

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

March 8, 2021 - 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 8, 2021, 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	(106-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(103-05)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(103-05)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(92-16)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(105-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(101-07)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(103-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(96-12)
Members absent:	Councilmember Gary Roach	(92-16)

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

Also present were Interim City Manager/City Attorney Bryan Carter, Police Chief Chris Connally, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Detective Division Commander Eric Protzman, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

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

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MINUTES:

45889 By general consent, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None

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ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 45890 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Blessing that the agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO ZONING CODE:

- 45891 (G.O. 2978) A Bill (#1031-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell authorizing an amendment to Section 31-203 titled "Lands to which article applies" of Chapter 31 "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances to clarify floodplain management code language and areas affected, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 45892 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Blessing that Agenda Numbers 45893 through 45898 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

Nominations and Appointments:

- 45893 Filed 2/24/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Richard DeShon, 2616 Lovers Lane, as a member of the Tourism Commission, subject to the concurrence of the City Council, for a term expiring March 13, 2024; he is being reappointed.

Bills for Passage:

- 45894 (S.O. 9858) A Bill (#1023-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center Program budget in the General Fund to appropriate funds from fund balance in the amount of \$7,272.00 to purchase fitness equipment to replace old equipment in the fitness room, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 45895 (S.O. 9859) A Bill (#1024-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget and acceptance of a donation from Friends of the Park both in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be used for the Hyde Park splash park, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 45896 (S.O. 9860) A Bill (#1027-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Health Department budget in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 to recognize funds from Pets for the Elderly Foundation, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 45897 (S.O. 9861) A Bill (#1032-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "L & L Subdivision," a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 2803 South 759 Highway, as requested by Bud Calloway, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

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

45898 (S.O. 9862) A Bill (#1034-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing the execution of a Concession and Facility License Agreement with Pony Express Baseball, Inc. (PEB) in the amount of \$500.00 per season to operate concessions and associated areas at Eagles Field and Hyde Park Complex for the 2021 and 2022 PEB season, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

***** END OF CONSENT AGENDA *****

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

45899 (S.O. 9863) A Bill (#1035-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget to appropriate \$275,000.00 for expenses related to the development of the Krug Park Amphitheater, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--7. Nay, Kovac--1. Absent, Roach--1.

45900 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Bill #1033-18 be amended before consideration for passage by attaching the Funding Agreement to the Ordinance. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

45901 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Bill #1033-18 be amended before consideration for passage to appropriate the amount of \$15,000 from the Capital Projects Fund sidewalk replacement funds instead of from the Gaming Initiatives Fund. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

45902 (S.O. 9864) A Bill (#1033-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art and an amendment to the Gaming Initiatives Fund all in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be used to contribute to the construction of a new driveway to the Museum, having been read the first time on February 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

45903 A Bill (#1036-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the execution of Master Agreements for On Call Routine Maintenance and Emergency Repairs for the City's wastewater treatment facility with Sprague Excavating Company, Inc. and Garney Companies, Inc., was introduced and read the first time.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING: (Cont'd)

- 45904 A Bill (#1037-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing execution of a Police Department Working Agreement between City of St. Joseph, Missouri and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45905 A Bill (#1038-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1590 "Parking prohibited at any time" of Chapter 28 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking on the north side of Penn Street from 34th Street east 160 feet, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45906 A Bill (#1039-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing a Lease Agreement with K & T Bubbas BBQ, LLC., for lease of the Airport Diner at Rosecrans Memorial Airport in the amount of \$400.00 per month, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45907 A Bill (#1040-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund and execution of Work Order MID21-03 with Midland Surveying, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,286.00 for work associated with the platting of the land for the new Fire Station #8, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45908 A Bill (#1041-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell authorizing an amendment to portions of Article V titled "Trees" of Chapter 25 "Streets, sidewalks and miscellaneous public places," of the Code of Ordinances to make changes recommended by the Tree Board, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45909 A Bill (#1042-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the General Fund budget and acceptance of insurance reimbursement for damage to the Bode Sports Complex all in the amount of \$67,258.00, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45910 A Bill (#1043-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "London Addition," a major commercial subdivision consisting of two (2) lots proposed for the property located at 1801 N. Woodbine, as requested by Dan McChristy, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45911 A Bill (#1044-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with the Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri, Inc. and an amendment to the General Fund Cell Phone Program and Aviation Fund budgets all in the amount of \$15,000.00 to provide funds to support the 2021 Sound of Speed Airshow at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 2/18/21: Minutes of the Administrative Violation Review Board meeting held January 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 2/22/21: Minutes of the Museum Oversight Board meeting held February 17, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 2/22/21: Minutes of the Housing Authority meeting held January 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Housing Authority, 2902 S. 36th Street, via video conferencing.

Filed 2/25/21: Minutes of the Library Board meeting held February 22, 2021, at 4:45 p.m., at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street, via video conferencing.

Filed 3/1/21: Minutes of the Social Welfare Board meeting held November 24, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., at Rogers Pharmacy, 3705 N. Belt Highway.

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REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 3/1/21: Minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held February 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 3/2/21: Minutes of the Aviation Board meeting held February 3, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., in the Terminal Conference Room at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, via video conferencing.

Filed 3/2/21: Minutes of the Social Welfare Board meeting held January 26, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., at Rogers Pharmacy, 3705 N. Belt Highway.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 2/19/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held February 17, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Civic Arena, 100 N. 4th St.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 2/18/21: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held January 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 2/18/21: St. Joseph Transit report, December 2020.

Filed 2/18/21: St. Joseph Transit report, January 2021.

Filed 2/19/21: City Link, February 18, 2021.

Filed 2/22/21: January FY2021 Financial Report from Tom Mahoney, Interim Director of Administrative Services.

Filed 2/26/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held February 9, 2021, at 3:04 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 2/26/21: City Link, February 25, 2021.

Filed 3/1/21: Memorandum from Paula Heyde, City Clerk, in re: St. Joseph Museums, Inc.’s Financial Statements (for the year ended June 30, 2020).

Filed 3/2/21: Building Permits Issued report, February 2021.

Filed 3/2/21: Business Licenses report, February 2021.

Filed 3/2/21: Apartment House Rental Property Licenses report, February 2021.

Filed 3/2/21: Single Family Rental Property Licenses report, February 2021.

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COMMUNICATIONS: (Cont'd)

Filed 3/2/21: Duplex Housing Rental Property Licenses report, February 2021.

Filed 3/2/21: Municipal Division Summary Reporting, February 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 45912 City Manager's Report – Interim City Manager/City Attorney Bryan Carter said some members of the Bartlett Center requested that the Horace Mann HVAC improvements be moved up from the 2023-24 to FY22. That can be accomplished moving the Aquatic Park and the second phase of the Hyde Park splash park back to 2024 and using the funds for improvements to John Lucas playground immediately. That project was funded with CDBG funds. This alternate schedule will be implemented unless there are objections from the City Council. The opening under Frederick Avenue has been repaired and the street was reopened today. The Police Department's annual report was released last week and is available on the city's website. The inmate crew used by the City for weed trimming, trash pickup, storm debris cleanup and snow removal were not available due to COVID-19. As of right now we have not received any information on when they will become available again. If we are without them during the summer, that will impact to an extent the ability to perform some of those tasks.

Councilmember Novak said he will be sponsoring a resolution at the next Council meeting (March 22) to have discussion on the current mask mandate and see about the possibility of modifying it to make it voluntary.

Councilmember Myers asked that health care professionals be invited to give their perspective before voting on it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 45899 – Terry Turbak, 1321 Faraon St., asked, on behalf of the Friends of the Krug Park, if there has ever been or will be a citizens committee of a wide variety of people who would have input into any plan that upgrades or develops Krug Park who would invest their time, energy and ideas in what should be done with a park that belongs to them. They would like to be involved and invited to the table. She suggested that the vote be delayed on this bill until a time when a citizen committee can be formed that can work together with the Council on a plan instead of an outside agency telling us what to do with our park.

ADJOURNMENT:

- 45913 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.