



Let's Cross Paths

CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2026

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, met on May 18, 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Rows include Jack Robinson, Cheryl Ames, Lee Scribner, Tina Boggess, David Covington, Bob Cross, Spencer Redford, Michelle Franklin.

SERVICE AWARDS

Table with 4 columns: Award, Name, Title, Department. Rows include 5 Year Pin/Certificate for Elisa Menning (Utility Support Specialist, Finance) and David Purl (Utility Operator I, WPC).

Finance Director Jessica Pyle stated that Elisa assists residents with their water/sewer/trash service needs as well as helping them keep current with their bill and connect them with resources when they face hardships.

Utilities Director William Bracken stated that David Purl serves with WPC Collections, where he operates a combination vacuum truck and performs essential work that helps maintain the reliability and cleanliness of our wastewater collection system.

RETIREMENT AWARDS:

Traves Williams – Mowing – 20 Years 7 Months of service – Retired April 1, 2026. Mr. Williams received a \$300.00 Bomgaars gift card as a retirement gift.

City Administrator Matthew Wirt congratulated Mayor Williams and stated he remembers many conversations with him when he would stop to put fuel in his Police Cruiser. He was always out working hard.

Gary Reynolds – Police – 31 Years 7 Months of service – Retired April 17, 2026. Mr. Reynolds received a \$400.00 gift card as a retirement gift.

Police Chief David Woolery stated that Gary started working as a custodian, diligent with his cleaning routine, dependable to handle any problem in maintenance and organized to ensure they had everything needed for training, classes or special events at the Police Department.

was bring Gary with us when the Police Department moved into their new building and he is the reason it still looks and smells new. He has retired but thankfully has agreed to stay on Part-time at 3 days a week.

Loretta Nye – Police – 29 Years 5 ½ Months of service – Retired April 30, 2026. Ms. Nye received a \$350.00 Walmart gift card as a retirement gift.

Police Chief David Woolery noted that they have had a lot of change at the Police Department in the last month. Loretta has retired to care for her Mother. During her service, she worked in the records unit to ensure our written product was among the highest quality before it was released. She confirmed they were complete, correct and was the last line of defense before they were sent to media, defense attorneys and the public. Later she was tasked with the added responsibility of purchasing, billing and ensuring financial accounts were maintained. She always had a smile and a sympathetic heart, especially in the worst of times. She understood the special relationship we have at the Police Department and personified what that should mean by always supporting her brothers and sisters in Blue by doing anything she could to help. She has a servant’s heart and dedicated her career to our Citizens and Officers and has clearly loved us for the last 3 decades and we love her back. Chief Woolery read a famous quote Loretta asked him to read. “I’m so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song, seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say so long”.

SPECIAL AWARDS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Harry Hoffert, 1408 South Barrett, stated that at the last meeting, there was a vote and the Landfill Bill was Vetoed. He inquired about clarity on the rumored cost of \$51.00. The Landfill information would have been a simple thing to get out to the public and explain why the changes were necessary. It seems in the transition, some Council know about the information and some are attempting to catch up. He’d like to see Council work together to clean the issue up.

Gary Lobaugh, 821 South Arlington, inquired if any of the other Council members attended the Public Works Council Committee in addition to the Chair and Vice Chair or if additional information was reviewed to encourage bringing back the Landfill Ordinance despite the Mayor’s Veto of the last Bill. He feels it isn’t good protocol.

Ben Seiferman, GFL Regional Vice President, 7921 East Truman, Kansas City, Missouri, stated he prepared packets to share with Council of rates throughout the contract since inception. GFL Environmental had a cap limitation of an annualized increase not to exceed 5%. The information shows there was one year that GFL Environmental implemented the 5%, maxing out the price increase year over year. Other years was 3% because it followed the pricing index for water/sewer/trash. When the Pettis County Host fee of \$1.50 was voted in, GFL Environmental waived the right to increase that year (2024) utilizing that as a passthrough to the County. They have followed the MSW contract, not to be skewed with maybe there was or was not a \$50.00 rate but that was not under the MSW contract. Those fees could have been a special item that came through the City from cleanouts, asbestos, special waste or cleanout requiring special handling.

Brandon Behrens, 501 East 17th Street, signed up to speak – Not in attendance.

Sandy Jeffers, 816 West 3rd, stated the lots across the street and behind the alley are owned by the City and not being mowed. There are several other City properties not being mowed. She distributed

pictures to Council of the lots indicated. She also advised that near Sacred Heart School at the corner of 3rd and Harrison, there is a big hole left by the Water department when they were working on steel lids which presents a safety hazard.

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of May 4, 2026 were approved on motion by Boggess, seconded by Covington. All in Favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None.

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Presentation – Revenue Collection Trends

Finance Director Jessica Pyle reported on Revenue Collection Trends for March Sales. Net Use and Sales Tax Fiscal Year to Date is higher than the same period last year of approximately \$108,000.00 or 3.6%. A 3% increase was Budgeted and we are over Budget Fiscal Year to Date of approximately \$17,000.00. Marijuana Tax Year over Year comparison is higher Fiscal Year to Date by about \$40,000.00. The Franchise Tax was higher Fiscal Year to Date primarily due to electricity. Last year there was an adjustment for the tax cap. Transportation Tax is higher related to Gasoline Tax which is higher 13.6%, while vehicle sales are lower 6.3% and vehicle fees are flat. Property tax payments for Fiscal Year to Date reflect collections of approximately \$1,600.00 with the bulk of payments historically coming in December and January when residents are making County tax payments.

- The City currently imposes an electric utility license tax pursuant to City Code Sections 12-268 and 12-269. The tax is levied at a rate of 5.0% on gross receipts derived from the sale of electric energy within the City for domestic and commercial consumption. Under the existing ordinance, certain qualifying large industrial customers with an electrical demand of at least 300 kilowatts and receiving service directly from primary distribution lines are subject to a maximum combined annual license and occupation tax cap of \$15,000 per customer. The proposed ordinance would place a ballot question before voters at the August 4, 2026, Municipal Election asking whether to reduce the electric utility license tax rate from 5.0% to 4.75% while also removing the existing reduced rate structure and annual tax cap applicable to qualifying large industrial users. If approved by voters, the 4.75% tax structure would apply uniformly to all electric customers within the City no matter the service line or usage.

BILL NO. 2026-60, ORDINANCE NO. 12448 – AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A BALLOT QUESTION BEFORE THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA AT THE AUGUST 4, 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO REDUCE THE LICENSE TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY AND POWER WITHIN THE CITY was read once by title.

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

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairman David Covington

Presentation – Airport Terminal Building Improvements

Airport Director Mitchell Mullen updated Council on plans for the Fixed Base Operation Remodel and New Hangar at the Sedalia Regional Airport. He stated that the City recently sold a Hangar back to ProEnergy and would like to utilize some of the proceeds to remodel the FBO and add a new hangar. The current FBO was built in 1979 and requires upgrades to bring it ADA compliant, update furniture

and paint which are currently outdated, improve outdated building systems, infrastructure and restrooms.

Goals for remodel:

FBO – Update Electrical, plumbing, HVAC and Networking; Fix ADA Compliance and other issues; Update paint, trim and furniture; Bring more amenities to pilots such as a lounge, conference room, vending machines, kitchenette & 24/7 Access; and improve public appeal.

Hangar –Building 85’X85’; Overnight/Long Term storage of Mid-Size jets; Through Federal funding (\$800,000 hanger with 80% - 20% split) Cost Estimate for Federal \$736,775, Local \$63,225 for a total of \$800,000; Jet Rental: \$1,000-\$2,500/month.

- The Resolution and Ordinance amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget to allocate proceeds received from the recent sale of an airport hangar. The original acquisition of the hangar involved funding from both the Capital Improvements and Transportation Funds. The proposed amendment increases expenditures only by the amount of revenue received from the hangar sale and anticipated federal grant reimbursement funds associated with the airport hangar project. The proposed amendment would allocate approximately \$1.9 million to the Capital Improvements Fund for additional roadway resurfacing and rehabilitation projects throughout the City. This would increase budgeted roadway funding from approximately \$1.5 million to approximately \$3.4 million for the fiscal year, allowing staff to address additional streets and roadway needs. Approximately \$1 million would be allocated toward rehabilitation and continued use of the airport’s former terminal building and to provide the required local matching funds associated with construction of a new 85’x85’ airport hangar. The new hangar is intended to accommodate multiple smaller aircraft or larger aircraft and expand airport operational and service capabilities. The amendment also includes recognition of approximately \$736,775 in anticipated federal grant reimbursement funding related to the hangar project. In addition, portions of the proceeds would be transferred back to the Transportation Fund and Sanitation Fund to assist with market-based salary adjustments for operations and sanitation employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2167 – 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 2027 was read once by title and approved on motion by Boggess, seconded by Scribner. All in Favor.

BILL NO. 2026-61, ORDINANCE NO. 12449 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 REGARDING AIRPORT HANGAR SALE FUNDS – 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 City currently utilizes a landfill disposal contract established in 2005 with GFL. During a review of landfill operations and contract pricing, staff identified concerns that disposal rates being charged did not appear to align with the pricing structure contained within the original agreement. Staff researched the matter internally, reviewed prior discussions related to the contract, and consulted with legal counsel regarding available options. Following that review, the City issued notice to terminate the existing agreement and initiated a formal competitive bid process for landfill disposal services in order to establish updated pricing, service expectations, and operational terms. The City received two bids, one from GFL Environmental of Sedalia and the other Show Me Landfill of Warrensburg.

As part of the evaluation process, staff reviewed the submitted proposals not only on disposal cost but also on operational impacts, including haul distance, traffic flow, dumping conditions, turnaround efficiency,

roadway conditions, equipment wear, and overall reliability of service. The City Council approved an ordinance at the April 20, 2026, Council meeting accepting the proposal from Show-Me Landfill. The ordinance was subsequently vetoed by Mayor Williams and returned to the City Council for reconsideration at the May 4, 2026, Council meeting. Following discussion, the Council did not override the veto.

Following additional discussion at a Public Works Committee meeting on May 14th, the committee recommended the item be returned for consideration at the May 18, 2026, Council meeting. The committee further recommended that staff prepare ordinances reflecting acceptance of either landfill proposal so the Council may determine which provider best meets the City's operational, financial, and service needs.

Mayor Williams requested additional information before moving forward with any decision regarding the matter. Council has just received a packet from GFL Environmental that they have not had time to review. Councilwoman Boggess agreed with Mayor Williams that Council review the recent information provided prior to any decision.

Motion by Boggess, seconded by Covington to remove Bill No. 2026-62 for the two solid waste disposal items from the agenda until review is made of information. All in Favor.

**BILL NO. 2026-62 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND SHOW-ME LANDFILL, LLC FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA
OR**

BILL NO. 2026-62 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC. FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Jack Robinson; Vice Chairman Spencer Redford

- The need for an additional Animal Services vehicle was included in the approved Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. The vehicle purchase is part of the department's long-term operational plan associated with adding an additional Animal Control Officer position to improve service capacity, field response, and animal transport operations. The Ordinance authorizes the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 truck with an 8-foot factory bed delete from Gregg Smith Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$47,895.00.

BILL NO. 2026-63, ORDINANCE NO. 12450 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE SEDALIA ANIMAL SHELTER was read once by title.

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

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

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

- The Sedalia Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for the SFY 2027 State Cyber Crimes Grant. The State Cyber Crimes Grant program is intended to provide funding to assist law enforcement agencies in reducing internet crimes against children and improving investigative, forensic, and prevention capabilities related to cybercrimes involving children. If awarded, the grant funding would be used to purchase a GrayKey mobile device forensic system for the Sedalia Police Department. GrayKey is a digital forensic tool utilized by law enforcement agencies to lawfully access and extract digital evidence from locked or encrypted cellular devices. According to the department, the technology would assist investigators in recovering digital evidence, including communications, images, videos, internet activity, and application data, during investigations involving crimes against children and other criminal investigations. The total project cost is approximately \$28,310, with the application indicating the purchase would be fully funded through the grant with no local match requirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2168 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SFY 2027 STATE CYBER CRIMES GRANT APPLICATION was read once by title and approved on motion by Robinson, seconded by Boggess. All in Favor.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Cheryl Ames; Vice Chairman David Covington

Presentation – Central Business and Cultural District: Annual Report

Program Specialist for the City and Executive Director of Sedalia Main Streets, Sara Spencer, presented the Annual report and Ad Valorem tax rate to Council.

• Legal & Accounting	\$ 1,500
• Property Taxes Fees and Chgs	\$ 1,500
• Downtown Façade Progam	\$ 50,000
• Supplies Office/Janitor/Other	\$ 6,600
• Depot/Office Expenses	\$ 2,500
• Non-Personnel Services	\$ 62,100
• Murals	\$ 10,000
• Other Program Expenses	\$ 13,000
• Capital Expenditures	\$ <u>23,000</u>

TOTAL anticipated expenditures \$ 85,100

FY 2026 Revenue from Ad Valorem tax of \$43,190.81; FY 2027 Anticipated Revenue is \$42,929.16; Fund Balance \$205,662.68+FY2027 Revenue = \$248,591.84; FY 2027 CBCD Budget \$85,100. CBCD recommends maintaining current Ad Valorem tax rate of .8258 per thousand of assessed valuation. In looking ahead, CBCD has 2 active façade grants for 216 & 704 South Ohio; new public parking signs; 2026 Mural project; Operational downtown volunteer program; and events encouraging foot traffic.

Councilwoman Boggess stated that during the Public Safety Committee meeting, the group asked Fire Chief Matt Irwin to speak about some issues relating to staffing within the Fire Department. Fire Chief Irwin stated that during the Committee meeting, he brought up the current status of Fire Department staffing and its use of overtime. They are currently down 4 suppression personnel, roughly 10% of suppression staff. In June he will lose a position due to promotion and then another due to a staff member moving out of state which brings him down almost 15%. The average monthly cost of overtime has been \$16,000.00/month over the past 5 months or \$192,000.00 over 12 months. The 4 Firefighter positions account for average of \$43,000.00, that equates to an approximate \$20,000.00 overage in overtime expenditures versus having the 4 individuals. Most of the overtime is coming from the Battalion Chief and Captain level positions. Any savings from hiring 4 firefighters would not be recognized for 16 – 24 months due to training before they could fully step into those roles. Fire Chief Irwin recommends staying the course and expending funds on overtime and maintain current staffing and deployment of fire apparatus. Since January 1, Sedalia Fire Department has responded to just over 1,250 calls for service. Of those, 273 were overlapping calls, meaning one truck was out while another was called for service. Shutting down any apparatus to save overtime funds means delayed response for our community. He is also experiencing a middle management issue with Firefighters/ Drivers reluctant to step up to Lieutenant and Captain positions. The only other option for savings is to take a truck out of service which he is reluctant to do based on safety and service to citizens through delayed response.

Bradley Burton, representing Firefighters Local 103, stated they fully understand the need to monitor overtime cost and operate responsibly with taxpayer dollars, however it is important the full context be considered when discussing numbers. The primary reason for the overtime is that the department is operating short staffed. These are not new vacancies and operating below staffing levels naturally results in increased overtime to maintain safe staffing and emergency response capabilities. One option was to shut down one apparatus. The City continues to grow and call volumes have increased 36% since

2020. Reducing frontline emergency services will have a direct impact on public and firefighter safety. Each apparatus has a specific and important function: Engines focus on fire suppression; Ladder trucks perform specialized rescue and ventilation operations; and Squads are heavily involved in victim search/rescue. The Fire Department also responds to vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents and all forms of rescue. Removing any of these reduces the Department's ability to respond effectively. They are actively working on staff promotion solutions which will drastically reduce overtime costs. Councilwoman Boggess stated that in the next Public Safety Committee meeting, she would like to hear from firefighters serving in these positions and hear their ideas for solutions.

APPOINTMENTS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS: Motion by Cross, seconded by Boggess to accept the following resignation. All in Favor.

*Dr. Kathryn Stanley-Dietzman – Sedalia Public Library Board – Effective Immediately

BIDS:

- 2026 Vehicle Purchase Animal Services – May 4, 2026

LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

New (Special Event Licenses):

- *Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Pro-Velo Bike Shop, 530 East 5th Street, July 11, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- *Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Yeager's Bike Night, 3001 South Limit, June 12, 2026
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- *Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Yeager's Bike Night, 3001 South Limit, June 27, 2026
11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Renewal:

- *Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Sunday Sales

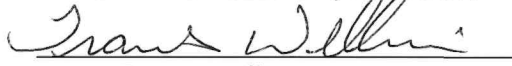
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Scribner 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 9:20 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Scribner. All in Favor.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Cross. All in Favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI


Traves Williams, Mayor


Jason S. Myers, City Clerk

Tabulation of Bids

<p align="center">2026 Vehicle Purchase Animal Services May 4, 2026 2:00 p.m. City Clerk's Office</p>	
	<p>Gregg Smith Ford Lincoln 1316 N Price Lane Clinton, MO 64735</p>
Total Proposed Cost	\$47,895.00
Cost - Delivery	\$1,400.00
Make & Model	2026 Ford F250
Delivery	Estimated July
Manufacturer Warranty	
Engine/Transmission/ Drive Train	5 Years/60,000 Miles
Electrical Systems/Components	3 Years/36,000 Miles
Other Parts	3 Years/36,000 Miles
Extended Warranty	Yes; numerous options; can go up to 8 Years & 160,000 miles; \$0 Deductible options as well
Meet Specs	Yes except 360* Camera Package. Will come with backup camera prep Kit to install
Additional Charges	No