



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2024

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers with Mayor Andrew L. Dawson presiding. Mayor Dawson called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of legislative prayer led by Chaplain Byron Matson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status (Present), Name, Status (Present). Rows include Jack Robinson, Thomas Oldham, Chris Marshall, Tina Boggess, Bob Hiller, Bob Cross, Rhiannon Foster, and Steve Bloess.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Table with 4 columns: Award Type, Name, Title, Department. Rows include 25 Year Gift Card/Certificate (William Friedly, Fire Captain, Fire) and 5 Year Pin/Certificate (Dennis Arnold, Plant Operator I, Water Pollution Control).

Assistant City Administrator Matthew Wirt presented Dennis Arnold with his 5-year service award. He stated that Mr. Arnold is hardworking and dedicated and thanked him for his service.

SPECIAL AWARDS/RETIREMENT AWARDS: None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of November 18, 2024 were approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All in Favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman Steve Bloess

Strategic Planning Presentation – Fire Department

Fire Chief Matt Irwin stated that Sedalia is in the top 7% for Fire Safety. Statistics include: Training Hours up 256% from 2018; Pulled personnel to fill a Squad which put Engines from a 4 person to a 3-person operation (will affect ISO scores when re-evaluated); added personnel to Fire scene; Coverage dropped from 7.92 in 2012 to 6.73 in 2024; Square Miles went from 13 in 2012 to 15 in 2024.

Department Budget Impact:

- 1. Staffing– Full Time Training & Preparedness Officer; Fire Mechanic; Additional Shift Personnel (1 per shift).
2. Apparatus – Current Brush Truck 20 years old; new one needs to be ordered.

3. Response Improvements –Opticom signal package to improve response times; UTV to access 4+ miles of Katy Trail and 2200+ acres of inaccessible land; Water Rescue Equipment; Radio and SCBA Monitoring.

4. Drone Implementation- Sedalia Police and Pettis County Sheriff’s Department drones have proven helpful on Fire Department calls, however, they are not always available. Looking to partner with Sedalia Police Department to expand on existing program to get a drone for the Sedalia Fire Department.

Strategic Planning Presentation – Police Department

Police Chief David Woolery gave an overview of Police Department Operations and goals. Department services include police, community services and training. From January 1 to November 15 of this year, the department has responded to over 28,256 calls for service. The Department is involved with 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving Eve events and increased social media presence.

The Police Department is required to achieve a certain number of training standards through Missouri Police Officers and Training program. It is situational based training to fit real life experiences and builds on progress. Outside of in-service, Police Chief Woolery stated that officers completed over 3,000 hours of training which includes Gracie Survival Training, Civil Unrest, Data Analytics-Crime Mapping, Specialized Crime Scene and Investigation, Officer Wellness and Illicit Hazardous Environment.

Police Chief Woolery stated that this year the Police Department implemented a program called Kyah Cares. Kyah is the Sedalia Police Department’s emotion resource K-9 and Officer DeVorss takes her to area Elementary schools and Nursing homes to engage with citizens that the Police Department doesn’t always get a chance to visit. Shop with a Cop is another program that connects the Police Department with community members and through generous donations from Citizen’s, over 270 kids participated last year.

Strategic Plan:

Facilities: New Storage Building; Quonset hut is in disrepair and insufficient for needs.

Advanced Police Services: Special Response Vehicle – Current vehicle is 1997 Chevrolet 3500 Express van that was acquired in 2010. The vehicle is designed to transport personnel at a speed less than 15 mph. It has a fiberglass exterior and is not designed for our current use. The Police Department would like to obtain a Terradyne Gurkha MPV. This is a Ford F550, can transport 10 team members, has features to reduce risk for team, public and suspects, has Mobile cover that protects team, allows direct communication in hostage negotiations/crisis and secure location for decision making.

Recruitment and Retention: Provide highly competitive employee package for officers; continue hiring incentive program or paying for police academy; people are greatest asset and work to solve problems; maintain programs that foster career growth, build leadership and establish professional culture.

Drones: Police Chief Woolery expanded on information regarding the partnership with the Fire Department to utilize drones as First Responders. Advantages include: dispatching drone upon receiving call to gather information, quick response and communicate. Challenges include: limited pilots and no staff dedicated specifically to drones, unpredictable situations and calls, limited or inaccurate data and response time. This program will improve situational awareness and give real time information for officers and fire crews. Proposed Changes to current Drone Unit would transition the department from reactionary to proactive Drone as First Responder and would include: Pilot-to Dispatch link &

communications, Pre-staged drone throughout the City, remotely launched and pilot controlled, Drone live-feed to MDT's and phones and offer real-time communication from Pilot to responders.

Future: Police Chief Woolery stated that they are looking at software to enhance their Field Training Officer Program; DEPARTMENTWARE is a San Jose model with flexibility to allow individual modification to existing program, automates electronic access for required documentation and ability to attach supporting documentation including dash and body camera video.

Community Services and Engagement: Engage community to solve problems through Problem Oriented Policing; public engagements with positive learning experiences and online presence; understand role of police within community.

- An agreement with Hoefer Welker, LLC was entered into in November 2022 to design a new fire station and training center. The Parks & Recreation Department has gone through a RFQ process to select an Architect to design the aquatics center and bowling alley and Hoefer Welker, LLC was also selected as the best firm for these projects. Since these projects are all on the same site, having the same design firm makes for coordination of the projects to best utilize the available site. Likewise, having the same architect coordinate the projects throughout construction offers opportunities for cost savings and a better end product. Staff recommends amending the contract to incorporate the added scope.

BILL NO. 2024-210, ORDINANCE NO. 12166 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND HOEFER WELKER, LLC FOR A REVISION OF OVERALL PROJECT SCOPE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

- Jessie E. White Jr. and Nancy A. White established a trust in 1998, which sets aside \$100,000 to be invested and for the income to be used for “the care and feeding of cats and kittens” in the name of their cat Sophie. Jerusha L. White, as trustee, has proposed an agreement to help ensure that the wishes of the grantees are adhered to and the funds are put to good use within the intent of the donation.

BILL NO. 2024-211, ORDINANCE NO. 12167 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A FUND FOR THE CARE AND SUPPORT OF CATS AND KITTENS AT THE SEDALIA ANIMAL SHELTER was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairman Bob Hiller; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

- The City has contracted with the Missouri Department of Conservation to include an agreement through the Parks and Recreation Department for the management of fish in the lakes within the park system. Staff recommends renewing the memorandum of understanding.

BILL NO. 2024-212, ORDINANCE NO. 12168 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LIBERTY PARK POND AND CLOVER DELL PARK LAKE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Marshall. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

- Staff was successful in obtaining grant funds to offset 50% of the costs to rehabilitate approximately 100 blocks of sidewalks in the north central area of the city. The design has been completed, and bids were solicited for the construction. Since the grant application anticipated using the labor our public works crew dedicated to the project as \$198,000 of in-kind towards the 50% match, the lowest bid came in \$189,396.16 over the amount of the original set aside for cash match. The bid specifications allow for deducting enough sidewalk construction to bring it back into the total cost. Staff recommends allocating enough local cash to go forward with the full amount to complete the project and award the bid to S&A Equipment & Builders, LLC in the amount of \$1,356,577.66.

BILL NO. 2024-213, ORDINANCE NO. 12169 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECT SEDALIA REVITALIZATION PROJECT was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

- The City participates in the Tree City USA program. This program allows us to apply for Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grants to help manage the urban forest. This year, the grant was awarded to assist with planting forty trees in Katy Park and Animal Shelter grounds, along with equipment to water trees throughout the City, and a flier to provide basic tree maintenance information. Grant amount \$13,320.

BILL NO. 2024-214, ORDINANCE NO. 12170 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR A TREE RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE (TRIM) GRANT was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Marshall. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

- As discussed at several Council Meetings, the bridge over the railroad at Washington Avenue needs repairs. In July, a report was submitted to Council for a phased approach to repairing the bridge. In order to proceed with the next phase, the Missouri Department of Transportation indicated that stamped drawings from a design professional must be submitted for their approval and that such drawings shall indicate load rating calculations. Staff has worked with the firm that was engaged for the initial report to develop a scope of work that will meet the increased requirements of MODOT. Staff recommends adding \$133,409.00 to the engagement with HDR, Inc. to complete this work.

BILL NO. 2024-215, ORDINANCE NO. 12171 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TASK ORDER NO. 2 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Cross. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

- City crews continue to work to prepare the structural components of the bridge to enable construction to move forward after the design engineer completes their work. Staff has identified a dustless bead blaster that would make this process more efficient and effective. This piece of equipment can be used going forward for the resurfacing of the walls in the animal shelter and maintenance of painting on streets and parking lots. Staff recommends approval of the purchase at a cost of \$55,545.00.

BILL NO. 2024-216, ORDINANCE NO. 12172 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF A MOBILE DUSTLESS BLASTER was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Chairwoman Tina Boggess; Vice Chairman Thomas Oldham

- The Pettis County Health Center made a request to utilize some of the opioid settlement funds the City receives. The Health Department proposed a budget of \$50,000 to offset costs of three outdoor vending machines to dispense Naloxone/Narcan and education materials regarding the use of this medicine. Mayor Dawson invited Suzie Howe to speak regarding Fentanyl poisoning and stated she has also been instrumental in getting Narcan in our Community. Ms. Howe stated that she lost her son, Jacob in 2020 to Fentanyl poisoning and had Narcan been available, it could have saved his life. She works with the Pettis County Health Center in distributing educational information regarding Fentanyl and Narcan. She urged Council to vote to award the funds to Pettis County Health Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2119 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, STATING FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE NECESSITY TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE CITY’S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 was read once by title and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All in Favor.

BILL NO. 2024-217, ORDINANCE NO. 12173 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 REGARDING PETTIS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER FUNDING was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Foster. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairman Bob Cross – No Report.

APPOINTMENTS: None

BIDS: North Central Neighborhood Connect Sedalia Revitalization – November 22, 2024

LIQUOR LICENSES: The following new Liquor Licenses were read and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All in Favor.

*Jimmy Valencia Diaz dba Mi Linda Tierra LLC, 810 West 16th, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

*Kristy Long dba Wildlife Ridge Winery, 34751 Miller Road, Special Event, (Christmas Party for Cole Camp School, The Foundry, 324 West 2nd, December 13, 2024, 8:00 AM – 11:59 PM)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilwoman Foster invited everyone to join the City on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to visit Santa at City Hall.

Councilman Robinson encouraged everyone to drive through Liberty Park to see the Christmas lights.

Councilman Cross thanked the White’s for their contribution for the care of cats and kittens.

City Administrator Kelvin Shaw reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

GOOD & WELFARE:

David Goodson, 1640 Hedge Apple Drive, thanked Chief Irwin and Chief Woolery for their Strategic Plan presentations and City Council for voting in favor of the funding for Pettis County Health Center. He stated that the motion was denied to return to court with Pettis County and that it is time to quit wasting money and put it behind us.

Rene Vance, 19813 Tanglenook, stated that the Senior Center’s 51st Gala will be held on June 26, 2025. She expressed appreciation for the City’s generous support in the past and is making a request again for this year. Their mystery box fundraiser is being held this month and orders need to be received by December 20, 2024.

Kevin Staus, 2302 East 15th, stated that letter carriers have started delivering at 6:00 a.m. for the Holidays but they have experienced issues with dogs on the loose. There is an Ordinance regarding this and he asked if an announcement could be made regarding delivery hours and the ordinance to encourage safety through Christmas.

Gary Lobaugh, 821 South Arlington, commented that the City has various Boards and Commissions and he does not believe it is right that citizens should have to make a request for the minutes and asked that they be printed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster to a closed-door meeting in the upstairs conference room pursuant to subsections 1 (Legal Advice), 2 (Real Estate), (3) Personnel and 12 (Negotiated Contracts) of Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

The regular meeting reopened at 10:01 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson.

ROLL CALL:

Jack Robinson	Present	Bob Hiller	Present
Thomas Oldham	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Chris Marshall	Present	Rhiannon Foster	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR MEETING:

BILL NO. 2024-218, ORDINANCE NO. 12174 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1101 SOUTH KENTUCKY AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO NICK LUMPE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Robinson. All in Favor

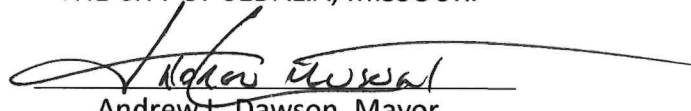
Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Robinson. All in Favor

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted “No”.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Oldham to accept the Terms of the Employment agreement and Authorize the Mayor to sign. All in Favor.

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All in Favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI

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Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason S. Myers", written over a horizontal line.

Jason S. Myers, City Clerk

