

**May 9, 2022**  
**Golden Age Center Building**  
**Nelson Hart Park**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:42pm by Mayor Krawiecki

Councilmembers in attendance: Michael Gray, Mark Gray, Brittney Marston, David Bond, Tyler Wagnon, Margaret Roberts, David Watkins and Nathan Kemnitzer.

The Council said the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Krawiecki asked to amend agenda to add election of Mayor Pro Tem under Old Business.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Gray and seconded by Councilperson Margaret Roberts to adopt the agenda. Motion passed

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**AGENDA ITEM: Minutes**

Councilperson Dave Watkins asked to add the reason why Ordinance 22-1220 was tabled at last meeting is to make sure all legalities were covered before the council voted to use the endowment money for Parks. Councilperson Margaret Roberts made a motion to approve April 11, 2022 minutes with corrections seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Review the Bills**

Councilperson Margaret Roberts made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by David Bond. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Budget Update**

City Administrator Jim Fleming stated General Fund has a surplus of revenues over expenses of \$131,486.00. Use tax is up \$54,498.00 vs. budget as well as Pilot up \$24,276.00. The city received grant reimbursement of \$21,964.00 and storm water was up \$20,00.00 so it was used for pool support. City administrator Fleming stated street expenses vs. revenues is \$100,000.00 less than budgeted, employee cost was \$60,000 less due to staff shortage. Revenues for street were up \$30,000.00 more than budgeted. The pool was originally budgeted to lose \$20,000.00 but broke event was able to take from stormwater which created a surplus. He also stated the library was to take \$18,000.00 from reserves but instead revenue was \$22,000.00 over expenses so the library has a positive balance for the year.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Noah Wills addressed the Council regarding the benefits of the AMI water meters and the concern with the gumball trees.

Randy Barr addressed the Council to introduce himself and let them know he is running for State Representative.

Stella Howell addressed the Council regarding the concerns she has with the gumball trees.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

The Council nominated Councilperson Tyler Wagnon as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll Call Vote: Tyler Wagnon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Brittany Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, Nathan Kimnitzer and Dave Watkins-Aye.

### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR WARD 2**

Councilperson Margaret Roberts made the motion to approve the election results, seconded by Tyler Wagnon. Roll Call Vote: Tyler Wagnon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Brittany Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, Nathan Kimnitzer and Dave Watkins-Aye.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LIASION APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Krawiecki appointed the following Council:

David Bond-PCAR, Library, Police Board  
Mark Gray-Police, Police Board  
Michael Gray-IDA, Senior Center, Sanitation, Police Board  
Dave Watkins-Street, Police Board  
Margaret Roberts-Utilities  
Tyler Wagnon-Parks  
Brittany Marston-Chamber  
Nathan Kemnitzer-School

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Councilperson Michael Gray made a motion seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray to appoint all members presented in the packet including City Attorney Jonathan Downard and Prosecuting Attorney Stephan Paulus.

## **ORDINANCE #22-1220 ADOPTING AND ENACTING NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Linda Cochran gave the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilperson Dave Watkins asked what ordinances they were adopting and City Administrator Jim Fleming told him it was State Statutes and to refer to the copy provided in the packet. Discussion followed

Councilperson Margaret Roberts made a motion seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray to accept first reading.

City Clerk Linda Cochran gave the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilperson Tyler Wagnon made a motion seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray to adopt the new Code of Ordinances.

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## **RESOLUTION 22-353 CITY OF ST. JAMES MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES**

City Administrator Jim Fleming stated we are in the fourth year of a five-year contract. Discussion followed. Councilperson Margaret Roberts made the motion, seconded by Mark Gray. All councilmembers voted "aye".

## **RESOLUTION 22-354 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. JAMES MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR ARPA WITH PHELPS COUNTY MISSOURI**

Mayor Krawiecki and City Administrator Jim Fleming both explained to the Council that Phelps County Missouri is sharing some of the funds from ARPA to fix our lift station. Discussion followed. Councilperson Michael Gray made the motion seconded by Councilperson Tyler Wagnon. All councilmembers voted "aye".

## **DISCUSSION TO AMEND THE POLICE BUDGET FY 2022-2023**

Mayor Krawiecki stated Councilperson Brittany Marston had concerns about the police officers pay. City Administrator Jim Fleming explained how the City could afford to increase the police salaries and Councilperson Margaret Roberts expressed how critical it is to have police officers. It was suggested that the City keep 10 police officers and for FY2023. A motion was made by Councilperson Dave Watkins and seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray to amend the budget for Police salaries to give the 10 officers a set \$3000 increase instead of the percentage increase approved in the original budget." All councilmembers voted "aye".

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports**

### **PUBLIC WORKS---Lyle Thomas**

Public Works Director Lyle stated tree trimming has resumed and gave update on Lift Station #3. He stated personnel is down in street, electric and sanitation departments.

### **ALLIANCE—BILLY BOWERS**

Mr. Bowers stated on the water side leaking valves were replaced, gave update on train depot water leaks and gave update on treatment plant.

### **SCHOOLS--BRITTNEY MARSTON**

Councilperson Marston stated graduation is scheduled for May 20, 2022.



**SENIOR CENTER—MICHAEL GRAY**

Councilperson Gray stated commodity day is May 19, 2022 and birthday lunch is scheduled for May 27, 2022. He gave pricing of meals and stated they are still in need of volunteers.

**POLICE—MARK GRAY**

Councilperson Gray stated the police department had approximately 762 calls for service. A quote has been presented to City Administrator Jim Fleming to convert storm sirens over to central communications. The chief reported Sip 'n Savor went well and no real issues to report.

**MO HUMANITIES—No Report****PARK—TYLER WAGNON**

Councilperson Wagon stated what programs are going on and gave a list of activities and dates and the Parks department is still needing to hire a full time and part time employee.

**LIBRARY—MAYOR KRAWIECKI**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Phelps County Historical Society will be doing a presentation at 7 P.M. Summer Reading Program starts June 1<sup>st</sup> and will go through until July 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for updates on our Facebook, Instagram, and website. They are in process of creating a new large print section which should make finding materials easier for everyone. Dungeons and Dragons is every second and fourth (Bourbon) Saturday of the month from 12 pm to 2 pm. This month 85 people used the computer and internet along with 568 patrons using the library. We had 1,640 materials checked out.

**STREET---DAVID WATKINS**

Councilperson Watkins stated the department is still short a couple employees, construction has started on bridges and they are still waiting for the new backhoe.

**SANITATION—Michael Gray**

Councilperson Gray stated the department has lost one employee.

**PCAR---David Bond**

Councilperson Bond stated they have a surplus of dry dog and cat food but still in need of canned cat food. A new floor and drain has been installed and they are still in need of volunteers.

**CHAMBER-BRITTNEY MARSTON**

Councilwoman Marston stated the Sip 'n Savor was successful.

**IDA---MICHAEL GRAY—No report****UTILITIES—No Report due to the workshop**