

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

March 7, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk’s office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk’s office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(148-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(143-07)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(143-07)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(127-23)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(147-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(134-16)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(145-05)
Members absent:	Councilmember Kent O’Dell	(133-17)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(124-26)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, Police Chief Chris Connally, Finance Director Laurie Tietjen, Fire Chief Kenny Cordonnier, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. Public Works & Transportation Director Brady McKinley, Chief Building Official Jim Haake, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Councilmember Blessing voted first.

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MINUTES:

46912 By general consent, the minutes of the special meetings held February 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. and February 18, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., and the regular meeting held February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

46913 Special Recognition Award - Jay Greiner

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CONSENT AGENDA: Bills for Passage: (Cont'd)

- 46924 (S.O. 10073) A Bill (#1473-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution and submittal of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Certifications and Assurances and the Section 5307 Grant to provide transit operating assistance in the approximate amount of \$2,033,651.00 for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, having been read the first time on February 22, 2022, was read the second time and passed.
- 46925 (S.O. 10074) A Bill (#1479-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing execution of a Lump Sum Contract with Central Disposal Service in an amount of \$35,862.71 and an amendment to the Parks Maintenance Fund budget in an amount of \$17,000.00 for the Hyde Park Gateway Project, having been read the first time on February 22, 2022, was read the second time and passed.
- 46926 (S.O. 10075) A Bill (#1480-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of purchase agreements and acceptance of Warranty Deeds for real property located at 3801 Waterworks Road from Savannah Investments, Inc. in the amount of \$36,479.73 and 4302 Huntoon Road from Missouri-American Water Company in the amount of \$60,000.00 and an amendment to the 2011 Transient Guest Tax Fund budget in the amount of \$96,480.00 for the River Bluff Bike Trail Project, having been read the first time on February 22, 2022, was read the second time and passed.
- 46927 (S.O. 10076) A Bill (#1481-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing the execution of a Concession and Facility Licenses Agreement with Midland Empire Sports Association, (MESA) in the amount of \$250.00 per season for MESA to operate concessions and associated areas at Drake Softball Complex for the 2022 MESA season, having been read the first time on February 22, 2022, was read the second time and passed.
- 46928 (S.O. 10077) A Bill (#1484-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing execution of a two-year Professional Services Agreement with VanZino's to provide a full-service concession operation at the St. Joseph Civic Arena, having been read the first time on February 22, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

- 46929 (Resolution No. 46929 – 4893) A Resolution (#1491-18) authorizing execution of an Amended Funding Agreement with Bartlett Center to allocate additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide relief from losses and extra expenses associated with the COVID pandemic, was read and adopted.
- 46930 (Resolution No. 46930 – 4894) A Resolution (#1493-18) authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division, and the execution of a City Council authorization, for obtaining a Hazardous Moving Violation Grant in the amount of \$22,483.00; a Youth Alcohol Enforcement Program in the amount of \$46,320.00; and a DWI Saturation Patrol Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$4,416.00 for a total grant amount of \$73,219.00, was read and adopted.
- 46931 (Resolution No. 46931 – 4895) A Resolution (#1495-18) authorizing the execution of a Housing Rehabilitation Contract with Virgil Grossman, a single person (Owner), and REA Contracting, LLC (Contractor) for a housing rehabilitation project at 3319 Ferndale Avenue for a total amount not to exceed \$27,493, was read and adopted.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING: (Cont'd)

- 46938 A Bill (#1492-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving a plan for an industrial development project for Clarios, LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, consisting of the acquisition and installation of certain personal property and equipment at the company's manufacturing facility; authorizing the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, to issue its Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Clarios, LLC Project) Series 2022, in a principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to finance the costs of such project; authorizing and approving certain documents; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the issuance of the bonds, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46939 A Bill (#1494-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray and Councilmember Novak amending Section 2-631 of Chapter 2 "Administrative Code" of the Code of Ordinances titled "Established, Membership" to allow individuals to serve a second term on the Community Police Advisory Committee, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46940 A Bill (#1496-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell authorizing an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund budget and the execution of an agreement with Baker Tilly in the amount of \$26,000 for services related to the review and evaluation of projects for which ARPA funding has been requested to ensure the eligible use of funds in accordance with federal requirements, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46941 A Bill (#1497-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing the execution of an agreement with the County of Buchanan for the provision of City Communication Center Services for dispatch of county personnel in the amount of \$422,605.56 for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2022, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46942 A Bill (#1501-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing the amendment to the Parks Sales Tax Fund budget to accept revenues and recognize expenditures associated with the half cent sales tax for improvements throughout the Parks System in the amount of \$9,076,147.00, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46943 A Bill (#1502-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Public Safety Tax Fund to budget funds received from the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$14,035.00 to be used towards the purchase of electronic crimes software for the Police Department and authorizing the purchase of the software for the total amount of \$28,070.00, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46944 A Bill (#1503-18) sponsored by Councilmember Blessing authorizing execution of an agreement with Baker Tilly US, LLP, and amendment to the General Fund in the amount of \$14,750.00 to update the City's classification and compensation study at a cost of \$27,250.00, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 2/24/22: Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting held February 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the Washington Park Library, 1821 N. 3rd Street.

Filed 2/25/22: Minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held February 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 2/25/22: Minutes of the Planning Commission Work Session held February 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 2/25/22: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held January 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 2/28/22: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held February 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 3/1/22: Letter from Mary Baack Garvey, Buchanan County Clerk/Election Authority, in re: Estimated cost of the General Municipal Election to be held on April 5, 2022 (\$18,494.29).

Filed 3/1/22: Parks, Recreation and Civic Facilities Department Annual Report, 2021.

Filed 3/2/22: Municipal Division Summary Reporting Form, February 2022.

Filed 3/2/22: Minutes of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Citizens Crime Advisory Committee meeting held December 6, 2021, at 12:30 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

46945 City Manager's Report – City Manager Bryan Carter said over the weekend City staff sent letters to property owners with incorrect information about a potential trailer court project on Gene Field Road. There is a project at the location but not a trailer court. The next Citizens Law Enforcement Academy begins March 29 and runs through May 24 on every Tuesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Contact the Police Department to register. The Comprehensive Plan will go to the Planning Commission on March 24. Missouri Statutes provide for adoption by the Planning Commission. Staff will bring the plan to the City Council for approval by Resolution subsequent to the Planning Commission approval. COVID-19 update: The positively rate has continued to decline since its peak on January 24 at 33.93%. Today it fell to 5.07%. The 14- day average number of new cases is 16.29; ten-day average 14.1- and seven-day average is 12.43. Omicron remains the dominant variant in the sewershed however the viral load is falling. Vaccination rates are 37% for completed vaccinations and 39.5% for initiated vaccinations.

Councilmember Novak said he attended an event recently at the Missouri Theater and discovered that the bathroom additions on the first floor of the facility have been completed and offered kudos to all those who worked on the project. They are beautiful and they add elegance to the Theater and certainly makes it a lot more accessible.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Avenue, congratulated Mayor McMurray on the State of the City address; he thought it was very good. He expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for getting the city through the disasters during the past four years, for working with the other partners in the city and letting people speak at Council meetings. He hopes everyone will continue to work together. He thanked Councilmember Kovac for being his district Councilmember, for bringing up the issue of smoking on the casino floor and getting the water park and the ballparks in the south side. He thanked Councilmember Myers for always being available and Councilmember Roach for trying to put a stop to trash trucks using the alleys and for supporting the St. Joseph Mustangs.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 46913 – Councilmember Davis read the special recognition award and presented it to Jay Greiner who was present with his parents.

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