



Let's Cross Paths

CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on March 16, 2026 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 legislative 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 (Present), Cheryl Ames (Absent), Lee Scribner (Present), Tina Boggess (Present), Bob Hiller (Present), Bob Cross (Present), Rhiannon Foster (Present), Michelle Franklin (Present).

Public Hearing – Midtown/West 50 TIF Plans

Mayor Dawson opened the Public Hearing at 6:33p.m.

Grant Manager John Simmons gave an update on the Midtown and West 50 TIF's.

Midtown TIF:

Amended November 2018; Building rehab, infill development, street improvements and enhancements to pedestrian facilities; New businesses - The Vault and 1886 Lounge, The Beauty Lounge, and Baker Legal Services; Payments in lieu of taxes since inception - \$2,269,490.46; Economic Activity tax since inception \$4,052.67; Revenue on hand - \$49,419.64; Rehab of existing buildings since inception \$887,438.57; Reimbursement to Municipality since inception \$76,356.68; Assessed valuation added - \$4,274,190.00; Anticipated assessed value at time of district termination \$7,593,334.00.

West 50 TIF:

Amended October 2019; Redevelopment of two areas of vacant land connected by Highway 50 right-of-way including design and construction of approximately 22,000 square feet of restaurant, retail, and/or commercial facilities to cure blight; No new development during recording period; one vacant parcel left; Estimate of New Jobs to date 46; Payments in lieu of taxes since inception - \$125,025.18; Economic Activity Taxes since inception - \$465,262.59; Revenue on hand - \$26,152.64; Reimbursement to developers since inception - \$564,135.13; Reimbursement to Municipality - \$35,417.27; Public infrastructure and site development costs - \$903,434.00; Property acquisition and relocation costs - \$1,155,000.00; Project Implementation Costs - \$230,000.00; Assessed valuation added - \$513,280.00; Anticipated assessed value at time of district termination; 2,203,551.00.

With no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:40p.m.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION – STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE – DRONE ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Police Chief David Woolery recognized State Fair Community College students Parker Brown, Diego Canto Carreiras, Conner Finke, Mckinley Leibold, Logan Pinkham, Dawson Rettke, Elijah Stultz and Adric Williams, representative of SFCC Collaborative Lab Ben Mckeehan, and instructor Madison Hercules for their assistance with Sedalia Police Department Drones. Police Chief Woolery stated that during the execution of a search warrant, a lighting problem was discovered with the Police Drone by Detective Camirand. The lighting system only pointed straight ahead and very little downward creating a blind spot. Detective Camirand reached out to State Fair Community College and connected with Madison Hercules, EDT Program Coordinator and Lead Instructor, and her students. They immediately took on the challenge redesigning the light mount eliminating the blind spot. The students went through the full engineering process. Identifying the problem, creating a digital design, producing stereotypes, testing different materials and refining the final product.

**SPECIAL AWARDS/SERVICE AWARDS/RETIREMENT AWARDS:** None

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of March 2, 2026 were approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**

The Citizens Traffic Advisory Commission minutes dated February 11, 2026 were accepted on motion by Foster, seconded by Boggess. All Present in favor. Ames was absent.

The Planning and Zoning Commission minutes dated September 3, 2025 were accepted on motion by Boggess, seconded by Foster. All Present in favor. Ames was absent.

**ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION** – Chairwoman Tina Boggess; Vice Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster

- As the fiscal year concludes, staff is presenting the annual year-end budget amendment for Council consideration. Budget amendments are a routine part of municipal financial management and allow the City to adjust line items so the adopted budget accurately reflects revenues and expenditures that occurred throughout the year. The proposed amendment aligns the City’s budget with actual financial activity and ensures the City’s financial records remain accurate and compliant with standard municipal budgeting practices.

RESOLUTION NO. 2162 – 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 2026 was read once by title and approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

BILL NO. 2026-25, ORDINANCE NO. 12413 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 AMENDMENT was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cross. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

- The proposed FY2027 budget is being presented to the City Council for final review and consideration for adoption. Over the past several months, the budget has been developed through extensive planning and discussion, including department presentations, work sessions, and budget hearings. These discussions have provided guidance on priorities, revenues, and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. This agenda item represents the final regular meeting opportunity for Council to review and adopt the proposed budget. Any changes to the proposed budget should be made through formal action by the Council, such as a motion to amend. The budget may be adopted as presented or as amended by the Council. Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hiller to implement Finance Committee’s recommendation to unclick the reduce HSA contribution by \$50.00. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

**BILL NO. 2026-26, ORDINANCE NO. 12414– AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027** was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scribner. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

- The Capital Improvements Plan serves as a long-term planning tool that identifies and prioritizes major capital projects, infrastructure improvements, and equipment needs over multiple years. The plan reflects current priorities while also outlining projects that help the City continue progress on previously identified goals.

**BILL NO. 2026-27, ORDINANCE NO. 12415 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN** was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scribner. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

- This ordinance authorizes the annual agreement between the City of Sedalia and the Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation, Inc. for services related to the production of the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival. The City will provide \$12,000 in support of the 2026 festival and associated activities.

**BILL NO. 2026-28, ORDINANCE NO. 12416 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND SCOTT JOPLIN INTERNATIONAL RAGTIME FOUNDATION, INC.** was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

- This item authorizes an annexation agreement between the City of Sedalia and Mid MO Fine Homes LLC for the property located at 2035 Ridgeview Drive. The agreement allows the property to connect to the City’s water distribution system while requiring the property owner to complete the annexation process into the City. Until annexation occurs, the property will pay the City’s established out-of-city water rates. The agreement also allows the City to disconnect service if the annexation process is not completed.

**BILL NO. 2026-29, ORDINANCE NO. 12417 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ANNEXATION AND UTILITY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CONNECTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2035 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA’S WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM** was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

- The City received a request from senior citizens asking for an option to use smaller sanitation carts that are easier to manage. This ordinance would amend the City’s fee schedule to allow residents who qualify as senior citizens to request two 65-gallon carts at the standard rate instead of 95-gallon carts. The option would only be available to eligible senior citizens and only upon request.

BILL NO. 2026-30, ORDINANCE NO. 12418 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO SANITATION CART FEES was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Cross. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

- Change Order No. 4 with Double Arch Construction, LLC is for the Washington Avenue Bridge repair project. During removal of a sway brace bracket at Bent 11, severe corrosion was discovered in the south-facing C-channel column section, including deterioration that had fully penetrated the web of the member. Additional work was required to properly repair the affected area and allow the project to proceed. The change order includes costs associated with temporary shoring, welding, engineering, labor, and materials totaling \$19,022.00.

BILL NO. 2026-31, ORDINANCE NO. 12419 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER FOUR FOR WASHINGTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPAIRS was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Chairman Lee Scribner; Vice Chairman Jack Robinson – No Report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Ames

- This ordinance approves a re-plat and lot line adjustments for the 600 Block of North Park Avenue and North Stewart Avenue. The request includes vacating the north-south alley between the properties while reserving a permanent sanitary sewer easement for the City. The property is currently undeveloped, and the re-plat will allow for the creation of approximately twelve lots intended for new residential development. This item does not involve a rezoning of the property, but rather adjusts lot lines and platting to allow for future development.

BILL NO. 2026-32, ORDINANCE NO. 12420 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS AND REPLAT FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF NORTH PARK AVENUE AND 600 BLOCK OF NORTH STEWART IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Cross, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Cross, 2nd by Bogges. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

BIDS: None.

LIQUOR LICENSES:

The following renewal Liquor Licenses were read and approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

\*Angela Lee dba Casey’s General Store #4277, 1101 North Limit, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

\*Nicole Walker dba Broadway Liquor & Smokes, 2610 West Broadway, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR: None.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Debbie Covington, PO Box 965, stated since the Council has approved funding for the City’s Administrative operations it is reasonable for the public to understand what policies govern how those operations are carried out, particularly when it comes to official City communication platforms. Ms. Covington voiced transparency concerns over the Council Agenda not being posted as normal.

This weekend something serious happened on the City’s official Facebook page. A city employee used the account to post insulting comments about a Mayorial candidate. The City issued a statement explaining that responsibility for those accounts will be centralized under the City Administration through a review process. Ms. Covington’s concern is not about an individual employee or personnel matter, it is about the policy in governments. For years the City has allowed public comments on the page and it has functioned as a public forum for residents to discuss City, government, and public policy. After the incident became public and residents began asking questions, the City turned off comments and limited discussion. When government opens a public forum, it cannot silence speech simply because it dislikes the viewpoint being expressed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross to a closed-door meeting in the upstairs conference room pursuant to subsections 1 (Legal Advice), 2 (Real Estate), 3 (Personnel) and 12 (Negotiated Contracts) of Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

The regular meeting reopened at 8:35 p.m. on motion by Robinson, seconded by Foster.

ROLL CALL:

Jack Robinson	Present	Bob Hiller	Present
Cheryl Ames	Absent	Bob Cross	Present
Lee Scribner	Present	Rhiannon Foster	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Michelle Franklin	Present

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR MEETING:

BILL NO. 2026-33, ORDINANCE NO. 12421 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-205 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO AN OCCUPATIONAL TAX FOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

BILL NO. 2026-34, ORDINANCE NO. 12422 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 421 WEST COOPER FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO ANATOLIY AND DIANA ONIKA, HUSBAND AND WIFE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Scribner. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Scribner. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

BILL NO. 2026-35, ORDINANCE NO. 12423 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 600 NORTH GRAND AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO NICK LUMPE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Scribner. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Final Passage – Motion by Scribner, 2nd by Foster. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

BILL NO. 2026-36, ORDINANCE NO. 12424 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 205 EAST WALNUT FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO MARK SAFONOV was read once by title.


2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Scribner. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

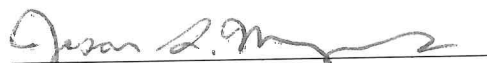
Final Passage – Motion by Scribner, 2nd by Foster. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Ames was absent.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All Present in Favor. Ames was absent.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI

  
Andrew L Dawson, Mayor

  
Jason S. Myers, City Clerk