12

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14 Day Average - Aug 12

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