

**December 13, 2021**  
**Golden Age Center Building**  
**Nelson Hart Park**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor Krawiecki called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers in attendance: Michael Gray, Mark Gray (via Zoom), Stephanie Swanson (via Zoom), Brittney Marston, Joe Boulware, Tyler Wagnon, Greg Edwards & David Watkins.

Administrator Fleming led in a word of prayer.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Agenda**

City Administrator reminded Mayor Krawiecki that he wanted to remove the Ordinance No. 21-1217 Contract with the St. James Chamber of Commerce due to the tragic death of the Director Kraren Hood-Simpson and we would have the committee reports prior to going into closed session.

Mayor Krawiecki asked the council to also amend the agenda as such.

Councilman Watkins made the motion made a motion to approve the agenda with the two amendments. Councilwoman Wagnon seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Minutes**

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of November 8, 2021. Councilman Michael Gray seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Bills**

Councilman Greg Edwards made a motion to approve the November bills. Councilwoman Britteny Martson seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Budget Update**

Administrator Fleming gave an update on the budget numbers for the month.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance 12-1214 – Restricting the installation of water wells in the City of St. James.**

The City Administrator read aloud the ordinance for the first reading.

Councilman Watkins said there wasn't a definition of water well in the ordinance or a grandfathering of existing wells. Councilman Boulware said there wasn't a provision for businesses to have an alternative if sometime in the future the City would add something to the water that might be detrimental to the product that business produced.

A motion was made to approve the ordinance by Councilman Greg Edwards. The Seconded was made by Mark Gray. Upon the roll call the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Wagnon – "aye", Councilman Watkins, "nay", Councilman Boulware, "nay", Councilman Edwards, "nay", Councilman Michael Gray, "Nay", Councilman Mark Gray, "nay" Councilwoman Marston, "nay" Councilwoman Swanson had not joined the meeting yet. Motion failed

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance 21-1215 No parking and ADA locations for the School facilities**

The City Administrator read aloud the ordinance for the first reading

Councilman Watkins asked these designations impacted any citizens and was assured the locations are all adjacent to school properties.

Councilman Michael Gray made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Marston seconded the motion. Upon the roll call the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Wagnon – "aye", Councilman Watkins, "aye", Councilman Boulware, "aye", Councilman Edwards, "aye", Councilman Michael Gray, "aye", Councilman Mark Gray, "aye" Councilwoman Marston, "aye" Councilwoman Swanson had not joined the meeting yet. Motion passed.

The City Administrator read aloud the ordinance for the second reading

Councilman Boulware made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Mark Gray seconded the motion. Upon the roll call the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Wagnon – "aye", Councilman Watkins, "aye", Councilman Boulware, "aye", Councilman Edwards, "aye", Councilman Michael Gray, "aye", Councilman Mark Gray, "aye" Councilwoman Marston, "aye" Councilwoman Swanson had not joined the meeting yet. Motion passed.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 21-1216 – Replat Guffey Properties LLC for Family Dollar Store and Dollar Tree.**

The City Administrator read aloud the ordinance for the first reading

Councilmember Joe Boulware made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Wagon seconded the motion

Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: . Upon the roll call the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Wagon – “aye”, Councilman Watkins, “aye”, Councilman Boulware, “aye”, Councilman Edwards, “aye”, Councilman Michael Gray, “aye”, Councilman Mark Gray, “aye” Councilwoman Marston, “aye” Councilwoman Swanson had not joined the meeting yet. Motion passed.

Motion passed

The City Administrator read aloud the ordinance for the second reading

Councilman Edwards made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Wagon seconded the motion. Upon the roll call the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Wagon – “aye”, Councilman Watkins, “aye”, Councilman Boulware, “aye”, Councilman Edwards, “aye”, Councilman Michael Gray, “aye”, Councilman Mark Gray, “aye” Councilwoman Marston, “aye” Councilwoman Swanson had not joined the meeting yet.

Motion passed.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 21-347 Backhoe lease.**

Public Works Director Lyle Thomas and Street Supervisor Danny Scheel explained the need for a new backhoe. PWD Thomas explained they had looked at the State Contract and felt Caterpillar was the best deal. There are several bridges that need replaced and other large projects that the current backhoe is not capable of doing the work necessary. It was also discussed the probable cost of these bridge replacements and keeping the Transportation Safety Tax reserve available for these repairs and not purchasing the backhoe outright for \$118,400. The recommendation is to lease for three years at a cost of \$1880.08 per month and then determining if we would exercise the option to purchase the backhoe or lease a newer model.

Councilman Watkins suggested the option of obtaining a loan for the purchase of the backhoe that would allow a trade in credit and the ability to put a down payment on the loan to reduce the loan amount and the interest rate.

There was much discussion about seeking loan and trade in option vs the lease as proposed in the resolution.

The City Administrator read aloud the resolution for the first reading

Councilmember Joe Boulware made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Wagnon seconded the motion

Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: . Upon the roll call the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Wagnon – “aye”, Councilman Watkins, “aye”, Councilman Boulware, “aye”, Councilman Edwards, “aye”, Councilman Michael Gray, “aye”, Councilman Mark Gray, “aye” Councilwoman Marston, “aye” Councilwoman Swanson “aye”.

Motion passed

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports**

Lyle Thomas – Public Works Director – Lyle gave an update employee status. We have an opening for one journeyman and one apprentice in the Electric Dept., two laborers in the Street Department, and one full time position in the park department. Also, we are advertising for a Utility Technician. We have one person out in the Natural Gas Department and one on quarantine. The Sanitation Department has one on quarantine and the Electric Department has another journeyman out for an operation. The power outage the previous week was caused by a racoon getting on the main 34,500 volt line. Discussed the various water main breaks and the one under the tracks on Jefferson Street. Was questioned by Councilman Boulware about identifying and adding more valves? All the major component for lift station 2 have been received. The contractor need to give us a new construction schedule. Lyle also explained how the trash compactor saved so many trips with the dump trucks while picking up leaves. Leaf pick up will be complete this week or next. Then we're done until spring.

Alliance – Bob- see report, Bob also talked about the Jefferson street water break, reported the numbers for the waste water treatment plant and gave an update on other water main breaks not covered by Lyle. He updated the council about repairs at the treatment plant.

Schools- Brittney Marston — Shriners donated \$1500 to the Tiger Cubs program. The school wants to place banners on the utility poles in front of the High School and was asking if they can be installed when taking the Christmas lights down.

Chamber- Brittney Marston — Reported the tragic death of Karen Hood-Simpson.

Park – Tyler Wagnon – Reported there were 286 Little Tigers in fall Soccer. Little Tigers flag football had 20 toddlers and Little Tigers for hockey only had 8. New programs right after the first of the year with sign ups going on now. New programs are Kinder Craft and Little Tigers Cheerleaders. A father/daughter dance will be held this Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a full time maintenance position open. Councilman Watkins asked about the restroom facilities at the bike trail and Lyle said it could be opened without the vent pipe being complete.

Library–Greg Edwards – Story Time and Book Club have started up, Michael Lewis the Library Director just went to the Public Library Directors conference. Michael presented his research for time off benefits for part-time employees at other libraries and businesses. Two of the four library employees are part time and the concern is retention of employees. He distributed the information to the council members.

Streets – David Watkins- Lyle summed up. Dave also expressed to the Citizens the fire hydrants that have been disabled are on the schedule to be repaired or replaced and that ADA designation on Meramec and James Blvd. are scheduled to be painted this spring.

Michael Gray – Senior Center – Construction has started on the Resource Center. This will provide life skills for seniors and younger people. Commodity Day is Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> and will be very busy. They are still requesting non-perishable food and hygiene products. Reminded everyone the meals at the Sr. Center are not just for Seniors.

Michael Gray – Sanitation – No report

Mark Gray – Police – Office Rounds has completed his 1<sup>st</sup> phase of training. They have been raising money for the Cops Care Program and have been assisting with other events to help out the community. The call volume is pretty steady and there is still one open position.

Joe Boulware – Animal Shelter – Rhonda and her family have done a great job. They just repainted the floors and now is a great time to adopt a dog or kitten for Christmas.

Utility Board – Stephanie Swanson – Lost connection

City Administrator – Jim Fleming – No further report

Mayor – Election sign ups run through December 28<sup>th</sup>. Can sign up anytime after 7:30 to 4:30pm. He then announced the positions that are open.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Marston made a motion to close the open session and go into closed session for personnel reasons as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.021.

Councilman Mark Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilmember; Mark Gray “aye”; Boulware “aye”; Michael Gray “aye”; Wagnon “aye”; Watkins “aye”; Marston “aye”; Edwards, “aye”.

With no further business to discuss in closed session the meeting was opened back to the public. With no further business to discussion Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Michael Gray seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jim Fleming, City Administrator

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Date