



**CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on February 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers with Mayor Pro Tem Tina Boggess presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Boggess 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:

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

SERVICE AWARDS

5 Year Pin/Certificate Domanick Bradford Equipment Operator II Mow Crew Sanitation

SPECIAL AWARDS/RETIREMENT AWARDS: None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 were approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Bloess. All in Favor.

The Special Council meeting minutes of January 27, 2025 were approved on motion by Oldham, Seconded by Bloess. All in favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Presentation – Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation: Annual Report

Scott Joplin Ragtime Foundation Board President, John Simmons and Shelley Rounds, Foundation/Festival Director 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 67 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 52 musicians, 2 free performances, 5 new pianos, 2 dinner concerts at No. 5 Bistro, Katy Depot free venue, 7 Liberty Center concerts, 9 symposiums, interaction with musicians and Ragtime reunion. The Board achieved something bold for the 50th Anniversary of the Festival by having a large number of performers which brought more visitors to Sedalia. The dates for the 2025 Festival are May 28 through May 31, 2025.

There were 1,243 festival tickets sold in 2024 compared to 947 in 2023. There were visitors from 40 states and 5 foreign countries. Overnight visitors, daytime tourism expenditures and foundation revenue had a total direct economic impact of \$358,848.00.

The 2025 Festival has 33 performers scheduled with possibility to increase performers and attendees; a vintage parade on Saturday, May 31, 2025; expanded trolley tours; Jeanette Watts, a historical fiction author, vintage dance teacher is bringing back enthusiasm for dance activities; Joshua Rifkin, instrumental in building momentum for the Ragtime Festival in the 1970's is on the guest list; The Ragabonds ensemble; The Lovestruck Balladeers featuring Missouri pianist Dalton Ridenour; and plans in place for expansion of media and target advertising.

The City's support wasn't necessary in 2020 and 2021. Following COVID, the Festival was relaunched and for 2022, 2023 and 2024 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 \$40,000.00+ and local clubs and organizations help support the event. Foundation Director Simmons is seeking City support of \$12,000.00 for 2025 toward building sustainability in increase in performers.

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.

Kathleen Boswell introduced Adam Swanson, Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival 2025 Artist in Residence. The Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival Foundation has brought in an Artist in Residence for the past 18 years to visit schools to educate students on the importance of the Festival and Sedalia in the music world.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairman Bob Hiller; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

- Change Order Number 1 from Genesis Environmental Solutions is for Storm Drainage Improvements Project Area #13, covering the area from 9th and Hancock to 12th and Montgomery. The project faced multiple challenges, requiring close monitoring by city staff to ensure compliance and performance. Following staff review and assessment of performance issues, the change order includes a deduction of \$24,334.68. This adjustment accounts for finalized unit quantities and liquidated damages applied to the contractor's inability to complete the work within the agreed time frame.

BILL NO. 2025-22, ORDINANCE NO. 12206 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AREA #13 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".

- Following the presentation by Jake Willard from the Missouri Department of Conservation on potential improvements to the Springfork Lake property, the City Council provided direction for staff to proceed. The partnership focuses on restoring and maintaining the lake's prairie and grassland ecosystems, with restoration efforts such as invasive species control and prescribed burns. Moving forward, staff will continue working with MDC to develop a plan for timber harvesting.

BILL NO. 2025-23, ORDINANCE NO. 12207 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SPRINGFORK LAKE PROPERTY was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. 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".

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman Steve Bloess

- The Sedalia Police Department lost a patrol vehicle after it was struck while responding to an emergency. An insurance assessment deemed the vehicle a total loss, and the department received \$40,761.00 in compensation. A bid process was conducted, resulting in one bid from WK Chrysler of Sedalia for a replacement vehicle at \$44,657.00. Since the insurance revenue nor the vehicle purchase was included in the FY25 budget, staff recommends a budget amendment to allocate the funds for the purchase along with acceptance of the quote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2126 – 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. 2025-24, ORDINANCE NO. 12208 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 REGARDING POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE 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". All in Favor.

BILL NO. 2025-25, ORDINANCE NO. 12209 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT was read once by title.

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

- The Blue Shield Program is a newly established statewide initiative by Governor Kehoe to recognize and support local governments committed to public safety. This program, administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, acknowledges local governments that have demonstrated a commitment to law enforcement, crime reduction, and community engagement. Eligible local governments must meet specific criteria, including passing resolutions in support of public safety, making significant investments in law enforcement, implementing community policing initiatives, and maintaining compliance with Missouri statutes related to policing. This designation will not only recognize our commitment to public safety but also make our department eligible for state programs that provide valuable support for law enforcement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2127 – A RESOLUTION TO DEMONSTRATE THE CITY OF SEDALIA’S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION was read once by title and approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Oldham. All in Favor.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairman Bob Cross

- During the City’s review of a recent alley vacation process at 501-503 S. Engineer, it was realized that one adjacent property owner was unintentionally overlooked. To correct this, we are bringing the ordinance back to repeal the original approval and adopt a revised version that includes all affected property owners.

BILL NO. 2025-26, ORDINANCE NO. 12210 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12203 AND ENACTING A NEW ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY EAST OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501-503 SOUTH ENGINEER AVENUE 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”. All in Favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

BIDS: Police Vehicle – January 28, 2025

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

*Gloria Ayala dba Tacos Degollado, 813 Thompson Blvd., Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

*Gloria Ayala dba Don Jose, 735 West Main, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

*Gloria Ayala dba El Espolon, 2400 South Limit Suite J, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilman Bloess stated he wants to see the Road and Bridge tax defeated and put the disagreement between the City and County behind us. Both sides can then address the vague language and get the funds reallocated.

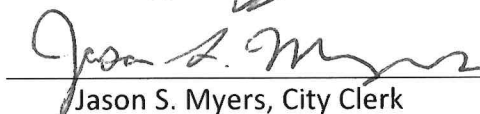
GOOD & WELFARE:

Debbie Covington, 2601 East 12th, inquired if the homes recommended for demolition from the December Board of Appeals meeting and discussed at the Community Development Committee meeting today were confirmed for demolition the week of February 10, 2025. Ms. Covington also requested that commission and committee meetings be live streamed.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All in favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI


Tina Boggess, Mayor Pro Tem


Jason S. Myers, City Clerk

Tabulation of Bids

Police Vehicle January 28, 2025 2:00 p.m. City Clerk's Office	
	W-K Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Sedalia 2901 South Limit Sedalia, MO 65301
Total Proposed Cost	\$44,657.00
Cost - Single Unit	
Police Department - vehicle	\$44,657.00 / ea.
Cost - Delivery	\$0.00
Make & Model	2025 Dodge Durango AWD Hemi
Delivery	6-12 Weeks
<u>Manufacturer Warranty</u>	
Engine/Transmission/ Drive Train	5 years / 100,000 miles
Electrical Systems/Components	3 years / 36,000 miles
Other Parts	None
Extended Warranty	None
Meet Specs	Yes
Additional Charges	None