



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2023

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on Monday, March 6, 2023 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 Chaplain Byron Matson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

SERVICE/SPECIAL / RETIREMENT AWARDS: None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of February 22, 2023 were approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Bloess. All in favor.

WORK SESSION MINUTES: The Budget Work Session Minutes of February 27, 2023 were approved on motion by Marshall, seconded by Bloess. All in favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Presentation: Pioneer Trails

Norm Lucas, Executive Director of Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission, presented information regarding membership benefits. Regional Planning Commission dues are based on population which is .38 cents per person in the community or \$8,227/Year. Between July 2020 and June 2022, the Regional Planning Commission contracted with Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development Corporation for \$50,000.00 specifically so that every Sedalia business could receive help during the pandemic. In addition, a contract for \$40,000.00 was offered to State Fair Community College for Business Resilience Training. Additional offerings included Small Business training to build a stronger online presence if necessary during the pandemic.

Current benefits to Sedalia include RSOC Grants administered through Regional Homeland Security. They fund emergency operational equipment throughout the region with the only constraint being that equipment becomes deployable to other agencies in the event of a major disaster. RSOC is the most dependent program of all on the dues of the Regional Planning Commission's partners. A decrease in dues equates to a decrease in RSOC funding available.

Mr. Lucas commented that Mayor Dawson has been on the Transportation Advisory Committee since August of 2021 which is a benefit to Sedalia through the ability to share project needs directly through the committee. MoDOT lost its Area Engineer twice to recruitment efforts and even with an Engineer in place, the Transportation Advisory Committee is the primary source in which MoDOT considers regional needs for improvements. Mayor Dawson commented on the MoDOT Engineer departure and inquired about a timeline in hiring an engineer. Director Lucas responded that the last recruitment took seven months so he was not certain on the timeline. The last time the Regional Planning Commission had to share an engineer with MoDOT which split attention on projects.

Rural Broad banding partnership with the State Department of Economic Development kicked off on November 2, 2022 in Sedalia. This allows comments from citizens so that the State can proceed toward a plan to get Broad band to all unserved or underserved households in Missouri.

Another Benefit to the City is the Hazard Mitigation Plan which is required to be updated every 5 years. Those who do not have membership, cannot qualify for the highest reimbursement with FEMA in the event of a disaster. If the City of Sedalia determines not to continue as a partner with the Regional Planning Commission, it takes Sedalia out of consideration for particular grants, the most important of which is through the Economic Development Administration. Councilman Oldham inquired about qualification and application for the EDA Grant and inquired about the last time Pioneer Trails worked on an EDA Grant for Sedalia. Director Lucas was not aware of any recent projects or applications presented that would be a good fit for an EDA project. It was noted that the City has approached Pioneer Trails with projects but received neither an approval or rejection on those projects. Mr. Lucas recalled an item that could have been a Community Development Block grant but it did not work out. In those instances, the way that the project was cast to take place was deemed ineligible activities that did not qualify under CDBG criteria. City Administrator Kelvin Shaw commented that he disagrees with Mr. Lucas regarding the CDBG. When the Regional Planning Commission was asked it was not that it was not appropriate but that the Commission did not have time to review it. The City applied for that grant on its own and received it. Mr. Lucas apologized and noted at the time they were short staff.

Councilwoman Foster inquired about the project for the intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> and Limit and added that the City has applied several times for assistance with the project. Mr. Lucas stated that the Regional Planning Commission is responsible for assembling the Regional Needs list which is then passed to MoDOT. It is then MoDOT's decision as to which projects wind up published on the unfunded needs list. Councilman Bloess said that three years ago the project at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Limit was funded but that the Flat Creek bridge was discovered to be an issue and an emergency situation so 32<sup>nd</sup> and Limit was set aside. He requested that Mr. Lucas mark it in the highest priority section for the project.

### **Presentation: Proposed FY 2024 Budget Highlights**

City Administrator Kelvin Shaw presented the FY 2024 Budget Highlights and reviewed the rankings of projects in the General, Transportation and Capital Improvement funds from the Strategic Planning Session held on January 7, 2023.

#### **General Fund:**

1. Police Body Worn Camera Upgrade - \$90,000 – Funded
2. Police Specialized Response Team Training & Equipment - \$110,000 – Funded
3. Police Recruitment Incentives - \$30,000 – Funded
4. Fire Pre-hire Added Staffing – Grant Funded \$740,000 – Delayed Based on Construction

5. Charter City Process – \$100,000 – Funded
6. Fire Higher Flow/Lower Pressure Attack Package - \$50,000 – Funded
7. Fire Medical UTV Vehicle - \$30,000 – Grant Dependent
8. Dangerous Buildings Demolition Funding Level - \$100,000 – Funded
9. 353 Neighborhood Revitalization Seed Money - \$200,000 – Not Funded
10. 2021 Building Code Implementation – \$10,000 - Funded
11. Administrative Vehicle – Mayor \$50,000 – Allowance Instead
12. Fire Inspector Vehicles - \$80,000 – One Funded
13. Freddie The Fire Truck - \$10,000 – Grant Dependent
14. Electronic Plan Review Software & Equipment – \$15,0000 – Funded
15. Code Enforcement Vehicle for Added Position – \$40,000 – Delayed, Using Pool Car
16. Retail Recruitment Consulting – \$60,000 – Not Funded
17. Animal Control Update Older Van – \$5,000 – Lesser Level Funded for Mechanical

**Transportation Fund:**

1. Add Aircraft Mechanic - \$60,000 – Funded Part-time
2. Upgrade Airport Fuel Farm - \$25,000 – Funded
3. Remodel Old Airport Terminal - \$30,000 – Not Designed
4. Rental Airplane - \$80,000 – Not Funded
5. Hangar Lighting Upgrade - \$15,000 – Not Funded
6. Self Service Aviation Fuel Hard Line Connection - \$5,000 – Funded Lesser Level
7. T-Hangar Storage Area - \$3,500 – Not Funded

**Capital Improvement Funds:**

1. Fire Station 1 of 3 Station Model - \$2,700,000 – Funded
2. Storm Water Project Grant Match Funding - \$2,700,000 – Funded
3. New Fire Engine for 3<sup>rd</sup> Station - \$1,000,000 – Delayed to When Needed
4. Clinton Road Resurfacing – Grand to 32<sup>nd</sup> - \$375,000 – Funded
5. 32<sup>nd</sup> & Limit Lane Additions/Improvements Cost Share - \$650,000 – Funded
6. Sidewalk & Curb Funding Level - \$768,000 + \$768,000 Grant – Anticipate Next Year
7. State Fair Blvd & Main Round-About - \$1,200,000 – Not Funded
8. Fire Squad 3<sup>rd</sup> Unit - \$250,000 – Delayed to When Needed
9. Sidewalk 65 Hwy – 7<sup>th</sup> to Liberty Park Blvd - \$225,000 – Not Funded
10. Alley Reactivation - \$250,000 – Not Funded
11. 50 Hwy Katy Trail Overpass Widening Cost Share - \$1,000,000 – Not Funded
12. Sidewalk State Fair Blvd – 50 Hwy – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 65 Hwy - \$310,000 – Not Funded
13. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Street to New York to 65 Hwy - \$8,750,000 – Not Funded
14. North Harding & Booneville – Hwy 50 to Airport Improvements - \$1,000,000 – Not Funded
14. Monument & Wayfinding Signage Brand Launch - \$200,000 – Not Funded
16. 65 Hwy Ramps at Main Cost Share - \$1,000,000 – Not Funded
17. Extend Winchester from 16<sup>th</sup> to Sacajawea - \$3,200,000 – Not Funded
17. Bikeway Amtrak Depot to Katy Depot - \$1,000,000 – Not Funded
19. Extend Pro-Energy Drive to Oak Grove - \$2,500,000 – Not Funded
20. 65 Hwy & Sacajawea Traffic Light - \$400,000 – Not Funded
21. Downtown Decorative Lights Purchase - \$450,000 – Not Funded

**Other Notable Items:**

Step Increase – Funded	Police 4 Patrol Vehicles – Funded
COLA \$1.50/Hour – Funded	Rehang Christmas Lights - Funded
Heckart Community Center Passes for Employees - Funded	Added Lights - Unfunded
Fire Added OT For Training & Dept Meetings – Funded	Historic District Expansion Survey – Funded
Police 4 Commander Structure - Funded	Expansion of 353 Area – Funded
Cell Phone Data Subscription – Funded	Cemetery 60” Mower – Funded
MML Conference For Council – Funded	Cemetery Used Club Cab Pickup – Funded
MML Legislative Conference for Council – Funded	Animal Control Wifi Extension Antenea – Funded
Clean Title Work – Funded	Trap Neuter & Release Feral Cats Program – Funded
Pioneer Trails Dues – Unfunded/Reconsidering	Animal Control Ordinances Refresh - Funded
Replace Copiers – Funded	Entry Doors for City Hall – Funded
Comm. Dev. Mainstreet Conference – Funded	City Hall Break Area – Unfunded
Fire Medical Bags – Funded	Fire HQ Concrete Pad Repair – Funded
Fire Supervac Fans – Funded	Facilities Maintenance Carport - Funded
Fire New Skeds – Funded	Fleet maintenance Replace Tire Changer – Unfunded
Fire New Scene Light Poles – Unfunded	Economic Development Contract Increased Level - Funded
Fire LED Light Replacements - Funded	Christmas Parade Sponsorship – Considering
Fire Class A Uniforms – Unfunded	
Police TruNarc Machine – Funded	

**Utility Rate Increases:** Water Rates – Increase 5%; Sewer Rates – Increase 9.5%; Sanitation – No increase.

**Next Steps:** Incorporate any changes; Work Session March 13, 2023 if needed; Public Hearings on March 20, 2023 for council to hear comments or input from citizens regarding budget and rate increases; Council consideration for budget adoption on March 20, 2023 (can delay adoption up to March 31, 2023 if needed).

A motion was made by Bloess, seconded by Marshall to reconsider the inclusion of Pioneer Trails dues in the Budget. All in favor.

Councilman Oldham stated that the presentation did not convince him that Pioneer Trails offered anything that the City could not do on their own. Councilman Hiller commented that in the MML meeting the DOT stated that there was \$633 Million in the State allocated for grants. Organizations are encouraged to apply because after a period of time if not utilized they are lost. He felt the \$8,227 could be spent toward City repairs. Councilman Bloess suggested approaching Pioneer Trails to inquire if the City could offer a different amount for dues. He wants to support Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development and would not want to cut funding to Pioneer Trails and end up cutting Economic Development short. City Administrator Shaw stated that the City appropriates \$140,000 for Economic Development. As far as the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City works with local Emergency Management Director, Trish Rooda to put the plan together and does not recall RPC being present during the development of the plan. Council consensus was to have staff speak with Economic Development and EMA on this issue and bring back more information.

Councilman Bloess commented that he believes \$100,000 is too much to budget for the Charter City process and suggested it be reduced. Motion was made by Bloess to reduce the amount to \$30,000.00.

Motion died on lack of second. Mayor Dawson suggested that a presentation could be given by Lauber Municipal Law on the charter process.

Council reconsidered the vote on funding for the Christmas Parade. Councilman Oldham suggested taking the funds out of the CBCD fund. Councilman Hiller stated that he supports the Chamber but the City continues to provide labor for the parade and he is against funding the majority. Motion was made by Hiller, seconded by Oldham to reduce the City's support for the Christmas Parade to \$500 and continue set up of the barricades and all services in the past. Voting "Yes" were Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller and Cross. Voting "No" were Robinson, Foster, and Bloess.

Motion was then made by Bloess, seconded by Robinson to fund the Christmas Parade at \$1,000. Voting "Yes" were Robinson and Bloess. Voting "No" were Oldham, Marshall, Hiller, Boggess, Cross and Foster. Motion was made by Oldham, seconded by Hiller to move the Christmas Parade Sponsorship from the General Fund to the CBCD fund. Voting "Yes" were Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross and Foster. Voting "No" were Robinson and Bloess.

Mayor Dawson stated that a possibility exists for a cost share arrangement between the City and business owners relating to Knox boxes. The City would pay ½ of the amount which equates to approximately \$3,500/year. Knox boxes are required for new construction, 50% remodel or change of occupancy and there is no grandfathering or exceptions. Motion was made by Oldham, seconded by Marshall to build in \$3,500 in the General Fund for Knox Boxes. Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Oldham, Boggess, Hiller and Cross. Voting "No" were Marshall, Foster and Bloess.

➤ Motion by Marshall, seconded by Oldham to approve a records destruction request from the Finance Department. All in favor.

➤ The City has had an agreement with AT & T for Plain Old Telephone (POTS) Lines. Staff received a quote from Socket Telecom to enter into an agreement for these lines at a reduced cost.

BILL NO. 2023-36, ORDINANCE NO. 11755 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SOCKET TELECOM, LLC was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oldham. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oldham. All in favor.

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

➤ The City qualified for a Cybersecurity Grant in the amount of \$161,224.64 to assist in reduction in systemic cyber risk. The grant requires a match by the City in the amount of \$17,913.85.

BILL NO. 2023-37, ORDINANCE NO. 11756 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bloess. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 SAFETY** – Chairman Jack Robinson; Vice Chairman Steve Bloess

➤ The Sedalia Police Department identified a Grant for DWI Enforcement in the amount of \$61,795.00. The grant will be utilized toward the purchase of a vehicle and equipment for the vehicle.

BILL NO. 2023-38, ORDINANCE NO. 11757 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR DWI ENFORCEMENT was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cross. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oldham. All in favor.

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

- The Sedalia Police Department identified a Grant for Hazardous Moving Violations in the amount of \$17,650.00. Funding will be used toward overtime pay for officers.

**BILL NO. 2023-39, ORDINANCE NO. 11758 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATIONS** was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall. All in favor.

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

- Motion by Oldham, seconded by Marshall to approve a records destruction request from the Sedalia Police Department. All in favor.

### **PUBLIC WORKS** – Jack Robinson, Chairman; Steve Bloess, Vice Chairman

- The Ordinance is for adopting a policy regarding Alcohol in City Parks. Council inquired as to the limit in the number of permits issued per day and per park. Currently there is no limit stated in the policy. Council asked about the limit on the number of attendees at events. No attendee limit is stated in the policy. Chairman Oldham stated that his concern is maintaining the parks as family oriented and family friendly and he would like it to remain smoke and alcohol free. Park Director Amy Epple noted that in the past, certain events have been held in various parks and alcohol was approved individually for each event by Council. Each event would still require an application to come through City Council and the Park Board. The City would suspend the Ordinance each time for every event and would have to pass a specific Ordinance that would allow it each time or repeal the prohibition all together and allow by policy. The proposed policy is for guidelines to bring permits forward and to standardize the process. Councilwoman Foster expressed concern in keeping event participants and park patrons separate. Park Director Epple stated that the outdoor events would include a fenced off area for event participants only with paid Police. For an event at the Heckart Community Center, participants would have to access/exit the event through the South entrance and the main doors to the building would be closed to public and Staff would man the inner door. Councilman Hiller had numerous calls from Ward 3 constituents and they do not want alcohol in the Heckart Community Center. Councilman Cross felt that the Council has been lenient in granting events with alcohol downtown but does not feel we need alcohol in City Parks.

**BILL NO. 2023-40 – ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING ALCOHOL IN CITY PARKS** was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Bloess, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Bloess, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oldham. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” was Bloess. Voting “No” were Robinson, Oldham, Marshall, Boggess, Hiller, Cross and Foster. **BILL FAILED**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Rhiannon Foster, Chairwoman; Bob Cross, Vice Chairman – No Report

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**BIDS:** None

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** The following new/renewal Liquor Licenses were read and approved on motion by Oldham, seconded by Marshall. All in favor.

New:

\*Garrett Volker dba Volker’s Eatery & Pub, 1021 S. Limit, Picnic License (Sedalia Annual Pub Crawl Downtown Sedalia, March 18, 2023, 12 P.M. to 7 P.M.)

Renewals:

\*Amy Von Holten dba Aldi #88, 3701 W. Broadway, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR /COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR: None

GOOD & WELFARE: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 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) 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 9:12 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Cross. All in favor.

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. 2023-41 ORDINANCE NO. 11759 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 200 SOUTH MARVIN FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO L.H.B. INVESTMENTS LLC, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY was read once by title. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bloess. All in favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oldham. All in favor.

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

BILL NO. 2023-42, ORDINANCE NO. 11760 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE MISSOURI STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING was read once by title.


2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Oldham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster. All in favor.

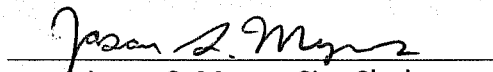
Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oldham. All in favor.

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Foster. All in favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI

  
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Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor

  
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Jason S. Myers, City Clerk