



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2026

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, met on May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers with Mayor Traves Williams presiding. Mayor Williams 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	David Covington	Present
Cheryl Ames	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Lee Scribner	Present	Spencer Redford	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Michelle Franklin	Present

SERVICE AWARDS

40 Year Gift Card/Certificate Cherie Frederickson Administrative Assistant Sanitation

RETIREMENT AWARDS: None

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Presentation – Industrial Wastewater Pre-treatment Awards

Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator, Brittany Willbanks stated the City of Sedalia's Pretreatment Program implements regulations to protect the City's collection system, wastewater treatment facilities, employees, and citizens. It requires industries with wastewater discharges to comply with the conditions of an Industrial User Permit. Users are responsible for monitoring pollutants of concern through routine sampling, quarterly reports, operating and maintaining pretreatment equipment, and working collaboratively with the City to achieve shared goal of protecting public health, infrastructure, and the environment. Three industries have demonstrated exceptional commitment to compliance and safeguarding the City's collection system, treatment facilities, employees, and residents. Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator Willbanks presented Nucor Steel LLC, Stanley Black & Decker Inc., and Maxion Wheels with their awards.

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of April 20, 2026 were approved on motion by Boggess, seconded by Scribner. All in Favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Veto by Mayor Williams of Bill No. 2026-51, Ordinance No. 12439 – Approving and accepting an Agreement for solid waste disposal services for the City of Sedalia.

Mayor Williams read the following objections:

"77.270. I would like to Veto this ordinance for a number of reasons:

- 1 it will cost an additional \$2 per ton
- 2 We would use 300 gallons per week in a department that's currently under performing
- 3 It will cost an additional \$62,000 per year that would put us at a loss for the year
4. Tires - could cost anywhere between \$375 per tire and up to \$500 before taxes about \$2,250 per truck on the low end \$3,000 on the high end on a 60,000 mile tire
- 5 That's a 30-mile one-way drive on a 60,000 mile tread at a cost of \$3,000 per truck.
- 6 If the driver starts his day with a load on his truck, he is losing 1hr 15 min to start his day, when that landfill closes at 3pm
- 7 The miles that we would put on a truck, that's carrying an additional 4 tons of trash per trip that has to be hard on those trucks per day
- 8 We are currently down a truck, and currently looking to rent a truck for the unforeseeable future, and that's an additional expense for a department that's under performing
- 9 There's talks on expansion possibly at our current landfill, and I wouldn't want to lose the price of \$31 per ton cost"

Councilman Scribner stated that GFL has not followed the contract the way it is written. The City is not paying \$31.00 a ton, they are paying upwards of \$50.00 a ton. GFL was supposed to repair the road out front which has not been done. Councilman Covington stated he was not concerned about the conditions, but he is concerned about the contract and where it says how much the City is paying. City Administrator Matthew Wirt stated there was a contract in 2005 with an escalator for yearly rates. Those yearly rates continued to go up each year, but in the last few years they have gone up faster than the stipulations in the contract allowed. The City gave notice of termination and went out to bid. Councilman Redford asked if the amount of increase was known. City Administrator Wirt stated the increase should have been in the 3-4% range, but the City was not given notice which the contract required. Councilman Redford asked what Warrensburg would charge. City Administrator Wirt stated \$33.00 a ton and GFL quoted \$31.00 through the bidding process.

Motion by Franklin, 2nd by Boggess to pass Bill No. 2026-51, Ordinance No. 12439.

Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Ames, Boggess, Cross, and Franklin. Voting "No" were Scribner, Covington, and Redford. **Veto Stands.**

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION – Chairwoman Tina Boggess; Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Ames

Discussion – serving of alcohol at Liberty Park Stadium during Sedalia Steamers Games

Matt Perry, President of the National Sports Services and member of Diamond Baseball Management Team, requested Council amend the current Ordinance to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at Liberty Stadium during Diamond League games. Mr. Perry stated that in 40+ years of the minor league baseball business with teams all across the U.S., they try to create the best environment for everyone. The Diamond League was formed with the idea of owning all the teams so they can control how they operate and invest in the team. One of the things the League wanted to discuss with Council is the opportunity to serve alcoholic beverages.

The League tries to offer that opportunity in a safe and secure environment making sure to properly ID everyone maybe even creating a special area where a beer can be purchased and consumed. Historically, this has not been done at the ballpark. Councilman Cross questioned whether they meant mixed drinks, wine or beer when they say they want to serve alcohol. Mr. Perry stated their intention would be beer and wine. Wine would be prepackaged stored in individual servings. They do not have

the intention to serve hard liquor, but may apply for a license that grants it. Councilman Cross asked if they would be checking IDs and if a police officer would be present. Mr. Perry stated they would and the League are the ones who get punished if they do something wrong in public opinion. One thing they typically do is ID people when they first come in and get a wrist band. They do not serve anyone without a wristband. Councilman Cross stated that he did not want to see alcohol in the park. Councilman Redford asked if there would be a rule that customers could not go outside. Mr. Perry stated absolutely. Councilwoman Boggess asked how they would stop people from going outside. Mr. Perry stated they would have people at the gate checking. Councilwoman Boggess stated concern because right now there is signage in every park that says no alcohol and no smoking. What the League is doing as far as the ball games is great, but not the idea of introducing alcohol into the parks and it will go from park to park.

Parks Director Amy Epple stated the Parks Department has had two other occasions when they have allowed alcohol in the park. The Park had two officers on staff and no problems. Every time it came to the Park Board it was supported, but there were times it came to City Council it was supported and the next year was voted against. It was suggested that Mr. Perry take it to City Council and then bring it back to Park Board. They have a good plan in place. They have talked about security. Speaking as the Parks Director, Ms. Epple feels like they have done everything they can to make it safe and a good way to grow their Steamers program.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairman David Covington

Presentation – Updates to Pretreatment Ordinance

Pretreatment Coordinator Brittany Willbanks presented information on the City's pretreatment program along with updates to the program. A pretreatment program is a regulatory framework that requires industrial and commercial dischargers to treat, remove or control pollutants before sending to the City's wastewater treatment facility.

The Industrial Pretreatment Program is required by the EPA and Missouri DNR for any publicly owned treatment works that is designed to treat more than five million gallons per day or has a large industrial presence. Sedalia has three wastewater treatment facilities. They are designed to treat a little over 8 million gallons a day. The City's program was developed and implemented in 1985.

EPA has Federal Regulations and oversees Missouri DNR which issues individual wastewater treatment permits to all of the City's facilities. The City has local regulations like the Sewer Usage Ordinance and Enforcement Response Plan. A Pretreatment Program requires the City to identify and regulate industrial users; develop and enforce local limits; prevent harm to the Wastewater Treatment Plants; issue permits and administration, inspect, monitor, and sample; review reports and submit annual report to MODNR.

The City was inspected by the EPA in April 2025. Several areas were identified where program improvements are necessary to continue to meet compliance. Areas include Sewer Use Ordinance, Industrial User Fees, Local Limits and Enforcement Response Plan. Additions being made to the Sewer Use Ordinance are adding additional control mechanisms to regulate industrial users other than just the industrial user permit, changing how limits for industry permits are issued, sewer Use Ordinance and Enforcement Response plan now align with each other, authorizing cost recovery to maintain program implementation and the City Ordinance will now model the EPA Ordinance.

Updating allows the City to recover costs associated with treating wastewater beyond typical domestic contributions, ensuring financial responsibility rests with the industrial users rather than residents; assigns the cost of pretreatment to the user discharges to the user and not the City; protects investment in planned updates to the Waste Water Treatment Plants and ensures compliance with state and federal regulations by updating program components identified as outdated during the EPA inspection. Significant industrial users in Sedalia are Waste Corporation of Missouri, Maxion Wheels, MPW Industrial Water, Pro Energy, Sierra Bullets & Starline Brass, Nucor Steel LLC, Stanley Black & Decker Inc. and St. Joseph Plastics.

New user fees include the Permit Application fee which only applies every five years, Annual Base Activities Fee for inspection, sampling, reporting software which allows industries to input data every day or every month and eliminates hard copies of reports and cost recovery has been added in case of a major Water Treatment Plant upset. Currently there are no fees associated with the Industrial Pretreatment Program other than hauled waste. Cost recovery would put cost back on industrial users instead of the City. Hauled waste contributors will be affected by updated hauled waste fees. Currently fees do not account for the cost of treatment at the WWTP. The new fees place financial responsibility on the hauler delivering waste versus citizens, also allows potential to accept larger volumes from new waste haulers. Modified fees are: \$0.12/gal for delivered waste, \$150.00 minimum per load, additional \$0.06/gal for high strength waste and analytical fees.

Local limits are specific site-based rules that limit the amount of pollutants industries can discharge to a specific WWTP. A technical evaluation of local limits was required by MODNR in 2025. Evaluation determined local limits last updated in 2014 needed revised to ensure WWTPs can handle industrial users' discharges. Evaluation also determined local limits were not needed for Southeast WWTP as no industrial users discharge to that location. Each WWTP has a maximum amount of pollutants it can safely handle each day while still protecting public health, waterways and staying within environmental compliance. To find out maximum allowable industrial loading, the City needs to know what the WWTP can handle and the amount of domestic waste entering a WWTP. Some pollutant limits are more stringent protecting the WWTP/POTW as required permits from DNR limits are more stringent than last permit cycle. In previous cycle, each industry received the total local limit. This cycle, local limits were properly allocated.

Enforcement Response Plan provides framework for systematically investigating, documenting and selecting appropriate enforcement actions and follow up ensuring industrial users are following pretreatment standards and regulations. Since last updated in 2018, EPA expressed an update is needed to align the Sewer Use Ordinance and ERP to outline detailed and precise enforcement procedures for noncompliance.

- Staff is requesting Council approval of required updates to the Industrial Pretreatment Program as mandated by Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency. These updates include modifications to the City's legal authority, local pollutant limits, and enforcement response plan to ensure compliance with current regulatory standards. Council previously endorsed these updates by resolution on November 17, 2025, after which the modifications were submitted to MoDNR and formally approved on December 8, 2025. In accordance with state statute, the proposed changes were distributed to affected industrial users and placed on public notice, with no comments received during the required 30-day comment period.

BILL NO. 2026-56, ORDINANCE NO. 12444 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 60-100 THROUGH 60-166 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATED TO SEWER USE REGULATIONS was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Cross, 2nd by Scribner. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Covington, Cross, Redford and Franklin. No one voted “No”.

- The City is requesting approval to issue an Industrial User Hauled Wastewater Discharge Permit to Mid States Specialty Eggs, LLC, which operates an egg washing facility outside the City’s jurisdiction. Based on data collection, site inspection, and coordination with the company, the discharge has been determined to have the potential to impact wastewater treatment operations if not properly controlled. The proposed permit establishes strict conditions, including discharge limits, monitoring requirements, and full cost recovery for treatment, sampling, and administrative oversight. The permit also includes defined fees, including a per-gallon usage rate, minimum load charges, and additional surcharges for high-strength wastewater. Discharge volumes will be limited to a maximum of 30,000 gallons per day and are subject to modification or revocation in the event of noncompliance.

BILL NO. 2026-57, ORDINANCE NO. 12445 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL USER HAULED WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT TO MID STATES SPECIALTY EGGS, LLC was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Scribner. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Ames. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Covington, Cross, Redford and Franklin. No one voted “No”.

- The Utilities Department is requesting approval of the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 4500 truck equipped with a service bed and crane from Heavy Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$108,000.00. The new vehicle will replace an aging 2003 service truck that has become increasingly costly to maintain and presents safety concerns due to the condition of its crane. In addition to replacing aging equipment, this investment will allow the City to bring pump preventative maintenance services in-house, reducing reliance on outside contractors and addressing approximately \$34,850 in annual contracted service costs.

BILL NO. 2026-58, ORDINANCE NO. 12446 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Ames. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Covington, Cross, Redford and Franklin. No one voted “No”.

- The Utilities Department is requesting authorization to apply for a Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Dental Health grant to fund the replacement of the water plant fluoridation system. The current system is aging, showing signs of corrosion, and requires a manual process for handling hydrofluorosilicic acid that presents operational and safety concerns. If awarded, the grant would reimburse approximately \$16,634.00 to fully replace the system with modern equipment, including improved containment, automated processes, and enhanced safety features for operators. The updated system would also provide more accurate chemical measurement and delivery.

RESOLUTION NO. 2165 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, OFFICE OF DENTAL HEALTH GRANT APPLICATION was read once by title and approved on motion by Cross, seconded by Boggess. All in Favor.

- The Public Works Operations Division is requesting authorization to apply for a West Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District F grant to support the next phase of the City’s glass recycling initiative. In 2025, the City successfully secured grant funding for the initial phase of the project, which included construction of a concrete pad and containment walls to support installation of a commercial glass pulverizer. The current grant application represents the continuation and seeks funding to complete the electrical installation necessary to power and operate the equipment. The total estimated cost for this phase is \$30,921.00, with anticipated grant funding of \$26,282.85 and a required City match of \$4,638.15.

RESOLUTION NO. 2166 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT F GRANT APPLICATION was read once by title and approved on motion by Cross, seconded by Robinson. All in Favor.

- The Public Works Department is requesting Council approval to formally reject Contract 2026-012 Sidewalk Replacement (Various Locations), which was previously awarded to S & A Equipment and Builders, LLC on January 5, 2026. Since the award of the contract, circumstances have arisen that prevent the project from proceeding as originally planned. The contractor is currently engaged in multiple active projects with the City, including four storm drainage improvement projects and the North Central Neighborhood sidewalk initiative, which has impacted overall scheduling and capacity. Staff recommends rejecting the current contract and return at a later date with a recommendation for a new contract.

BILL NO. 2026-59, ORDINANCE NO. 12447 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12392 RELATING TO THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT – VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Ames. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Covington, Cross, Redford and Franklin. No one voted “No”.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Jack Robinson; Vice Chairman David Covington – No Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Cheryl Ames; Vice Chairman Spencer Redford

- Motion by Cross, seconded by Boggess to approve a records destruction request from Code Enforcement. All in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

BIDS:

- Chevrolet Silverado 4500 Truck With Service Bed – April 29, 2026

LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

New:

*Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Special Event – Yeagers Cycle Sales (Bike Night), 3001 South Limit, May 8, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m

Renewals:

*Jessica Degen dba El Rodeo Mexican, 1400 South Limit, Suite 1, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

*Garrett Volker dba Volker’s, 1021 South Limit, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

City Administrator Matthew Wirt stated he received an update from the contractor on the Washington Street Bridge. The project is staying on schedule to resume work with sandblasting later this week or first of next week. The contractor is concerned to see what sandblasting reveals, but is hoping to be done by the end of May. City Engineers and MODOT will inspect once the bridge is ready to be opened. City Administrator Wirt stated his concerns on the walkway and that he wanted it checked more in depth.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Rene Vance, PO Box 691, stated the Senior Center will be having a cake walk on May 6th from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. All proceeds go to the Center and each round costs \$1.00. The Fried Chicken Dinner is on May 21st. Tickets are available for the Gala which is on June 16th. Individual tickets are \$50.00 or a table for \$400.00. There will be a silent auction, punch wall, photo booth and more. The theme is "Down on the Farm" so no dress up required. The honorees will be Pat Franken, Marryanne Thompson and Doris Thurston. Ms. Vance stated that advocacy for the senior population to the City, county, and state officials has been an enormously educational and rewarding experience. Attending Council Meetings has allowed Ms. Vance's edification of City budgets and their many concerns and challenges. The economic shortfalls that are occurring for individuals, non-profits, cities and at State levels are unfortunately here to stay for at least awhile due to the uncertainty going on in our country.

Gary Lobaugh, 821 S. Arlington, stated he has been thinking about the Good and Welfare portion of the Council Meetings. Since it is at the end, it nullifies citizen's objection to any of the Ordinances that Council is passing. Mr. Lobaugh suggests that Council move the Good and Welfare portion ahead of the discussion of business.

Jeff Haynes, 409 E 2nd, owner and operator of Hank's Septic Service, stated he understands the treatment plants are in disrepair and need upgrading. Mr. Haynes believes raising the prices on hauling liquid waste, which is a community service, it may not be people mostly in the City, but it is people in the community. 12 cents a gallon might not sound like much, but the average septic tank has 1,000 gallons which makes it \$120.00 but the minimum charge is \$150.00. That is just to dispose of it, it does not include the cost for Mr. Haynes to drive to the customer's residence and pump it out. Some customer locations have 10,000-20,000 gallons hauled out a week. Mr. Haynes will have to pass the extra cost down to customers and is concerned that they will seek someone out of town with lower rates.

Heather Slagle, 2514 Highland Ave, stated a name that shall not be named should be held accountable for everything he brought to Sedalia. If he was fired in Warrensburg, we would not be dealing with him here and would not have to deal with everything on the Hospital Board. Ms. Slagle said everyone is aware of the timeline of him going to the Board in February and then three weeks later there was a mass layoff. What is this unnamed person getting paid as well as still getting legal services with Lauber Law which was included in his retirement package. This needs to be investigated.

Debbie Covington, PO Box 965, stated the meeting tonight was great. There was dialogue and conversation and the public was able to see Council speak. At the last meeting, the old administration voted unanimously on the trash Ordinance, but it takes a new administration to come in and have discussion. Ms. Covington agrees that the Good and Welfare portion needs to be moved to the beginning of the meeting so Council can take the public's input when voting on Bills. Many campaigned

on Ordinance 12255 and Ms. Covington wants to know when Council will visit it and have a conversation in front of the public.

Harry Hoffert, 1408 S Barrett, stated that one of his neighbors basement flooded with sewer water. Mr. Hoffert wants to know if there is water running down the rain drains, how is it getting in the sewer to push it back. If the line has come loose from the backflow or the flapper valve is bad in the backflow, what is causing all the water to flood six inches of sewer water back in. Many citizens have had flooding issues throughout the City. Mr. Hoffert also agrees that the Good and Welfare portion should be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

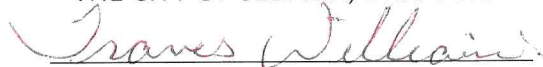
Sandy Jeffers, 816 W 3rd, stated there is parking on both sides of her street. The house next to her is very busy and there are always a lot of cars. If her trashcan is too close to a car, Sanitation does not pick up her trash. Now they are putting in the walking track on 3rd St. It is going to be a 10 foot bicycle or walking track. The City is taking out the sidewalk and the curb is going to be gone. Ms. Jeffers stated she assumed there would be no parking. City Administrator Wirt stated there would still be parking. Ms. Jeffers stated she is also concered about two City owned lots with tall grass.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames 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, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Covington, Cross, Redford and Franklin. No one voted "No".

The regular meeting reopened at 10:00 p.m.

Regular meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames. All in Favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI



Traves Williams, Mayor



Jason S. Myers, City Clerk

Tabulation of Bids
 1-2022-2026 (White) Chevrolet Silverado 4500 Truck with Service Bed
 April 29, 2026 2:00 p.m.
 Council Chambers

	Heavy Equipment, LLC 4501 S Banner Street Boise, Idaho 83709 \$108,000.00 \$2,970.00 2022 Chevrolet/2024 Knapheide Approx. 10 days after paid in full	Ed Morse Chevrolet 285 West Elm Street Lebanon, MO 65536 \$120,413.00 No Charge Chevrolet 5500 Est. 12-15 weeks for body	Behlmann CDJR 175 Turnbull Trail Troy, MO 63379 \$131,586.00 & \$3,379.00 for Summit + Freight \$300.00 Ram 4500 4-5 Mos. +/-
Total Proposed Cost			
Cost - Delivery			
Make & Model			
Delivery			
Manufacturer Warranty			
Engine/Transmission/ Drive Train	Powertrain through 10/27/2030	Basic 3 yrs/36,000 & drivetrain 5 yrs/75,000	5 Yrs/100,000
Electrical Systems/Components	Bumper to Bumber through 10/27/2028		3 Yrs/36,000
Other Parts	Bumper to Bumber through 10/27/2028		12 Mos./12,000
Extended Warranty	No	No	Yes - Chassis only (See note)
Meet Specs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional Charges	No	No	No

NOTE: Extended Warranty \$6,765.00 for 7 Years/150,000 warranty 2/\$200 Ded