



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

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on Tuesday, January 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 prayer led by Councilwoman Tina Boggess followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Includes Jack Robinson (Present), Thomas Oldham (Present), Chris Marshall (Absent), Tina Boggess (Present), Bob Hiller (Present), Bob Cross (Present), Rhiannon Foster (Present), Steve Bloess (Present Arrived 6:50 p.m.).

SERVICE AWARDS:

Table with 4 columns: Award Type, Name, Title, Recipient. Includes 10 Year Pin/Certificate (Kimm Motsinger, Crew Supervisor, WPC) and 5 Year Pin/Certificate (Nicklous Camirand, Police Officer, Police).

SPECIAL AWARDS:

2023 Christmas Light Contest Winners

- 1st Place - Roger & AJ Davis - 1612 West 4th - \$100.00
2nd Place - Kevin Walker - 700 West Broadway - \$50.00
3rd Place - Linda Meek - 1908 East Broadway - \$25.00

RETIREMENT AWARDS: - None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of December 18, 2023 were approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All Present in Favor. Marshall and Bloess were absent.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Chris Marshall, Chairman; Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman

Presentation: Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development-Annual Report

Jessica Craig, Executive Director, Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development, presented the 2023 Annual Report. Economic Development has worked with companies to expand or build new facilities resulting in 1,028 new jobs, 1,698 retained jobs, \$418 Million in new capital investments and an average salary of \$46,674.00.

2023 Economic Development Successes:

Prysmian Group - Beam Signing Ceremony with Governor Parson; started construction on new 115,000 square foot expansion; 60 new jobs; \$45.5 Million Capital Expenditures; 215 retained jobs.

**Simcote Inc.** – started construction of new 67,000 square foot Headquarters and Manufacturing facility; 35 new jobs; \$18 Million Capital Expenditures, started hiring in 2023.

**Impact Signs** – Groundbreaking on new 60,000 square foot Headquarters and Manufacturing facility; \$8 Million Capital expenditures; 45 retained jobs; Thompson Meadows Industrial Park.

**Allen Industries** – Transformed warehouse at 1001 North Grand to new expanded Headquarters and Manufacturing facility; 48 new jobs; 48 retained jobs; retained business in Sedalia and Pettis County.

**Tri-L Manufacturing** – Merger with Precision Manufacturing; retained business in Sedalia; well positioned for growth.

**Works for You Banquet** – Recognized David Curry with Pioneer in Economic Development Award.

**Manufacturer’s Milestone Banquet** – Recognized 23 business milestones

**1 Million Cups** – Recognized 19 entrepreneurs, small businesses and organizations

In 2023, Economic Development facilitated 19 Business Retention and Expansion meetings with area business leadership; responded to 21 requests for proposals for businesses seeking new locations; and led 10 In-Person site and virtual site visits for prospective new businesses.

**2024 Plans and Opportunities:**

- New location at 108 West Pacific inside Historic Lamy Building
- New Economic Development Specialist – Early 2024
- Allen Industries Open House; Tri-L MFG/Precision MFG Open House; 3 pending project announcements

**Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation: Annual Report**

Scott Joplin Ragtime Foundation Board President, John Simmons, presented the Annual Report for the Foundation. The Boards mission is “to preserve and promote an understanding and appreciation of Ragtime music and its history worldwide, and further to promote Scott Joplin’s contribution to Ragtime music and the importance of Sedalia, Missouri to Ragtime history.”

For more than 66 years, concerts and festivals have celebrated Scott Joplin and his music in Sedalia and the core production of the Foundation is the annual Ragtime Festival. The annual 4-day festival hosts 30+ musicians, 2 free performances, 5 new pianos financed by a donor, 1 dinner concert at No. 5 Bistro, Katy Depot free venue, 7 Liberty Center concerts, 9 symposiums, interaction with musicians and Ragtime reunion. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival and plans are to include more musicians, extra dinner concert, reintroduction of the Ragtime dance and some other new events. The dates for the 2024 festival are May 31 through June 2, 2024.

There were 947 festival tickets sold in 2023 compared to 633 in 2022. There were visitors from 26 states and 1 foreign country. Overnight visitors, daytime tourism expenditures and foundation revenue had a total direct economic impact of \$162,108.00.

The City’s support wasn’t necessary for 2020 and 2021, however, in 2022 and 2023 the foundation accepted the City’s support in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help with free venues, infrastructure and equipment. City Staff also assists with venue construction and décor, street cleaning, trash removal and the festival is posted on the City’s website. Local businesses contribute over \$10,000.00 in products, services and sponsorships, Missouri Arts Council provides an annual grant of \$15,413.00 the Foundation receives a Tourism Marketing grant for \$33,620.00 and local clubs and organizations help support the event.

**Vision for the Future:**

- Continue to build attendance numbers back to pre-pandemic levels with increased year-round visitors to Sedalia seeking ragtime culture as the market re-emerges.
  - Continue adjusting use of Furnell Pavilion to maximize potential.
  - Syncopated Saturday Nights – YouTube presence.
  - Educating younger generations to the importance of Ragtime’s contribution to modern American music.
  - Increased awareness of Sedalia’s location and importance of American music.
- The Resolution is for adopting the 2024 Pettis County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to maintain the City’s eligibility for Grants and other funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2077 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA ADOPTING THE 2024 PETTIS COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN was read once by title and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Thomas Oldham, Chairman; Chris Marshall, Vice Chairman

**Strategic Planning Presentation – Parks and Recreation**

Parks & Recreation Director Amy Epple stated the Department’s mission is “to provide programs, facilities and services that will enhance the quality of life for all Sedalia citizens.”

**2023 Achievements:**

Award of Liberty Park Stadium Grant	Expansion of Liberty Lights
Heckart Community Center numbers (7,000+ members)	Phase I to LED Lights in Park
In House Projects	Art in the Park Additions
Staff Additions	20+ New Programs Added
100+ Trees Planted	Program Participation

**Strategic Planning:**

**Special Projects:** Groundbreaking on New Aquatic Facility; Liberty Train up and running; Expansion of Liberty Lights, Phase 5; Liberty Stadium Improvement Completion; New Playground at Liberty Park; New Playground at Katy Park; Additional Parking – Liberty Park Blvd; Corporate Memberships at Heckart Community Center; Convention Hall Improvements; Program Coordinator; and Grant Facilitator.

**Liberty Park Stadium:** Turf entire playing surface; Heat/AC for restrooms & Concessions; Drainage improvements and paving parking lot; Fan stand and seating improvements; Dugout improvements; update locker rooms; and pitch count addition to scoreboard.

**Liberty Park Boulevard:** Fix Drainage issues; add Diagonal parking; and incorporate parking on old practice field.

**Recreation:** Possibly moving Show-Me-Game’s Pickleball events to Sedalia; Special Olympics; Family Camp-Out at Clover Dell.

**3 Year Goals:** Opening of New Aquatic Facility; All phases of dog park completed; Parking and Drainage improvements at Liberty Park; New Playground at Katy and Vermont Parks; Lights replaced at soccer fields; soccer field improvements; and restroom at Clover Dell

**5 Year Goals:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Splash Pad; Sand volleyball at Clover Dell; LED Lights in Park; more Parking at Housel; New Maintenance Shop; Field improvements at Hubbard Ballfield; and 10-minute Walk to Park Study.

- The Agreement with MSD Environmental Services is for rental of a trailer mounted belt press for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Administrator Kelvin Shaw stated that the City looked at purchasing one but renting was the better option. Total 8-month rental cost \$173,500.00.

BILL NO. 2024-1 ORDINANCE NO. 11961 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE RENTAL OF A TRAILER MOUNTED BELT PRESS was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Jack Robinson, Chairman; Steve Bloess, Vice Chairman

- The Ordinance is for amending the Overtime Compensation Policy by clarifying reimbursements as a result of Traffic Enforcement Overtime.

BILL NO. 2024-2, ORDINANCE NO. 11962 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OVERTIME COMPENSATION POLICY was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robinson. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Rhiannon M. Foster, Chairwoman; Tina Boggess, Vice Chairwoman – No Report.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**BIDS:** None

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** The following renewal Liquor License was read and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

\*Mary J. Stewart dba American Legion Post #642, 2016 W. Main, Sunday Liquor Sales

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:**

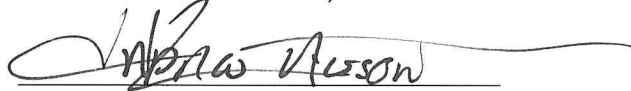
City Administrator Kelvin Shaw reminded everyone about the Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, January 6, 2024 and added that the meeting is open to the Public.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Rene Vance, 19813 Tanglenook, and representing the Senior Center stated that she would like to amend her request from \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 which would go towards sponsoring the Senior Center’s 50-year celebration. Motion by Robinson, seconded by Bloess to add the item for inclusion in the Budget for consideration at the January 6, 2024 Strategic Planning Session.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI



Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor



Jason S. Myers, City Clerk