

# CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 7, 2025

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on July 7, 2025 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:**

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

# Public Hearing - Annexation Petition - Autumn Creek Development LLC

Mayor Dawson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:35 p.m.

Interim City Administrator Matthew Wirt stated the Public Hearing is in reference to the annexation of approximately 207 acres of unincorporated land owned by Prairie Hollow Development. This action is initiated under a previously recorded irrevocable consent to annexation and utility service agreement that was executed on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and recorded on August the 11<sup>th</sup> with the county. The agreement authorized the City Administrator to act as an attorney to file for annexation once the property became continuous to the City Corporate Limits. A petition for annexation has been submitted pursuant to that agreement and the subject property is both contiguous and compact to the current City Limits.

## Legal Description as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED 207 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, 120.71 ACRES OFF OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, LYING SOUTH OF THE MISSOURI-KANSAS AND TEXAS RAILROAD (KATY TRAIL) ALSO A PART OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 21 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 786.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND ALONG AN EXISTING PIPE FENCE LINE, 787.86 FEET; THENCE EAST ALONG AN EXISTING PIPE FENCE LINE, 682.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH ALONG AN EXISTING FENCE LINE 455.77 FEET; THENCE EAST, 300.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 1421.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 1751.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER.

With no public comments, the Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

#### **SERVICE AWARDS**

20 Year Pin/Certificate Aaron DeVorss Police Officer Police

Police Chief David Woolery stated that officer Devorss has worked as a Civilian Desk Officer, Patrol Officer, Detective, Traffic Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and worked directly with Command Staff as a Professional Development Sergeant. He has had the opportunity to see the very best and worse that we have to offer and has never lost his compassion for people. Officer DeVorss started Kyah Cares where he takes our department dog to elementary schools and retirement homes visiting with kids and older residents who do not get the opportunities to have contacts with Law Enforcement. After 20 years of Law Enforcement he still has a heart of service and he brings that to our citizens regularly.

## **RETIREMENT AWARDS/SPECIAL AWARDS:** None.

MINUTES: The Special Council Meeting minutes of June 12, 2025 were approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Hiller. All in Favor.

The Ad Hoc Committee Meeting minutes of June 12, 2025 were approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All in Favor.

The Council Meeting minutes of June 16, 2025 were approved on motion by Ames, seconded by Foster. All in Favor.

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

The Planning & Zoning Commission minutes dated June 4, 2025 were accepted on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All in Favor.

## **ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Chairwoman Tina Boggess; Vice Chairman - No Report.

# PUBLIC WORKS - Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

In 2017, the Water Department began contracting out smaller, as-needed street repairs that are necessary after completing water line maintenance. Our most recent effort to re-bid this work resulted in no responses, and our current contractor has notified us of a rate increase. This increase would raise the projected annual cost of contracted street repairs to approximately \$125,000 for labor alone. The most efficient and cost-effective solution is to transition repairs in-house by hiring two full-time employees dedicated to this work. The total cost for two additional employees, including benefits, for the remainder of the budget year is estimated at \$91,653.42. To support this transition, staff recommends a budget adjustment that moves \$54,953.42 from the repair budget and a budget amendment to salary in the amount of \$36,700 to fund the positions through year-end. Although this change results in an increase to this year's budget, we anticipate a projected savings of up to \$90,000 in the next fiscal year by eliminating the need for outside contracting. In addition, these new employees can assist with other important tasks, such as dirt repairs, backfill work, and general cleanup at utility dig sites.

RESOLUTION NO. 2134 — 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 Cross, seconded by Foster. All in Favor.

BILL NO. 2025-113, ORDINANCE NO. 12295 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING WATER DEPARTMENT STAFFING ADDITIONS was read once by title. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cross. All in Favor.

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

Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted "No". All in Favor.

Amendment No. 1 to the Phase 1 Design-Build Agreement with Burns & McDonnell in the amount of \$60,700 supports the development of an Updated Facility Plan for the North and Central Wastewater Treatment Plants. The initial Facility Plan was submitted in February 2025 and was structured to preserve flexibility for future amendment. Amendment No. 1 formalizes the evaluation of a fourth treatment alternative, the "Central Consolidation" option—which proposes eliminating the North WWTP and consolidating all operations at the Central WWTP. The scope includes planning and conceptual design for a new North screening and pump station, a 4.5 MGD force main to convey flows from North to Central, and multiple improvements at Central. The proposed consolidation is anticipated to improve long-term operational efficiency by reducing the number of effluent discharge points, minimizing long-term maintenance and energy costs, and allowing for more efficient use of staff. Additionally, consolidating operations at Central improves reliability and resource sharing while ensuring compliance with future discharge limits in Brushy Creek.

BILL NO. 2025-114, ORDINANCE NO. 12296 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO PHASE I OF THE DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS FACILITY PLAN was read once by title.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 4 to the professional services agreement with Hoefer Welker, LLC for the Fire Station, Training Center, Bowling Alley, and Aquatics project formally revises the scope of work and professional compensation associated with the project. Staff has worked extensively with the architect and construction manager at risk to identify cost-saving opportunities and re-scope several project elements to align with budget expectations determined 3 years ago. Current estimates show the combined fire portion of the project cost has increased and now exceeds the original budget by \$1,250,000. Staff is requesting a budget amendment of \$1,250,000 with respect to the fire station and fire training center. This would bring the total appropriation for the fire facility projects to \$7,500,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2135 – 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 in Favor.

BILL NO. 2025-115, ORDINANCE NO. 12297 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING FIRE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION was read once by title.

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

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-116, ORDINANCE NO. 12298 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND HOEFER WELKER, LLC FOR A REVISION OF OVERALL PROJECT SCOPE was read once by title.

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

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

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

Staff is requesting approval for an emergency purchase of a mobile solids (belt) press for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. The existing press has become inoperable after years of wear and patchwork repairs. To maintain operations, the City has rented a mobile belt press at a monthly cost of \$20,000. Current rental expenses are projected to exceed \$300,000 to \$400,000 before a permanent system could be procured using traditional engineering, bidding, and construction timelines, estimated at 15 to 21 months. As a more cost-effective alternative, staff proposes purchasing a new 1-meter skid-mounted BDP Model 3DP press from MSD Environmental for \$526,000, plus \$5,500 in delivery costs. After four additional months of rental to bridge delivery timing and applying a \$7,500 trade-in credit for the City's old press, the net total purchase cost is \$604,000. This is expected to save the City \$200,000 to \$320,000 compared to continuing to rent until a permanent solution is in place.

BILL NO. 2025-117, ORDINANCE NO. 12299 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A MOUNTED BELT PRESS was read once by title.

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

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

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

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Chairman Lee Scribner, Vice Chairman Jack Robinson

The Mutual Aid Agreement between the Sedalia Fire Department and Whiteman Air Force Base formalizes the continuation of longstanding mutual support between the two departments for fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and technical rescue operations

BILL NO. 2025-118, ORDINANCE NO. 12300 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID IN FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA D/B/A SEDALIA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE COMMANDER 509<sup>TH</sup> BOMB WING, WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE was read once by title.

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

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

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

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairman Bob Cross

On May 22, 2025, the Community Development Department issued a staff memorandum to the Planning and Zoning Commission based on a special use permit application for transitional housing at 1809 W. 10th Street. The application was submitted by Amber Woolery on behalf of Recovery Lighthouse, proposing to use the property as a transitional living facility for up to ten women, including one live-in house manager. The Planning & Zoning Commission first considered the application during its meeting on June 4, 2025, but postponed action to the July 2, 2025 meeting to allow additional time for the applicant to engage with the surrounding neighborhood and address negative public feedback received at the meeting. Following additional discussion and public input at its July 2, 2025 meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted 5-1 to deny application.

Councilwoman Foster stated that neighborhood has started a petition and have forty signatures. She has also received seven e-mails from different people who also live near the address in question that oppose this action.

Councilwoman Ames stated that she attended the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting on Main Street with Recovery Lighthouse. There were five employees and herself at that meeting. There was no other public that showed up. After that meeting she went door to door along 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. She has also received

numerous emails expressing concern for the neighborhood. While she realizes this is an excellent program for recovery, she does not feel that this is the proper house for it.

BILL NO. 2025-119 – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO RECOVERY LIGHTHOUSE FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO BE USED FOR A PARSONAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATAED AT 1809 WEST 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boggess.

Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Ames, Foster and Franklin. Voting "No" Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, and Cross. Mayor Dawson broke the tie in favor of a second reading.

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

Roll Call Vote: No one voted "Yes". Voting "No" were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. **BILL FAILED** 

➤ David Nochka submitted an application to rezone a parcel located immediately west of 813 East 19th Street from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential). Public notice of the rezoning hearing was published on June 17, 2025, and notification letters were mailed to all property owners within 185 feet of the property. The Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on July 2, 2025 and the Commission voted 4-2 in support of the rezoning request. Councilwoman Foster stated that in looking at the Master Plan that there are zoning-like uses encouraged and that she did not feel that this fits that model moving it from R-1 to R-2 and she is not in support of changing it.

BILL NO. 2025-120 – GRANTING A CHANGE IN ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE LOT IMMEDIATELY WEST OF 813 EAST 19<sup>TH</sup>, IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 64, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hiller. All in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Foster, and Franklin. Voting "No" were Boggess, Hiller, and Cross

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

Roll Call Vote: No one voted "Yes". Voting "No" were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster, and Franklin. **BILL FAILED** 

Ordinance No. 10492, which previously authorized a Tax Increment Financing contract between the City of Sedalia and Sedalia Downtown Development, Inc. for the Uptown Theater redevelopment project needs to be repealed. The contract was executed in 2016 as part of the City's Midtown TIF Plan. Since the time of approval of the agreement the original developer never signed the agreement and subsequently sold the property, rendering the agreement unenforceable. As a result, the TIF contract is no longer applicable, and repeal is necessary to formally remove the ordinance from the City's records.

BILL NO. 2025-121, ORDINANCE NO. 12301 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10492 WHICH APPROVED A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA AND SEDALIA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR THE UPTOWN THEATER PROJECT was read once by title. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Motion by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cross. All in Favor.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS: None.

BIDS: None.

#### LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

#### New:

\*Nathaniel Crow dba The Vault Restorante, 322 South Ohio Suite 100, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

#### Renewals:

- \*Lindsey Pahlow dba Applebee's, 3320 West Broadway, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales
- \*Crystal Sims dba Woods Supermarket Inc, 701 East Broadway, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales
- \*Christina Sherman dba Jiffy Stop Food Mart #591, 1722 West Broadway, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales
- \*Mary Jane Stewart dba American Legion Post 642, 2016 West Main, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales
- \*Carlos Enrique Cedillo dba B&B Sedalia Galaxy 10, 4104 West Main, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales
- \*Cathy Geotz dba Break Time #3167, 101 Rebar Road, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales
- \*Dianna Greene dba The Greenhorn LLC dba Little Big Horn, 150 South Limit Suite 100, Beer & Wine
- \*Stacey Fitter dba Fitter's 5th Street Pub, 500 South Ohio, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales
- \*Erica Eisenmenger dba Ivory Grille LLC, 317 South Ohio, Liquor by the Drink
- \*Doug Benitz dba Liberty Center Association for the Arts, 111 West 5<sup>th</sup>, Liquor by the Drink

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Mayor Dawson called for a motion and second to direct City staff to come up with a process to tie initital cost estimates for projects to CPI or more in line with construction costs so that each year the price tag for the project is recalculated and the additional cost is added. Motion by Foster, seconded by Boggess to direct staff to develop a process. All in favor.

## GOOD & WELFARE:

Justin Newell, 1815 W 10<sup>th</sup>, wanted to express and urge Council to vote against Lighthouse Recovery for safety and peace of mind for his family. He is not against the mission of Lighthouse Recovery, just the location.

Ron Newell, 2419 W 3<sup>rd</sup> ,spoke in opposition of Lighthouse Recovery because he is concerned about his grandchildren. He is worried about what kind of people might be drawn to the neighborhood, not the ladies that need the help but the people who are there to prey upon someone who might be weak. He feels that his grandchildren and other people's grandchildren deserve us to get up and protect them.

Kim Newell, 1815 W 10<sup>th</sup>, spoke against having the transitional housing down the road from her family and children. They still have not gotten a lot of information on what exactly is going to take place other than the transitional housing. She said that the Mayor suggested that Lighthouse Recovery would try and get ahold of them to inform them of what is going on. The only information that she got was on June 25<sup>th</sup> that they were going to do an informational meeting so that did not give her enough time to make accomodations to show up to that meeting. She did reach out and try to contact the director and she has not received a phone call back from her to set something up. She stated that they are not against what Lighthouse is trying to do, they just do not think that it is a good location.

Cherri Bridges 23036 Ryan Rd, addressed the Council stating that she is in long term recovery. She said that recovery is defined as a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self directed life and strive to reach their full potential. Recovery does not erase the past but it does empower to build a better future not just for themselves but for their families, neighborhoods, and the society that they are proud to be a part of. Transitional housing is not just a compassionate investment but a smart one because it reduces homelessness, decreases relapse rates, increases employment, and lowers the burden on emergency services and the justice system.

Amanda Rowland 1314 SW 295<sup>th</sup> Holden MO, stated that she is an employee of Recovery Lighthouse since 2020 and is also a nationally recognized leader in the substance abuse profession and has also been the Housing Director at Recovery Lighthouse in Warrensburg for over three years. She hears what the community is saying and understands their fears about the neighborhood. She said that no matter where they go or what they do there are going to be triggers and there are going to be people that are struggling and it is up to Recovery Lighthouse to offer support. She said that they have a house leader for each of the houses that live there 24/7, do random drug screens multiple times a week, PVTs every night, and curfews. All of these structures are in place and she understands that the community did not have all that information before and she apologizes for that. Transitional housing is much more than just having that structure in place and that it is about giving them opportunity to reconnect in the community. She asked the Council to still consider transitional housing in Sedalia.

Lauren Cowan, 318 E Jackson, stated that she is in recovery as well and that not everyone in recovery is on drugs and that it also would include the homeless. She also stated that not everyone who is homeless is on drugs. She said a friend of hers wrote that this transitional housing would not be different than the Embassy because it is a safe place for women so that they are not on the streets and to ensure their safety. This house would have rules for the women to follow such as drug testing, Bible study groups, and church just as the Embassy does for men. Should a person fail following the rules they would be excused from the house, meaning they would be asked to leave. No one is perfect but everyone deserves a chance to correct their wrongs, a chance to show society that they can change and succeed as long as they commit to the change.

Meghan Zeller, 28506 Bohon Rd, stated that she is the information coordinator at Recovery Lighthouse and started a year ago. She thanked the Council for considering Recovery Lighthouse and that it was appeciated. She asked that they think about transitional housing a different way. Many years ago there was another company that started in this town and many folks stated that it was a great program but when it came to placement for housing that they were met with the same resistance being experienced today of "not in my back yard". This company does very well today and serves many clients and the company is CHS. Women are looking to be in a safe and loving place that they call home. They need a place that is stable to their recovery and support and not looking to invite their old ways into their new lives.

Naomi Smith, 1815 S Grand, said that she was reading a statement for Carol Martin who wrote that she is a mother of six, a college student, a certified pure specialized trainer, and a woman with over seven years of sobriety. She knows there are people who are scared that a transitional living house will bring crime or danger into their neighborhood, scared that their children might be harmed just by living near

people in recovery. What people in recovery bring is not danger, it is determination, accountability and transformation. A transitional living facility is not part of the threat but part of the solution. People in recovery are often some of the strongest voices in the community. She feels that it surely makes them worthy of having a safe place to live as they rebuild.

Dani Bremer, 4200 W Main Lot 58, stated that he is a person in recovery from a disease that takes countless people a year and that if it was not for the Lighthouse Recovery program and his own will to find sobriety, he could have been one of the numbers of lost souls. As a person in recovery, he is thankful for being given the second chance at life not only for himself but for his community and his children. The road to recovery is a trial by fire, it is not easy but it is possible. Sometimes he finds worth in the struggle because we all make mistakes, some just forget to get off the bus before it is too late.

Jessica Seeley, 1815 S Kentucky, said that she has been an addict for 22 years and that she is 41 days sober and if it was not for Lighthouse she would not be here. Lighthouse gave her meaning, made her comfortable, and if it was not for them she does not think that she would be 41 days sober. She said that they change lives by coming in and loving people and they know what it is like coming from the bottom to the top and they try their very best to comfort and provide anything that anyone needs.

Candy Meyer, 21205 Mergen Rd, states that she is also in long term recovery. She was an active user for 27 years and in active recovery for 20 years. She is a certified pure specialist as well as the family advocate for Pettis County, works two jobs, pays taxes, and is an active member of her community and her church. She knows first hand how difficult it is to rebuild your life after addiction and that recovery is not just the stopping of use of substances but it is about building a new way of life. It takes time and requires a safe and stable environment and that is what transitional housing is. She feels that most people do not get a shot at recovery because they do not have a safe place to land or the resources. People in recovery are not worthless, they are resiliant and hardworking and do everything they can to help the communities they once harmed. She feels that Recovery Lighthouse would help strenthen families, make neighborhoods safer, and reduce crime and homelessness.

Debbie Covington, PO Box 52, stated that tonight is a prime example of publicizing committee meetings and bringing the community and public together to discuss things that affect the community. She initially put in a request a couple of weeks ago to speak about City Committee meetings not being publicized or streamed. She said there have been times she has requested to speak with no response. She has noticed that more meetings are being publicized but not all live streamed. She has appeciated the effort from whoever has made it. She said that for years the public has been kept in the dark about how, why, and when decisions are being made. She wants to know why it had to take public outcry in order for these meetings to be publicized. She wants to know when and how decisions are being made from committees that have not recently met when Bills, Resolutions, and Ordinances are being passed in open session.

Ray Ellison, 1906 West 5<sup>th</sup>, signed up to speak but was not in attendance at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Foster 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, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Franklin. No one voted "No".

The regular meeting reopened at 8:51 p.m. on motion by Cross, seconded by Robinson. All in Favor.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

The following Special Appointment was read and approved on Motion by Foster, seconded by Boggess. All in favor.

Matthew Wirt – City Administrator

BILL NO. 2025-122, ORDINANCE NO. 12302 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND MATTHEW WIRT was read once by title.

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

Final Passage - Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All in Favor.

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

BILL NO. 2025-123, ORDINANCE NO.12303 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO REAL ESTATE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND MCDONALD'S USA, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY was read once by title.

2nd Reading - Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All in Favor.

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-124, ORDINANCE NO.12304 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 633 EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO MCDONALD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY A DELAWARE CORPORATION was read once by title.

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

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-125, ORDINANCE NO. 12305 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO MCDONALD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS was read once by title.

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

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-126, ORDINANCE NO. 12306 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STORM SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND MCDONALD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION was read once by title.

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

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-127, ORDINANCE NO. 12307 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A STORM SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MCDONALD'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AND THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI was read once by title.

2nd Reading - Motion by Foster, 2nd by Cross. All in Favor.

Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Franklin. All in Favor.

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

BILL NO. 2025-128, ORDINANCE NO. 12308 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VACANT LAND SALE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 201 EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO LES MAISONS LLC. read once by title.

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

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

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. on motion by Cross, seconded by Foster. All in Favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Andrew-L. Dawson, Mayor

Jason S. Myers, City Clerk