



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2025

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on March 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	Absent	Rhiannon Foster	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

Public Hearing – Annexation Petition – Sedalia School District 200

Mayor Pro-Tem Boggess called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. regarding the Annexation Petition for Sedalia School District 200. Legal Description as follows:

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COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH LINE OF HIGHWAY "B"; THENCE SOUTH 39°55'43" WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 508.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTH LINE, SOUTH 49°34'40" EAST, 99.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39°36'48" WEST, 60.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 49°34'40" EAST, 130.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37°38'33" EAST, 704.61 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2011-6823; THENCE SOUTH 02°14'42" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 425.01 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 86°20'11" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 350.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 02°14'42" WEST, 229.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°22'27" WEST, 1015.83 FEET; (1014.71 FEET MEASURES); THENCE NORTH 02°17'52" EAST, 966.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 56°48'24" WEST, 193.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID STATE HIGHWAY "B"; THENCE NORTH 39°55'43" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 382.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, AND COVENANTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

With no public comments, the Public Hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

Presentation & Request: Embassy – Opioid Funding

Ann Graff, with Embassy, updated Council regarding progress with the Embassy program. The City granted \$50,000 to the group July 2024. To date, bills have totaled \$8,357.89 with pending work of \$26,872.00 much of which was held up due to weather. Ms. Graff stated they have experienced issues with basement entry work which is the basis for their additional request. Repairs to date include chain link fence, lift/repair of laundry room flooring and cleaned up debris. Tasks to schedule for next month are to finish up the soffit and fascia, complete repair and storage of the shed and build a class room. Embassy originally estimated that the basement entry work would cost \$13,000.00. In starting the work,

foundation issues were discovered. A City inspector and Architect were called in to assist in correcting the issue. A request has also been submitted for a new roof at 302 West 7th. The Embassy did receive some weatherization funding through Missouri Valley Community Action Agency. Ms. Graff and The Embassy would like to request an additional \$100,000.00 be granted through the restricted Opioid Settlement Fund to complete the work described. Mayor Pro-Tem Boggess suggested Council be given time to review the fund balance to determine how the City can assist with the request.

RETIREMENT AWARDS

- William Garrigus – Water – 30 Years 2 Months of service – Retired January 31, 2025. Mr. Garrigus received a MS250 Stihl Chain Saw with an extra chain as a retirement gift.
- Curtis Campbell – Water Pollution Control – 33 Years of service – Retired February 28, 2025. Mr. Campbell received a Hummingbird Helix 5 CHIRP DI GPS G3 Fishfinder with GPS and Down Imaging Sonar and Gimbal Mount as a retirement gift.

SERVICE AWARDS/SPECIAL AWARDS: None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of February 19, 2025 and the Budget Work Session minutes of February 24, 2025 were approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Presentation: Proposed FY 2026 Budget Highlights

Interim City Administrator Matthew Wirt presented the FY 2026 Budget Highlights and reviewed items in the General, Transportation and Capital Improvement funds that were added or removed at the February 24, 2025 Budget Work Session along with items requested for reconsideration.

General Fund:

- Long Term Disability Insurance for Employees – Councilman Bloess stated that due to the nature of duties associated with certain City positions, Council should consider adding Long Term Disability to the Budget. Motion by Bloess, seconded by Robinson to add the \$50,000.00 for Long Term Disability Insurance. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.
- Fast Rescue Board/RIT 2*\$2,600: Added in at February 24, 2025 Budget Work Session. Motion by Foster, seconded by Oldham to remove from the Budget. All Present in Favor except Bloess who opposed. Marshall was Absent. Item Removed.
- Drones as First Responders – Police Chief David Woolery stated the Police Department could postpone until next year. They have the ability to put technology on an existing drone and install live 911 to start the program, but the drone won't be self-launching. Cost \$29,500.00. Motion by Bloess, seconded by Hiller to add the \$29,500.00. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

Transportation Fund:

- Gooseneck Trailer – Asphalt Paver lowboy trailer damages screed: Not Included. Public Works operations Director Justin Bray asked Council to reconsider; current trailer can't be modified to haul Paver and damages screed. \$45,000.00. The requested trailer is specifically designed to haul the paver. Motion by Hiller, seconded by Robinson to add the gooseneck trailer. Roll Call Vote: Voting

“Yes” were Robinson, Boggess, Hiller and Cross. Voting “No” were Oldham, Foster and Bloess. Marshall was Absent. Item added in the Budget.

- New Tables/Chairs for Break Room and Split 50/50 with Sanitation – new office space, desk, chairs, etc. – Both Items were included at the February 24, 2025 Budget Work Session. Motion by Foster, seconded by Cross to remove both items. Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Cross and Foster. Voting “No” were Robinson, Oldham, Boggess, Hiller and Bloess. Marshall was Absent. Both items to remain in the budget.

Capital Improvement Funds:

- Committal Shelter-Currently at \$100,000: Not included. Councilwoman Boggess inquired if Committal Shelter without water, restroom, heating and cooling had been quoted. Cemetery Director Roger Waters stated this past summer it had and cost was at \$65,000-\$70,000. Council requested that a new estimate be obtained and brought back for consideration. Option – 3-sided Committal Shelter. Cemetery Director Waters recommended looking at it next Fiscal Year to allow time to build it correctly versus rushing.
- Restrooms recommended from CBCD to be installed near the Pavilion and they had \$50,000.00 in the Budget for installation. Council has the choice to add \$50,000.00 to the Capital Improvements Fund to combine with CBCD funding to finish that project. Not Included.

Next Steps: Incorporate any changes; Public hearing on March 17, 2025 for council to hear comments or input from citizens regarding the budget; Council consideration for budget adoption on March 17, 2025 (can delay adoption up to March 31, 2025 if needed).

- As we move toward the construction phase of the new fire station, fire training center, aquatics facility, and bowling alley, the city conducted a Request for Qualifications process to select a construction manager. Staff selected Nabholz Construction as the most qualified firm.

BILL NO. 2025-31, ORDINANCE NO. 12215 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE SEDALIA FIRE/AQUATICS/BOWLING PROJECT was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd 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 WORKS – Chairman Bob Hiller; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess – No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Jack Robinson, Vice Chairman Steve Bloess

- Each year, the police department seeks funding from the Missouri Department of Highway Safety for grants that support equipment and overtime for hazardous moving violations or DWI enforcement. This year, the department is requesting \$134,488 through the HMV grant to address the critical issue of aging in-car radars and cameras. The HMV grant request is allocated as follows:
 - \$15,000 for double-time enforcement funding
 - \$6,400 for professional development (LETSAC and Show-Me-Zero conferences)
 - \$113,088 for replacing in-car cameras and radars

BILL NO. 2025-32, ORDINANCE NO. 12216 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATIONS was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. 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.

➤ Additionally, SPD is seeking \$10,700 through the DWI grant, allocated as follows:

- \$7,500 for enforcement funding
- \$3,200 for professional development (DWI and National DRE conferences)

BILL NO. 2025-33, ORDINANCE NO. 12217 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR DWI ENFORCEMENT was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Oldham. 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 – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairman Bob Cross

➤ A check presentation regarding the Bichsel Clock was made. Joleigh Cornine stated the Clock has been a landmark in Sedalia for over 143 years. Originally installed in 1882 on South Ohio Avenue, the clock has moved several times, most notably spending 75 years in front of 217 South Ohio Avenue before being relocated with Bichsel Jewelry in 1990 and again in 2006. With the retirement of Mark Callis and the closing of Bichsel Jewelry, there is now an opportunity to restore this historic timepiece to Downtown Sedalia's historic district. The resolution formally accepts a restricted donation from Robert Walters for the purchase of the Bichsel Clock from Mark Callis, ensuring its relocation near its original site on South Ohio Avenue. The resolution also outlines the City's commitment to managing the labor and costs associated with dismantling, cleaning, relocating, and maintaining the clock.

RESOLUTION NO. 2128 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED DONATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BICHSEL CLOCK FROM BICHSEL JEWELRY was read once by title and approved on motion by Cross, seconded by Bloess. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

APPOINTMENTS:

The following reappointments to the Galaxy West Community Improvement District were read and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

*Tim Harris – Four Year Term expiring March 21, 2028

*Kelvin Shaw – Four Year Term expiring March 21, 2028

BIDS: None.

LIQUOR LICENSES: None.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilman Bloess commended Councilwoman Foster and Chief Building Official Bryan Kopp on the newspaper article. He also clarified types of Asbestos for citizens that were concerned about recent demolitions involving asbestos.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boggess asked for information on the recent water line breaks. Interim City Administrator Wirt stated that a boil order has to be issued by the Department of Natural Resources. When there is a potential, the City has authority to issue a Boil Advisory and water is tested and sent to DNR. It has not been issued City-wide but residences affected have received door hangers.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Gary Lobaugh, 821 South Arlington, inquired about voting status regarding Council persons serving as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilwoman Boggess stated she is allowed to vote as 2nd Ward Councilwoman while

serving in the Mayor's absence. He requested an update on the status on progress of Tiny Homes and status regarding cleanup of any contamination on the land for the Bowling Alley/Aquatic Center.

Cory City, 1804 South Park, stated Congress is considering a ban on Chinese Drone purchases and wanted Council to be aware based on Budget discussion. He inquired about reasoning behind not disclosing settlements and amounts in cases involving the City and citizens for structure demolitions. He complimented the City for focusing on roads during the Budgeting process but feels based on City road crew size, equipment purchases don't seem necessary. Mr. City inquired if the City utilizes tax dollars to expunge records of non-citizens, if any dispensaries in town file an exemption on sales hours, and if Police Department have physical copies of warrants.

Rene Vance, 19813 Tanglenook, announced the Senior Center's March Madness spud sale on March 17, 2025. Order forms are out and delivery can be provided to a business if there are 5 or more orders. Deadline is March 12, 2025.

Debbie Covington, 2601 East 12th, stated that she feels if safety was important to the City they would not have demolished over 200 homes without proper asbestos and lead testing. This puts City workers and citizens at risk. She cited examples of what she feels are unjust demolitions when some surrounding buildings have code issues.

Harry Hoffert, 1408 South Barrett, stated change is coming and questions will be asked. If he is elected, he will answer citizens when asked a question.

John DeGordy, 119 South Stewart, stated his house was just demolished. He moved from California 3 years ago and was working with the City on the house but experienced financial issues and could not afford materials. He stated his church was going to finance the amount but when he called the City they indicated the house was coming down. He doesn't see it as fair.

Duane Dixon, 906 Sylvia, stated he is extending his driveway and a City Inspector was out to discuss it with him. He wanted to put rock down but was told the Ordinance states any off-street parking must be paved. He inquired about Commercial and was told the same. He wants the same rules to apply to all and stated a Council person has off-street parking that is solid rock and has been for years.

Janet Mizansky, 723 East 5th, expressed her disappointment in the way the City treats citizens over code violations and demolitions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 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), 9 (Negotiations with employee groups) and 12 (Negotiated Contracts) of Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Oldham, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted "No". Marshall was Absent.

The regular meeting reopened at 9:23 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Oldham.

ROLL CALL:

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

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR MEETING:

BILL NO. 2025-34, ORDINANCE NO. 12218 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND HIGHWAY H PROPERTY, LLC.
was read once by title.


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

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2nd by Bloess. 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.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All Present in Favor. Marshall was Absent.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI


Tina Boggess, Mayor Pro-Tem


Jason S. Myers, City Clerk