



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers with Mayor John Kehde presiding. Mayor Kehde called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jeff Leeman	Present	Lucas Richardson	Present
Thomas Oldham	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Andrew Dawson	Present	Rhiannon Foster	Present by Video Conference
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

SERVICE AWARDS:

25 Year Gift Card/Certificate Adam Hendricks Police Commander Police

Police Chief Matt Wirt stated that Commander Adam Hendricks started with the Police Department as a recruit in December 1996 and became a full-time Police Officer in March 1997. He was promoted to Sergeant in March 2004 and Commander in February 2009 and is currently assigned to the Operations Support Bureau.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

2021 Christmas Light Contest Winners

- 1st Place – C.J. & Angela Spatz – 1717 W 3rd – \$100.00
- 2nd Place – Chad Fidler – 2902 Daryl Dr. – \$50.00
- 3rd Place – Laura & James Stromblad – 2705 Southwest Blvd. - \$25.00

C.J. and Angela Spatz were present to receive their award and Mayor Kehde thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Light Contest.

Sedalia Fire Department – Badge Pinning

Fire Chief Matt Irwin stated that Firefighter Alex Doll started with the Sedalia Fire Department in September 2021 and has completed the necessary performance and standard requirements. Firefighter Doll was pinned by his wife Kimber Doll.

Fire Chief Matt Irwin stated that the new air packs, air compressor and fill station have arrived but are not yet in service and invited Council to come see the new equipment.

RETIREMENT AWARDS: None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of December 20, 2021 were approved on motion by Leeman, seconded by Bloess. All in favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Steve Bloess, Chairman; Rhiannon Foster, Vice Chairwoman

Presentation: Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation – Annual Report

Doug Freed, Scott Joplin Ragtime Foundation President, stated this year is the 43rd anniversary of the Scott Joplin Festival and the new pavilion will make a positive impact for the festival.

John Simmons, Ragtime Foundation Board Member, stated that the foundation’s mission is “to preserve and promote an understanding and appreciation of Ragtime music and its history worldwide, and to promote Scott Joplin’s contribution to Ragtime music and the importance of Sedalia, Missouri to Ragtime history.” The annual 4 day festival hosts 23 musicians, 2 free performances, 7 Liberty Center concerts, 9 symposiums, interaction with musicians and Ragtime reunion.

Due to Covid-19, the 2020 and 2021 festivals were cancelled prior to contract penalties. If the festival is held, the City’s financial support is \$10,000.00 and local businesses contribute over \$10,000.00 in products, services and sponsorships. A grant in the amount of \$8,877.00 from The Missouri Arts Council and \$4,500.00 from the Central Business & Cultural District are received as well. The Tourism Marketing Grant of \$26,050.00 brings in overnight visitors and ragtime education throughout the year is supported by civic organizations.

Due to festival cancellations, “Syncopated Saturday Night” was created as an alternative and is the first Saturday night of each month, available on YouTube, includes 2 performers and features different venues. Performances have helped raise \$29,715.00 in donations to help cover production expenses and payments to musicians.

Vision for the Future:

- Furnell’s Pavilion – Planning best utilization of the 2021 festival format
- Syncopated Saturday Nights – YouTube presence
- Educating younger generations on the importance of ragtime’s contribution to modern American music
- Increased awareness of Sedalia’s location and importance to American music
- Increased year-round visitors to Sedalia seeking ragtime culture as the market re-emerges

John Simmons stated there was more involvement from Rotary and other civic organizations, however, this year, 3 vital volunteers will not be available at critical areas throughout the festival, therefore, more volunteers are needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Tina Boggess, Chairwoman; Bob Cross, Vice Chairman

Strategic Planning Presentation: Animal Services

Animal Shelter Manager Randi Battson stated the Sedalia Animal Shelter has 49 dog kennels, 96 cat kennels and a “Wiggle Room” located behind the shelter that allows dogs to exercise and develop better social skills. The facility also includes a walking trail behind the shelter.

Statistics (January-December):

2020 – Adoptions 514; Transferred Out 105; Returned to Owners 149; Euthanasia 25.

2021 – Adoptions 682; Transferred Out 21; Returned to Owners 277; Euthanasia 30.

Goals & Status for 2021:

Replace existing floors in canine side of shelter and Kennel walls to comply with MDA standards – Bid approved; Start & complete project – January 2022	Trap/Neuter/Release partnership with surrounding rescues to continue project with community cats – TNR almost 500 cats.
Add meet & greet area – Still working on	Service more animals during COVID – Adoptions and return-to-owners increased; provided mutual aid to County boarding 16 wild dogs for 4 months
Replace Animal Control Vehicles – 1 Truck ordered; Animal Control Box in production	

2022 Goals:

- Continue to Trap/Neuter/Release stray cats to reduce overpopulation and nuisance problems.
- Work with Parks Department to landscape and beautify walking trail to make it user friendly. A donation has been made for a gazebo.
- Promote Good Pet Practices: 2020 – 70 puppies brought in, 497 dogs running at large, 8 bite quarantine dogs; 2021 – 126 puppies brought in, 608 dogs running at large, 15 bite quarantine dogs. Reasons for the increase include people going back to work and an additional Animal Control Officer in the field. Prevention solutions include Ordinances and spay & neuter education thru pamphlets handed to each citizen promoting healthy breeding practices and hosting rabies vaccine clinics.

Future Goals: Bring Animal Control up to municipal standards with electronic citations to save time in the field, ensure tickets are submitted in a timely manner and lighten load on Police Records.

- The agreement with AT&T is to provide dedicated internet and voice bundle services at the Fire Department as a backup for major disruptions at the Municipal Building or internet outage at Fire Headquarters.

BILL NO. 2022-1, ORDINANCE NO. 11495 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR DEDICATED INTERNET AND VOICE BUNDLE SERVICES was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Cross, 2nd by Oldham. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Leeman, 2nd by Oldham. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Leeman, Oldham, Dawson, Boggess, Richardson, Cross and Bloess. Foster voted “Yes” by video conference. No one voted “No”.

PUBLIC WORKS – Thomas Oldham, Chairman; Lucas Richardson, Vice Chairman

Strategic Planning Presentation: Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Director Amy Epple stated that the Department’s mission is “to provide programs, facilities and services that will enhance the quality of life for all Sedalia citizens”. The Heckart Community Center will be open 7 days a week and provide year round walking and swimming, economic growth and staff growth for all City departments.

2021 Achievements:

Additional Staff Added	Hubbard Park 100 th Anniversary Celebration
Progress on Heckart Community Center	Light Up Liberty Phase 3
Hubbard Splash Pad – Open May 2022	Median at 16 th Street
Opening of Train House	Liberty Train Running
Hubbard Playground	Hubbard Park Improvements

Art in the Park	Esports League Growing
Ballfield Improvements at Housel Field	100 Trees Planted in the Park System
Community Garden	100 Rose Bushes Planted
Dugouts at Housel and Vansell Fields	Irrigation Improvements at Centennial & Youth
Storybook Trail	Football Fields
Diamond of Dreams	

Strategic Planning:

Maintenance: Gators updated; new truck; add new mower; security cameras at Katy & Centennial Parks; Roof Improvements at shelters, stadium & maintenance building; picnic tables; trash cans; tree care & planting; parking at Liberty; drainage at Liberty; archery & disc golf.

Special Projects: Phase 4 of Light Up Liberty; electric improvements; new playground at Liberty Park.

Recreation: Activity guide twice; full staff; trips & tours; volunteer appreciation banquet; pop-park up events; tweens & teens; senior programs; Youth Baseball All-Star Tournament; 20 new tournaments; Community Garden year 2; Art in the Park addition; lock-ins.

3 Year Goals – Bark Park behind Animal Shelter all phases completed; walking trail at Liberty Park; pickleball courts/restrooms at Katy Park; soccer field and lighting improvements at Clover Dell; maintenance shop at Hubbard; Hubbard ballfield; improvements and parking.

5 Year Goals – Vermont playground; 2nd Splash Pad; restrooms/sand volleyball at Clover Dell; Katy Park playground; LED lights in parks; plan for outdoor aquatic facility; more parking at Housel.

- Final quantities for the 3rd Street and 16th Street mill and overlay projects were higher than expected resulting in an increase in the amount of \$5,299.29 to the contract with Emery Sapp & Sons.

BILL NO. 2022-2, ORDINANCE NO. 11496 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR FINAL QUANTITY ADJUSTMENTS ON THE 3RD STREET AND 16TH STREET MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECTS was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Leeman. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Leeman. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Leeman, Oldham, Dawson, Boggess, Richardson, Cross and Bloess. Foster voted “Yes” by video conference. No one voted “No”.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Andrew Dawson, Chairman; Jeff Leeman, Vice Chairman

- Proposed changes to Chapters 2 & 10 of the Code of Ordinances will allow plumbing licenses issued by other municipalities with a population over 15,000 and applying for or obtaining permits for plumbing work that does not include connecting to water mains, sewer mains, gas mains or installation of backflow prevention devices. A licensed plumber will be required to make any connection to the City of Sedalia’s water or sewer system.

Councilman Dawson read verbatim from proposed Ordinance:

“Whereas, The City of Sedalia and the Community Development Committee has identified the need to amend provisions of the City Code addressing the certification and licensing of individuals undertaking plumbing work in the City in order to encourage neighborhood revitalization and remove unnecessary impediments to that end.”

BILL NO. 2022-3, ORDINANCE NO. 11497 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, ADDING, AND DELETING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO THE BOARD OF PLUMBER EXAMINERS AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES FOR INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING PLUMBING WORK was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Richardson. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Richardson. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Leeman, Oldham, Dawson, Boggess, Richardson, Cross and Bloess. Foster voted “Yes” by video conference. No one voted “No”.

APPOINTMENTS: None

BIDS: None

LIQUOR LICENSES:

The following new/renewal Liquor Licenses were read and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Leeman. All in favor.

New:

*Ann Adams dba Sedalia Lions Club, Sedalia Pub Crawl Downtown Sedalia (March 19, 2022 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.), Picnic License & Special Event

Renewals:

*Paul Bennett dba American Legion Post 642, 2016 West Main, Sunday Sales

*Adam McMillin dba Walmart Store #219, 3201 W Broadway, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

*Heather Trotter dba Walgreens #7428, 801 S Limit, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

City Administrator reminded everyone that the Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Leeman to a closed door meeting in the upstairs conference room pursuant to subsections 1 (Legal Advice) and 2 (Real Estate) 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Leeman, Oldham, Dawson, Boggess, Richardson, Cross and Bloess. Foster voted “Yes” by video conference. No one voted “No”.

The regular meeting reopened at 8:04 p.m. on motion by Leeman, seconded by Oldham. All in favor.

ROLL CALL:

Jeff Leeman	Present	Lucas Richardson	Present
Thomas Oldham	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Andrew Dawson	Present	Rhiannon Foster	Present by Video Conference
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

Councilman Bloess stated the pigeon population downtown is out of control and suggested that a pigeon shoot or trapping should take place. Mayor Kehde asked Councilman Bloess to look into it and come up with a plan to bring before council.

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR SESSION:

BILL NO. 2022-4, ORDINANCE NO. 11498 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 WEST 4TH STREET FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO THE SEDALIA DEMOCRAT, LLC, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Leeman. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Leeman All in favor.

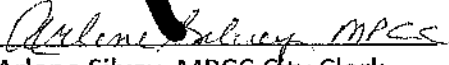
Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Leeman, Oldham, Dawson, Boggess, Richardson, Cross and Bloess. Foster voted “Yes” by video conference. No one voted “No”.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Leeman. All in favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI



John Lehde, Mayor



Arlene Silvey, MPCC City Clerk