



**CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2025**

The City has an on-line broadcast of Council Meetings available both live and recorded by going to "Microsoft Teams".

The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on August 4, 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	Absent
Tina Boggess	Present	Michelle Franklin	Present

SERVICE AWARDS

15 Year Pin/Certificate	Christopher Mittenburg	Equipment Operator II	Street
10 Year Pin/Certificate	Eric Resch	Corporal	Police
5 Year Pin/Certificate	James Summers	Equipment Operator II	Street

RETIREMENT AWARDS/SPECIAL AWARDS: None.

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of July 21, 2025 were approved on motion by Ames, seconded by Scribner. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

PRESENTATION – RATE ADJUSTMENTS

City Administrator Matthew Wirt provided background information on rate adjustments. A lot of what is dealt with are enterprise funds which are designed to pay for service, however, service charges have gotten to the point that they do not actually cover the cost of providing services. Adjusting service charges is necessary because it maintains financial stability and ensures service areas are properly funded without having to rely on the General Fund or Capital Improvement Fund. It also helps keep up with costs, addresses inflation, rising labor costs, and necessary infrastructure improvements. The impact of no adjustments would be increased strain on the General Fund, deferred maintenance and service reductions, and greater future increases if maintenance continues to be delayed.

Cemetery

Cemetery Director Roger Waters stated that the Cemetery has not had a price change since 2017. Wages, insurance costs, retirement, equipment, gas, and oil costs have all increased. Cemetery Director Waters compared the City's Cemetery rates to other cities and how the City's fees are much lower.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Cemetery Lots - Each	\$550.00	\$650.00

Cemetery lots – Babyland	\$200.00	\$250.00
Recording cost/deed	\$27.00	\$27.00
<u>Casket Burial Open – Close – Adult:</u>		
Weekdays	\$600.00	\$750.00
Saturday	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Sunday	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00
Holiday	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
<u>Casket Burial Open – Close – Child <6:</u>		
Weekdays	\$200.00	\$250.00
Saturday	\$400.00	\$500.00
Sunday	\$600.00	\$700.00
Holiday	\$700.00	\$800.00
<u>Cremation Burial (below ground):</u>		
Weekdays	\$300.00	\$400.00
Saturday	\$400.00	\$550.00
Sunday	\$600.00	\$750.00
Holiday	\$700.00	\$850.00
<u>Cremation Burial (above ground):</u>		
Weekdays	\$150.00	\$200.00
Saturday	\$250.00	\$350.00
Sunday	\$450.00	\$650.00
Holiday	\$550.00	\$750.00
Niche in Columbarium	\$650.00	\$700.00
Niche door Engraving	\$100.00	\$175.00
Setting Military Grave Marker	No Cost	No Cost
<u>Mausoleum Burial:</u>		
Weekday	\$150.00	\$250.00
Saturday	\$250.00	\$350.00
Sunday	\$450.00	\$550.00
Holiday	\$550.00	\$650.00
Disinterment Adult Casket	\$850.00	\$1,500.00
Disinterment Child <6	\$200.00	\$400.00
Graveside service finished after 3:30pm	Additional \$200.00/hour	Additional \$200.00/hour

City Clerk's Office

City Clerk Jason Myers presented information on records requests for Fire, General and Police from 2021-present. Sunshine Law allows custodians of record to charge for time spent duplicating records and research time while filling the request. Charges cannot exceed average hourly rate of pay for clerical staff and charges for research cannot exceed actual cost of research time and records. Request fees have not increased since 2017. Salary scale has been adjusted several times, so he is requesting a fee increase to align with current salary scales for both general and public safety sides. The proposed fees are based on current salary base rate and benefits.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Police	\$24.75/hr.	\$32.22/hr.
General/Fire	\$23.60/hr.	\$29.67/hr.

Community Development

Community Development Director Bryan Kopp stated that some of the fees in his department had not been updated anywhere from 1999-2024. On Planning and Zoning, we are spending on average about \$200.00 per meeting just on mailings. There is also a proposed addition of an annexation and floodplain development permit fee and a proposed re-inspection fee which would be charged if an inspection failed twice for the same issue. As for building permits there would be a base fee, then a charge per cost of construction which would be uniform across building, mechanic, electrical, and plumbing permits with a few exceptions. Demolition permits would be increased by \$100.00 to cover the cost for staff to process them, do inspections, and handle the appeals process. Sign permits would have slight increase to accommodate for staff time and to keep up with cost.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Appeals to Planning and Zoning Commission	\$350.00	\$500.00
Appeals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$350.00	\$500.00
Notarizing documents – Each	\$3.00	\$5.00
(NEW) Annexation Fee	—	\$150.00
(NEW) Floodplain Development Permit	—	\$100.00
(NEW) Extra Inspection Fee	—	\$25.00
Penalty for commencement of construction without permit. % of applicable permit Fee	200%	200%
Building Permit up to \$1,000 value	\$25.00	\$50.00
Building Permit each additional \$1,000 value or fraction therefor	\$6.00	\$6.00
Reactivation of lapsed permit % of original permit fee	50%	50%
Commercial Mechanical Permits Basic Fee up to \$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

Addition up to \$10,000.00	\$45.00	–
\$10,000.01 to \$200,000.00	\$150.00	–
\$200,000.01 to \$500,000.00	\$800.00	–
Over \$500,000.00	\$2,000.00	–
(New) Each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction	–	\$6.00
Mechanical Permits – Residential Basic fee – Each	\$30.00	–
Additions:		
Furnace unit – Each	\$15.00	–
Air-Cooling Unit – Each	\$15.00	–
Electrical Permit Basic Fee – up to \$1,000 value	\$25.00	\$50.00
Receptacle drop or fixture each	\$1.00	–
Circuit – each	\$1.00	–
Motors up to and including ¼ horsepower each	\$1.00	–
Motors over ¼ horsepower – each	\$1.00	–
Generators used for lighting or power including switchboards – each	\$1.00	–
Motor generators for charging of picture machines – each	\$1.00	–
Transformers over 30 KVA – each	\$15.00	–
Ceiling fans – each	\$1.00	–
Emergency or exit lights – each	\$1.00	–
Electric ranges and heating devices – each	\$5.00	–
(NEW) Plus for each \$1,000.00 or fraction	–	\$6.00
Temporary Service – Each	\$25.00	\$25.00
Permanent service up to 200 amps	\$25.00	\$50.00
Permanent service from 201-1,000 amps	\$40.00	\$50.00
Permanent Service 1,001 + amps	\$100.00	\$100.00
Plumbing permit basic fee	\$25.00	\$50.00
Fixture or trap, or set of fixtures on one trap – Each	\$5.00	–
Building sewer – each	\$20.00	–

Rainwater system – per drain inside building	\$5.00	–
Water or heater vent – each	\$5.00	–
Gas piping system up to four outlets	\$5.00	–
Gas piping each outlet over four	\$1.00	–
Industrial waste pretreatment interceptor, with trap and vent (except kitchen type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps) – each	\$5.00	–
Water piping, water conditioning equipment, or water treatment equipment – each installation, alteration or repair	\$5.00	–
Draining or vent piping – each alteration or repair	\$5.00	–
Low sprinkler system on one meter, including backflow prevention devices – Each	\$5.00	–
Vacuum breaker or backflow protective device including water piping: - up to 4 breakers/devices	\$5.00	–
Each breaker or devices over four	\$1.00	–
(NEW) Plus – For each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of construction value.	–	\$6.00
Plumber's certificate Master Plumber – Annually	\$5.00	\$25.00
Plumber's certificate Journeyman Plumber – Annually	\$1.00	\$25.00
Water specialist or water installer certificate – Annually	50.00	–
Demolition permit – each	\$25.00	\$100.00
Appeals – each	\$100.00	\$300.00
Vacant residential properties – Semi Annual Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00
Late Payment Fee – Per month or portion	\$25.00	\$25.00

Public Works Operations

Justin Bray, Public Works Operations Director, stated that the last sanitation rate increase was in 2022. They would like to go to usage based rates so that people who are not contributing as much trash can lower their bill and be able to have a smaller container. He would also like to introduce a capital improvement fee of \$2.00 that would prevent having to borrow from the General Fund.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Residential 35 gal cart	\$15.00
Residential 65 gal cart	\$19.50
Residential 95 gal cart (1)	\$22.50
Residential 95 gal cart (2)	\$26.00
Residential 95 gal (3 or more)	\$22.50 each after initial 2
Senior discount	\$2.00

Utilities

William Bracken, Director of Utilities, stated that water and wastewater systems operate entirely as an enterprise fund. There is no funding from the General Fund so they have to bill enough to pay for coverage of operations. Over the last several years, the price of parts and equipment has went up. Their combined fleet has been showing its age. There has not been very many replacements in the last 10 years and the typical lifespan of equipment is 12-16 years for trucks and 8-12 years for heavier equipment. For the last several years they have had trouble keeping staff. Some was due to COVID, but a lot of it was due to local industries raising the rate of pay and they were not keeping up. Director Bracken is proposing a 5% water rate increase and a 7.5% wastewater rate increase. There has been a lot of deferred maintenance at the plants and they are spending a lot to maintain them. He wants to get to a point where they are proactively replacing lines underground instead of reactively replacing spots that have failed. There are some parts of the infrastructure that have been in the ground for 150 years and have never been replaced. A 5,000 gallon a month bill would go up around \$6.00. This increase will depend on how much water is used.

City Administrator Matthew Wirt asked if the Council had any direction on what they would like to see brought back. Councilman Scribner said that he would need more time to process the information to come up with some direction and the rest of the Council agreed. The public comment period was opened but there were no speakers who had signed up.

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

- The Cemetery Department is requesting a budget amendment to replace the current backhoe, that has exceeded its service life. The machine is experiencing frequent mechanical and hydraulic issues, resulting in ongoing maintenance costs and reduced operational reliability. A Sourcewell bid has been received from Martin Equipment of Columbia in the amount of \$105,350, which includes a trade-in of the old backhoe and cooperative procurement pricing. These improvements were sparked by a generous offer from Ms. Sue Heckart to fund a new committal shelter.

RESOLUTION NO. 2136 – 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 Ames, seconded by Robinson. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-134, ORDINANCE NO. 12314 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING CEMETERY BACKHOE PURCHASE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Scribner, 2nd by Franklin. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.
Final Passage – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Ames. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.
Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-135, ORDINANCE NO. 12315 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE FOR THE CEMETERY was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Ames. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.
Final Passage – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Ames. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.
Roll Call Vote: Voting “Yes” were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Hiller, Cross and Franklin. No one voted “No”. Foster was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

City Administrator Matthew Wirt provided an update on the Washington Street Bridge. Staff is actively working with the engineering team to finalize plans and move the project forward. The goal is to get the project out for bid as soon as possible, considering all the approvals needed from MODOT and the railroad.

City Engineer Chris Davies has received preliminary plans which is basically their initial design. The engineer from HDR that is designing the fix for the repair has gotten approval from Modot. Staff is hoping to have the stamped final drawing for the repair done the last week of August. The plan for the bridge includes items such as to replace 5 columns, encase 7 columns, replace various steel, clean and repaint metal on approaches, and replace sidewalk boards. Upon completion a bridge rating will still be needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Lee Scribner, Vice Chairman Jack Robinson

- Sedalia Police Department respectfully requests permission from the Council to proceed with the destruction of certain records in accordance with the Missouri Municipal Records Manual. These items include duplicates or outdated records no longer required for retention.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Boggess to approve the request. All Present in Favor. Foster was absent.

- The Sedalia Police Department seeks Council approval to apply for the 2026 Missouri Blue Shield Grant. The department intends to use the funds to replace aging and no-longer-serviceable In Car Cameras with twelve new units. The total project cost is \$75,630, with a minimum grant award of \$50,000. Additional funding may be awarded but is not guaranteed. Purchase and delivery would take place in FY2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2137 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS AN AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2026 MISSOURI BLUE SHIELD GRANT was read once by title and approved on motion by Ames, seconded by Robinson. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

- The Sedalia Police Department was awarded \$8,700 through the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Grant, under the Missouri Highways and Transportation Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The grant supports the purchase of one TAPCO School Zone BlinkerSign with Radar feedback to be installed on East 3rd Street near Vermont Avenue, targeting traffic entering the school zone near Missouri Avenue. This

initiative aligns with the Sedalia SAFE Coalition's efforts to enhance pedestrian safety in school zones. The total cost of the equipment is \$8,749.01, with the grant reimbursing \$8,700.

RESOLUTION NO. 2138 – 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 Boggess, seconded by Ames. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-136, ORDINANCE NO. 12316– AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING POLICE SCHOOL ZONE SIGN PURCHASE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Scribner. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-137, ORDINANCE NO. 12317– AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL ZONE BLINKER SIGN was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Cross. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

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

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Ames – No Report

APPOINTMENTS: None.

BIDS: None.

LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

*Nicole Walker dba Discount Smokes & Liquor, 2205 South Limit Suite D, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

*Eric Brown dba Buffalo Wild Wings, 4401 Wisconsin Avenue #100, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilwoman Boggess thanked the Fire Department for being at Hubbard Park this past Saturday. There was a young man who had an accident and broke his ankle and the parents were very grateful to have our firemen there to wrap it up.

GOOD & WELFARE: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on motion by Robinson, seconded by Boggess 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 and Franklin. No one voted "No". Foster was absent.

The regular meeting reopened at 8:55 p.m. on motion by Cross, seconded by Robinson.

ROLL CALL:

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

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR MEETING:

BILL NO. 2025-138, ORDINANCE NO.12318 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EASEMENT LOCATED IN TRACT B OF PARK HILL 1ST SUBDIVISION was read once by title.

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

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-139, ORDINANCE NO.12319 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GIFT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, THE HECKART FAMILY FOUNDATION AND SUE HECKART. was read once by title.

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

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

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

BILL NO. 2025-140, ORDINANCE NO.12320 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL WARRANTY DEEDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS 417 NORTH QUINCY AVENUE AND 419 NORTH QUINCY AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO RHAD A. BAKER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY was read once by title.

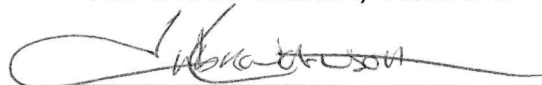
2nd Reading – Motion by Scribner, 2nd by Boggess. All Present in Favor. Foster was absent.

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

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Cross, seconded by Robinson. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI



Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor



Jason S. Myers, City Clerk