

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**August 20, 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.

Clint Thompson, Acting Interim City Manager/Planning & Community Development Director; Bryan Carter, City Attorney; Debra Bradley, Health Director; Amy Cohorst, Human Resources Director; Andy Clements, Public Works & Transportation Director; Tom Mahoney, Interim Administrative Services 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 flood relief efforts to date.

Mayor McMurray said he still has not received a response from Governor Parsons.

Information was given on the dumpsters provided by the City for the cleanup with over \$60,000 spent to date and an emergency ordinance allocating an additional \$30,000 on next Monday's agenda.

**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 18,” “10 Day Average - Aug 18,” “14 Day Average - Aug 18,” and “Cases per Day Since 5/28.” He said the students are on campus now and more than likely there is going to be somebody positive on campus. They have track and trace in place and a number of things they will be doing to watch and manage those cases, including isolation or removal from the situation and making all reasonable efforts to stop any potential transmission that could occur because of life on campus. Everyone is required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.

Mary Robertson, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager, said currently there are 18 individuals in the hospital, four are in ICU and one is on a vent.

Dr. Doug Van Zyl, Superintendent of St. Joseph School District, spoke about what the St. Joseph School District is doing to prepare for students beginning August 31st and how athletic practices and events are being conducted. He said they will be monitoring the numbers as well.

Debra Bradley, Health Director, said they are finding clusters of cases and that tells her that a mask order would be beneficial.

Mayor McMurray said there is an ordinance for first reading on the August 24 Council meeting agenda that puts the current order in ordinance form.

Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Russell Moore and Brian Myers spoke in favor of requiring masks everywhere. Councilmembers Marty Novak and Kent O'Dell preferred to wait one more week before making a decision. Councilmember Madison Davis said it's not necessary and Councilmember PJ Kovac said he is against it. Mayor McMurray said he is hearing that most of the Councilmembers want to wait one week or are against a mask mandate, so he is inclined to wait one more week and if the numbers spike drastically all of a sudden, he can issue an amended order on the spot.

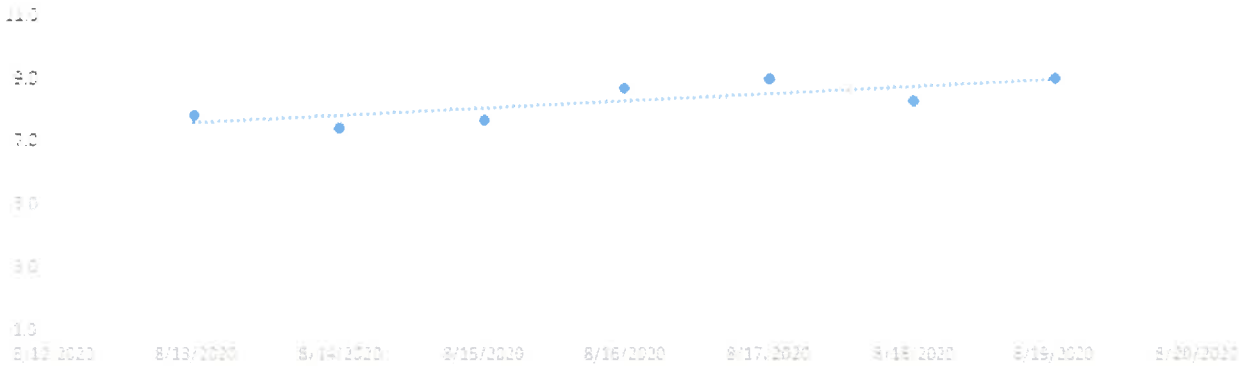
The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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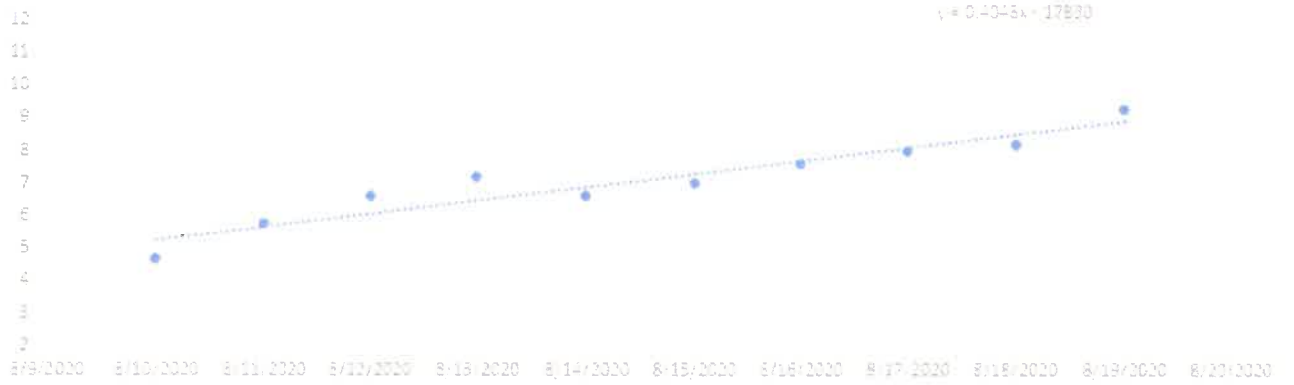
Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.

7 day Average - Aug 18

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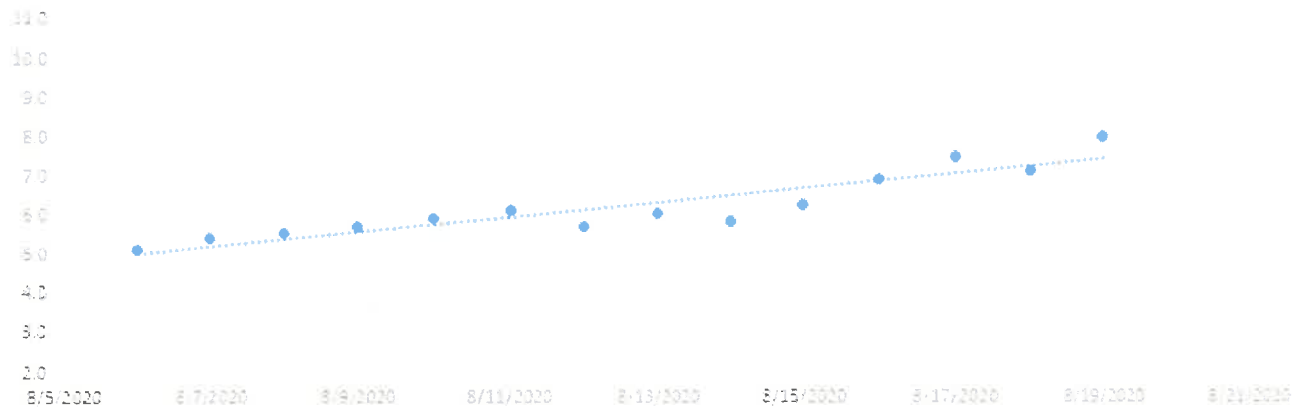


10 Day Average - Aug 18



14 Day Average - Aug 18

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Cases per Day Since 5/28

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