

October 11, 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 7:00 pm by Mayor Krawiecki

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

The Council said the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Fleming led a word in prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Gray and seconded by Councilperson David Bond to adopt the agenda. All councilmembers present voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

Councilperson Mark Gray made a motion to approve regular city council minutes of September 19, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilperson Margaret Roberts. All councilmembers present voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Closed Session Minutes

Councilperson Margaret Roberts made a motion to approve closed session council minutes of September 19, 2022, seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray. All councilmembers present voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Review the Bills

Councilperson Margaret Roberts made the motion to approve the review of bills, seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray. All councilmembers voted "aye".

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tim Davis spoke to the council regarding the ordinance to allow keeping chickens in the city limits.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 22-1233 To allow keeping chickens in the city limits - Second Reading

Discussion was had by several council members stating pros and cons of the ordinance stating they had spoken to residents in their wards and took phone calls plus comments on social media. Discussion followed.

2nd reading- Councilperson Margaret Roberts made a motion seconded by councilperson Tyler Wagon to approve the second reading of ordinance. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagon, David Bond, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, and Margaret Roberts voted “aye”. Council members Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer and David Watkins voted “nay.”

Ordinance 22-1234 Amending Section 235.040, Community Parks, defining the hours of operation, to increase safety and reduce vandalism

Mayor Rick Krawiecki gave a brief explanation stating vandalism has occurred at the park and pool frequently and an ordinance would need to be passed to allow the police to write tickets if someone is in the park after hours. Councilperson Michael Gray questioned the opening of 8:00 am stating citizens are normally out before 8:00 am and could utilize the park if it was earlier than 8:00 am. The mayor stated the reason is because someone must unlock the gates. Parks Director Kristy Rich stated they have no plans to lock the park. Councilperson Michael Gray asked if it could be changed to dawn to dusk, instead of 8:00 am to dusk, and Parks Director Kristy Rich stated she didn't have a problem with that. Discussion followed.

Councilperson Michael Gray made a motion seconded by Councilperson Brittney Marsten to change the ordinance to read Dawn to Dusk. Roll Call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marsten, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts and David Watikins voted “aye.”

1st reading- Councilperson Tyler Wagon made a motion seconded by councilperson Brittney Marston to approve the first reading of ordinance with approved changes. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted “aye”.

2nd reading- Councilperson Michael Gray made a motion seconded by councilperson Mark Gray to approve the second reading of ordinance with approved changes. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted “aye”.

ORDINANCE 22-1235 Accept the contract with MoDot to refurbish our sidewalk approaches for ADA compliance at no cost to the City

Councilperson David Watkins had concerns with the contract regarding the utility relocation clause and no fees to the city. City Administrator Jim Fleming stated he was in contact with MoDot and no utilities will have to be moved and there will be no cost to the city. Discussion followed.

1st reading- Councilperson Margaret Roberts made a motion seconded by councilperson Brittney Marston to approve the first reading of ordinance. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David voted “aye”.

2nd reading- Councilperson Tyler Wagon made a motion seconded by councilperson Michael Gray to approve the second reading of ordinance. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted “aye”.

RESOLUTION 22-365 LWCF for netting at ball fields

Mayor Rick Krawiecki gave a brief overview of the grant for netting at the ball fields. Parks Director Kristy Rich stated several teams have been playing and commented more revenue has been brought in with tournaments. In order to host more tournaments, new netting would be a must. This could potentially bring in more revenue for the city if more teams come to the park to play, as well as increase the motel tax. City Administrator Jim Fleming stated the city's portion would come from stormwater funds and could possibly use \$10,000 to \$12,000 in ARPA funds. He also stated bids would have to be received and this amount could be more. Discussion followed.

Councilperson Michael Gray made the motion, seconded by Councilperson Tyler Wagnon to approve the resolution. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagnon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted "aye".

Discuss ordinance for parking in front of private residence

Councilperson Mark Gray gave a brief explanation of complaints with parking in front of residences for a long period of time. He read the City of Rolla ordinance as an example and asked to pass an ordinance with parking regulations. Chief Jones stated the ordinance needs to be specific in reference to commercial vehicles and stated, unlike Rolla, we do not have an officer that marks tires and don't have enough manpower to check every vehicle. Discussion followed.

Discussion about cutting ditches and stormwater waterways

Councilperson Mark Gray gave a brief overview of the need to cut ditches and clean stormwater waterways. The budget committee would have to look at it to see if city crew could do it or hire it to be done. Discussion followed

Vacating the alley between 211 and 219 North Jefferson, White, Moreland and Senior Center properties

City administrator Jim Fleming gave a brief overview of the situation with the alley stating to solve the water retention problem it could be cut down a foot and per street supervisor Danny Scheel, it would take about a week of labor and 11-12 yards of concrete, approximately \$6,000-\$7,000 to fix. City administrator Fleming stated that if the city would vacate the property then it would be split up by the property owners. The mayor suggested not to vacate at this time. Discussion followed.

Discussion of donated sign for 1976 State Champion basketball team

Mayor Rick Krawiecki stated that Don James reached out the city and the chamber asking if a sign could be put up out at the tourist information center recognizing the 1976 state champion basketball team. He is willing to donate part of the money and didn't know if the other part of the money would be from fund raising or private donations. City administrator Fleming gave a brief overview of where the sign could be located. Discussion followed. Mayor stated the sign would move forward with no funding from the city. Councilperson David Watkins asked about enforcing the sign issue at the traffic light and Mayor Krawiecki stated the sign committee met and have devised an ordinance mirrored to Union, Missouri and the ordinance will be brought up at the next council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

PUBLIC WORKS—City Administrator Jim Fleming

Report attached to minutes

ALLIANCE—BOB HATHCOCK-via Zoom

Report attached to minutes

SCHOOLS—NATHAN KEMNITZER

Councilperson Kemnitzer stated the vinyl design work is completed at the high school for the commons area. Roof updates at the elementary school have been finished except the metal work due to waiting on material to be delivered. Homecoming week was a success and middle school students were able to attend the homecoming parade for the first time. District wide walks have begun to visit classrooms which is part of the CSIP goals for improvement.

SENIOR CENTER—MICHAEL GRAY

Councilperson Michael Gray stated the center would like to thank Chief Jones and the police officers for assisting with traffic control on commodity days. A new application process has been implemented due to the high volume on commodity day. The application will need to be turned in prior to commodity day. They are looking for more food donations and would like to thank Vince Perona and the middle school students for gathering non-perishable food items. Any non-perishable food items or monetary donations is always welcome.

POLICE—MARK GRAY

Councilperson Mark Gray stated Police Chief Jones reported they had 884 calls for service, which is 62 less than last month. He has also been sending officers to various trainings and they are doing well. Chief Jones recently attended the annual MIRMA Police seminar, that is required by MIRMA. He was updated on some new and upcoming information that will be required through MIRMA for our police department. This will include background requirements and policy reviews. Chief Jones hired a police officer who will start in a week and have been interviewing potential candidates for our last position to bring the department to full staff. He stated they are still working out kinks for transferring the municipal court. Chief Jones and City Administrator Fleming will be meeting with the City Prosecutor in the coming weeks to come up with some policies.

MO HUMANITIES—No Report

PARK—TYLER WAGNON

Councilperson Wagon stated softball and soccer games are still going on and the parks and rec department are now offering birthday packages. She also spoke in favor of the netting grant and the revenue that could be brought into the city.

LIBRARY—DAVID BOND

Councilperson Bond stated the Friends of the Library book sale at the end of September was very successful and raised \$1554.00, which will be put into the summer reading program next year. The girl scouts are hoping to form again on October 15, 2022. Library staff are continuing reading programs. The cupola repairs are making progress.

STREET---DAVID WATKINS

Councilperson Watkins stated everything is going well in the street department and was impressed with how much asphalt is being laid. He asked if the backhoe has been delivered and Mayor Krawiecki confirmed it has been and they are using it. Councilperson Watkins asked if the old one has been sold yet and city administrator Jim Fleming stated it needs some work done to it before it can be sold, and Mayor Krawiecki said potentially some of the money can be used to fix the leak at the street building. Mayor Krawiecki stated the last couple of weeks contractors and landscapers have used a city area to dump yard wastes and other materials and it is not allowed. Cameras have been put up to catch anyone who is dumping materials that do not belong there.

SANITATION—MICHAEL GRAY

Sanitation supervisor Ron Fraser addressed the council stating since he is down 2 men in sanitation, he would like to take one of the open salaries, which has been budgeted already, and split it between the 4 employees he has and give them a raise and possibly increase the starting pay and hire a fifth employee. This will possibly bring recycling back to the city and reduce costs. Councilperson Michael Gray stated if one more employee left for a better paying position, it will be a critical situation and could force the city to have to use a third party company for sanitation. Councilperson Margaret Roberts asked what the raise would be and Councilperson Michael Gray stated current employees would receive \$3.00 more per hour and the new hire would be another \$1.00 per hour added to starting pay. Discussion followed. Mayor Rick Krawiecki appointed councilperson Tyler Wagnon, Margaret Roberts, Brittney Marston and Michael Gray as the budget committee.

PCAR---DAVID BOND

Councilperson Bond stated the anniversary party is November 5, 2022 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The shelter is still having drain issues and the city is trying to find a company that has the equipment to reach the problem area.

CHAMBER-BRITTNEY MARSTON-No Report

IDA---MICHAEL GRAY—No Report

UTILITIES—MARGARET ROBERTS—No Report

CITY ADMINISTRATION—JIM FLEMING

City Administrator Jim Fleming gave a brief overview of the budget worksheet displayed at the meeting going over revenues and expenses of each department so far and discussing each reserve account.

MAYOR----RICK KRAWIECKI—No report

AGENDA ITEM: Close Regular Session

With no further business to discuss in open session Councilperson Michael Gray made a motion seconded by Councilperson Margaret Roberts to adjourn. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagnon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Closed Session

Councilperson Tyler Wagnon made a motion to go into closed session as allowed under RSMO Chapter 610.021 to discuss personnel issues as allowed, seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagnon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted "aye".

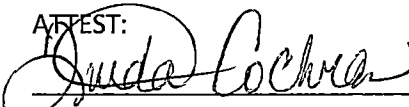
AGENDA ITEM: Back to Open Session

Councilperson Margaret Roberts motioned seconded by Councilperson Mark Gray to call open session back to order. Roll call: Councilmembers Tyler Wagnon, David Bond, Mark Gray, Nathan Kemnitzer, Brittney Marston, Michael Gray, Margaret Roberts, and David Watkins voted "aye".

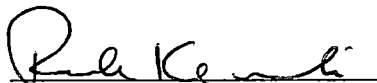
AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Councilperson Margaret Roberts made a motion seconded by Councilperson Michael Gray to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

ATTEST:



Linda Cochran, City Clerk



Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

11-14-22

Date

Public Works Director Report

Street – Have striped the Bike Trail parking lot and removed the extra bollards

They have burned the brush pile once but now need to do it again.

They have the leave pile pushed down and ready for this year's crop

They have spread 7 tons of cold mix asphalt into the road cuts that were starting to sink

Have been picking up yard waste the first of the month, and clearing storm drains.

Sanitation –

We are still down to 4 people. Have applicants that don't show up for interviews or can't pass a pre-employment test.

We are not picking up recycle at this time but will start as soon as we can hire someone.

Electric - At 5 guys. Two journeymen, two that will start apprenticeship next January and one groundsman.

Have had the tree trimmers on the 34,500 line. If you check the Utility Facebook page, we put up pictures of the limbs that have been burning on the line and the tops of the trees that are brown from contacting the lines.

We are being rather aggressive so that we don't have to do this again for 10 years or so. This required the elimination of some trees that were planted in the right of way. The citizens wondered why we didn't trim them as we have in the past and leave the trees. My answer is, we don't want to keep trimming the same trees. Prevention is worth a pound of cure. The only way to ensure zero defects is to remove the possibility of a failure. That's what we're doing. Branches touching these lines is the reason that we shut down the DC and we have brown outs periodically. Since these are the main feeder lines for the City, this will help prevent outages this winter in the inclement weather.

In spite of being short handed, the department has replaced 55 poles so far this year.

We have been stingy with our transformers. We are saving them back because of the 6-12 month lead times to get new ones. Hurricane Ian won't help availability either.

Gas –

As you know, we lost one of our gas operators and Tim Craft is retiring at the end of January. This would have left us without a gas department. We hired Kolt Lackey and Bradley Arnold, who is certified. Also Nick Halbrook has been working on his certification and Nathan Browne is certified. This give us a good start. Replacing Tim's experience and knowledge won't be quick. He has offered to come and help whenever we needed it.

Sewer –

We had a meeting with the Contractor and some things have been purchased. There is some pipe and conduit already purchased. The lead time items will be 24" and 30" ductile pipe. We are already experiencing delays in obtaining submittals to the Engineers and that won't be the exception.

We have a preconstruction meeting tomorrow with the contractor about lift station #3.

Water –

The list for break repairs is in the Alliance report. Our water is good and pure.

AMI -

We are slow in getting our Erts to get the new water meters in. We are supposed to start seeing them in November but I'm sure there will be delays with that as well.

EPA –

We had to inventory the service lines from the water meters for an EPA report due this week. We are entering it into the EPA provided spreadsheet and we'll have to use some office staff to help get this done. This is an ongoing process. There were a lot of lines where the pit was so full of mud, we couldn't tell what the service line is. So we'll have to keep working on this.

Transition in Utilities –

Bradley Arnold was trained by Daniel to perform some of his duties. Brad will be in the Utility office to start off and train the ladies in there. Then he will transition to the Gas Department. We are still looking to hire one person for the Utility Office since Jerri is leaving the first part of December. We will be interviewing later this week and next week.

We are still taking applications for the Utility Accounting Clerk position. We have a couple of good candidates and we'll be interviewing for that position next week as well. This does require bookkeeping experience.

I want to thank Jerry Tanner, Linda Cochran, Lindsey Carl, and Samantha Gaddy for really stepping up and keeping things running. We apologize to those folks that may have gotten an error on their billing. We had those corrected and we're still learning all the things that Daniel and Paulette just handled. And there's a lot.

I also want to recognize Nathan Browne. I'm dumping stuff on him and he's just taking care of it. Also pulling on call for the Gas department, training the Utility technician and doing his normal job.

Missouri Humanities –

The feasibility study is almost complete. We expect the final report by the end of this month. This is for the Museum of Indian Removal (but not sure that will be the name of it.) The suggestion is to develop a phased approach. Start small and build from there. These folks went to the First American's Museum in Oklahoma City and reported that it is hi tech with screens and stories and very few artifacts.

We will be partnering with several nations first, Cherokee, Chickasaw and Osage to begin with. We have been working with two people from the Osage and they will help us make the connections with the other nations. This is their story and should be told the way they want it told. Old white guys have been writing the native American story since Jamestown or for 500 years.

There will be more to share after the study is released.



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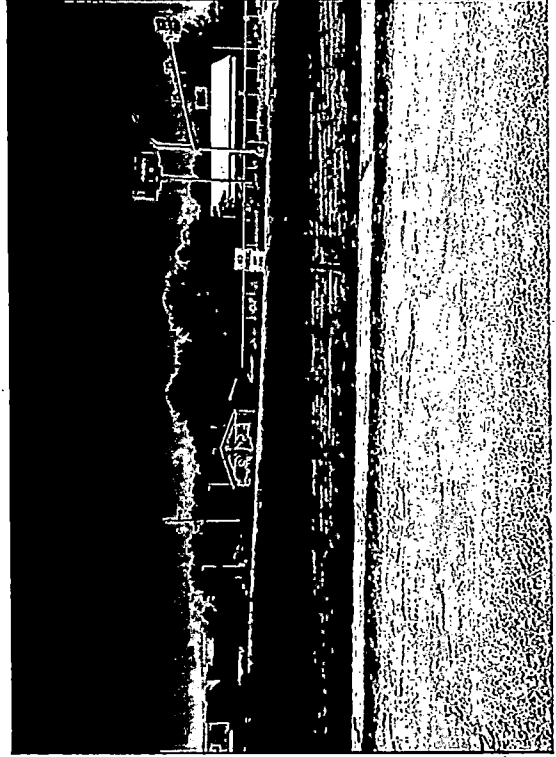
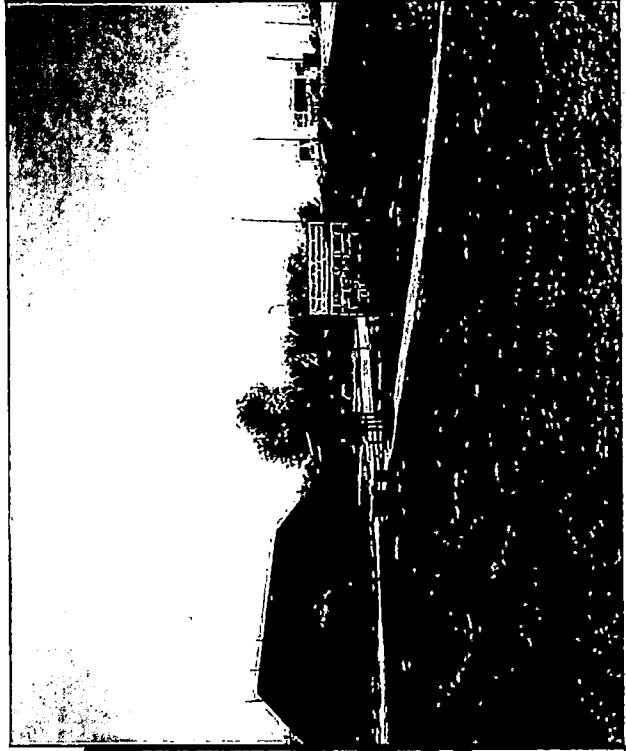
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