



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2026

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, met on August 17, 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:

Jack Robinson	Present	David Covington	Present
Cheryl Ames	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Lee Scribner	Present	Spencer Redford	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Michelle Franklin	Present

Presentation – Stormwater Management Plan

Stormwater Coordinator Ryan Reece gave a presentation on the Stormwater Management Plan and 2026 permit renewal. The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit is issued every five years and the current permit expires on September 30, 2026. MS4 permits are required when a city reaches a population of 10,000 and a population density of 1,000 per square mile. Sedalia is over those limits according to the 2020 Census with 14.22 square miles, total population of 21,725 and 1,528 per square mile. Review occurs at least once per permit cycle.

Minimum Control Measures:

Public Education and Outreach: Target audiences – contractors/developers, lawn care businesses, residents and municipal employees. The City will also be speaking to schools and presenting information on the impacts of stormwater and how to avoid pollution.

Public Involvement and Participation: Includes stream cleanup events hosted by the City twice per year.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: The City was doing checks of outfalls every month but will now be doing them once every three months. The outfalls are monitored to make sure there is not anything suspicious as far as illicit discharges. The City tries to do these checks during dry weather to easily detect abnormalities. There are 19 outfalls throughout the City.

Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control: Sediment is the most common pollutant. Bare exposed soil can allow sediment to erode and be deposited in creeks and streams.

Post Construction Stormwater Management: Projects of a certain size are required to have permanent stormwater fixtures in place such as retention basins or artificial wetlands. Once per year the City will check the fixtures to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to do and that they are not in disrepair.

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations: City facilities are inspected to make sure the City is held to the same standard that everyone else is. Checks are performed to ensure

chemicals are stored where they are not exposed to stormwater and that activities and practices are conducted where they will not adversely impact stormwater.

SERVICE/RETIREMENT/SPECIAL AWARDS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Doug Kneibert, 517 S. Beacon, urged Council to remove from City Ordinance 12255 any mention of a free speech zone. Free speech zones are nothing new and wherever they have been set up, they have been struck down by the courts as unconstitutional.

Debbie Covington, PO Box 965, stated that amending a bad ordinance is not the same as repealing it. Citizens should not have to jump through unnecessary hoops to address the people they elected. Public participation is not a privilege, it is an essential part of transparency and accountability in local government.

Ms. Covington stated she does not want to see the ordinance slightly softened while unnecessary restrictions remain in place; for Sedalia to have a public participation policy that welcomes citizens, protects their ability to speak, and recognizes that sometimes public comment is going to be uncomfortable. Government transparency is not measured by how willing officials are to hear compliments, it is measured by how willing they are to hear criticism. Repeal the ordinance, remove unnecessary barriers, protect reasonable order and decorum, give the people their voice back.

Kevin Lujin, 408 W. 22nd, stated Independence which is another client of Lauber Municipal law is battling a sizable data center with billions of dollars of giveaway. At their meeting, Independence did not collapse when people brought signs in. Right now you are not able to bring signs in here and things like eating are prohibited by the ordinance. As a whole the ordinance is disorganized and does not make sense. An entire repeal makes the most sense. If there are elements of it Council thinks need to be kept, it should be brought back, discussed in public and voted on.

Leanna Lawson, 1803 S. Washington, voiced concern about the August 12th Missourian article about Lauber Municipal Law. Lauber represents 174 Missouri cities and 9 in Kansas. Sedalia has paid this firm \$2 Million dollars since April 2021. Costs are partly blamed on an influx of Sunshine Requests. Lauber has only recently started separating Sunshine Law work into its own billing account. July's invoice is \$4,000.00 for 18 hours of work. If Sunshine Requests are a significant reason for the enormous legal bills, Ms. Lawson stated she would like to see the numbers and would like to know why Sedalia has created a system where citizens requesting public records routinely requires a \$205/hour outside attorney.

Citizens are requesting invoices, tracking taxpayer money and asking questions. Citizens are told Sunshine Requests are driving legal expenses while the firm they are paying teaches about the weaponization of record laws. Ms. Lawson stated she is asking Council to start an RFQ process for new legal representation.

Janet Mizanskey, 723 E. 5th, stated the Embassy is wanting to purchase a house at 906 W. 7th Street. That property was already illegally used as a halfway house, homeless shelter and for re-entry purposes. With the Embassy house on 7th Street and the one on 6th & Moniteau they have enough facilities. July 15, 2024, the City Council approved \$50,000 initial funding, utilizing the City's Opioid settlement funds to give to the Embassy. In March of 2025 Council approved an additional \$100,000 for structural and foundation repairs to the homes they already own. The City Council and Administration of Sedalia has for many years been against a homeless shelter being in town.

Ms. Mizanskey does believe the Embassy house turns mens' lives around and that it is a good program but that it is not the City's place to take taxpayer's money to help them upkeep their house. They can support themselves through grants and each person has to pay to live there. Sedalia needs a homeless shelter very badly, but Council is against it but okay with transitional houses in a residential neighborhood. Ms. Mizanskey stated she is against the Embassy buying another house in another residential neighborhood.

Patricia Meadows, 503 S. Park, stated she recently moved here from Colorado and purchased a property on South Park. Ms. Meadows stated she has some concerns about the Embassy being in that home. It would be an inappropriate area because of the number of children and people that live in that neighborhood.

Dillon Springer, 809 W. 7th, stated he is against the Embassy's transitional housing being in his neighborhood because he has young kids and they have been terrorized for almost a year by a different transitional house. Mr. Springer stated that his kids did not feel safe going outside and it is not worth the risk to have another transitional house come in.

Chuck Leftwich, 908 W. Broadway, stated that the The Olive Branch Church was donated to the Embassy, so they have a facility that is capable of housing up to 50 people. If they already own the building, why are they not focusing on renovating and making the necessary changes at that church? The City of Sedalia gave the Embassy approximately \$200,000.00 from the Opioid Settlement money. Mr. Leftwich stated he would like to know how that \$200,000.00 was distributed, if there is any unused money that can be used on the church to get it ready and if they are earmarking that money to use towards the possible purchase of 906 W. 7th. Mr. Leftwich stated he has a petition available for anyone who would like to sign it.

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of August 3, 2026 were approved on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames. All in Favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

The Planning and Zoning Commission minutes dated July 1, 2026 were accepted on motion by Boggess, seconded by Covington. All in favor.

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

<u>Presentation – Insurance Renewal Workcomp/Liability/Property & Casualty</u>

Kyle Zeigler and Damien Laffoon, with IMA, gave a presentation on the Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal. In 2025, the program was with MOPERM and policy dates were all over the board. In working with City staff, the goal was to align the policy dates, create premium savings and find a new partner for the ongoing future. After marketing in 2025, Travelers was the carrier selected. IMA found a savings of around \$140,000.00. This year Travelers agreed to and kept their rates under a 1% increase. The change is due to increased valuations on buildings which is the nature of replacement costs.

Mr. Laffoon gave a review on where the program was in 2024, what was put in place in 2025 and renewal premiums for 2026-2027. The total premium charged in 2024-2025 to the City was \$1,738,030.00. Last year with Travelers coming in as a new partner, IMA was able to reduce premiums down to \$1,554,122.00 which is a significant savings year over year. For the 2026-2027 renewal, the

total premium effective September 1, 2026 is \$1,610,462.00 which is still a significant decrease over the total premium charge by MOPERM two years ago.

PREMIUM OVERVIEW

	MOPERM	Travelers	Travelers
Current Premium by Line of Coverage	2024-2025	2025-26	2026-27
Auto Liability	\$73,039	\$91,409	\$102,454
Auto Physical Damage Liability	\$163,449	\$62,304	\$70,542
General Liability	\$129,479	\$72,140	\$71,572
Law Enforcement	\$117,154	\$76,612	\$76,452
Employee Benefits	\$486	\$343	\$343
Errors and Omissions	\$26,213	\$10,772	\$12,195
Employment Practices	\$82,114	\$32,070	\$31,959
Medical Malpractice	\$4,514	Included in GL	Included in GL
Unmanned Aircraft	\$666	Included in GL	Included in GL
Workers' Compensation	\$642,407	\$664,580	\$667,296
Property	\$459,141	\$447,856	\$494,712
Equipment Breakdown	\$2,274	Included	Included
Wind/Hail Buydown - Community Center	\$34,107	\$61,425	\$48,552
\$500K Crime Extension	\$2,987	\$4,912	\$4,912
Umbrella - \$1M		\$29,699	\$29,473
	\$1,738,030	\$1,554,122	\$1,610,462

Presentation – Revenue Collection Trends

Finance Director Jessica Pyle reported on Revenue Collection Trends for Fiscal year to date with revenue that has come in from April 1st to August 7th. Sales, Use and Marijuana Tax Fiscal Year to date increased from the prior year by over \$400,000.00 which is a 5.4% increase. The City budgeted a 3% increase and is over budget by \$194,000.00. Franchise Tax Fiscal Year to Date is \$100,000.00 higher compared to the same period prior year primarily due to the Electric Tax. Transportation Tax is higher Fiscal Year to Date primarily due to the Gasoline Tax which is up 8.5% while Vehicle Sales and Vehicle Fees remained flat. The Property Taxes collected Fiscal Year to Date is \$8,500.00 greater than last year with 92% of those payments coming in December and January.

Discussion – Amending Public Participation Ordinance

Councilman Covington stated that he would like to repeal the entire Public Participation Ordinance. The people have a right to say what they want as long as it is not hurting anyone or attacking someone's family. Members of Council are at the forefront and should expect to be attacked. Everybody's opinion matters and counts whether Council likes it or not and they do not have to agree with it.

Mayor Williams stated he completely agrees because he ran on transparency. Mayor Williams stated if someone has something to say to him, he is perfectly fine with it and that is why he kept his personal phone number public. The employees should be protected. Mayor Williams stated he has no problem with repealing the ordinance.

Councilman Scribner stated he did not see what the infringement on free speech is. Citizens are allowed to come up and speak on whatever topic they want for three minutes. The way it is protects the employees and that is why it is there and why it has been rewritten twice since the last election. Good and Welfare is not something that Council has to do. Councilman Scribner stated he would like to know exactly what citizens would like to speak on that Council is not allowing.

Councilwoman Boggess stated she would like if individuals would write down what part of the ordinance they do not like or should be removed. If citizens would put it in writing and give it to Council,

then Council could come back and see. Each Councilmember has a City email that the information could be sent to as well.

Councilman Cross stated he thought that the Council Chambers had free speech. A person from the audience once mentioned going from three minutes to four minutes. Councilman Cross stated he would like to have it explained to him how the Council Chambers does not have free speech.

Councilwoman Ames stated Council is not keeping anyone from coming up and speaking, but they are keeping them from having posters. It would be fine if they were in the back. Councilwoman Boggess stated citizens can bring signs in but Council is just asking if they do that they are in the back row and not obstructing someone else's view so that everyone can clearly see what is going on.

Mayor Williams Tabled the discussion to the September 8th Council Meeting.

- The City submitted Proposition A to the voters residing within the City of Sedalia on the August 4, 2026 ballot. The proposition asked voters whether or not to modify the City's existing electric license tax by reducing the general rate from 5.00% to 4.75% while repealing the reduced tax rates currently applicable to certain large industrial customers. If approved by the voters, the 4.75% rate would apply to residential, commercial, and industrial electric consumption. Voters approved the proposition by approximately 70%.

BILL NO. 2026-96, ORDINANCE NO. 12484 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 8 OF THE CITY CODE OF SEDALIA, REGARDING THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER TAX 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

- Staff, in coordination with HDR, the City's contracted engineering firm, issued a request for qualifications for a construction manager at risk for the Central Wastewater Plant consolidation project. The City received seven responses, and after reviewing the responses, staff selected four firms to advance to an interview phase. Each firm was interviewed and evaluated using a standardized score sheet. Based on overall evaluation, Garney Companies, Inc. received the highest score.

Presentation – Update on CMAR Selection

Patrick Young, with HDR, gave a presentation on the CMAR selection stating the City received proposals from four contractors: Bowen, Crossland, Garney and River City Construction. The proposals were reviewed and scored by City staff and interviews were conducted on August 11th. Each of those were then scored after the interview process. The proposals highlighted the pre-construction phase, construction phase approach, schedule, scope of work enhancements, contract terms and cost components. The selection was made on best value so it was a combination of their approach and their cost proposal. Garney received 89/100 points and Crossland Heavy received 85/100.

HDR is requesting Council to approve the contract which will take the City through the pre-construction phase. The contract will establish the base of the cost model. HDR as the engineer will provide them details, milestones and sets of prints. The contractor will provide an up-front cost model back to the City and will review those plans and specifications and give comments on constructability and project price reduction possibilities. The contractors also generate market interest in the project, they would go out and find bidders to bid on the project for the City. They would assimilate all that, put it out to bid and bring those prices back to Council. All the

agreement covers phase I and phase II. At this point Council would be authorizing phase I and once pricing comes in for phase II, Council will have the opportunity to authorize it at a later date.

BILL NO. 2026-97, ORDINANCE NO. 12485 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE CENTRAL WASTEWATER PLANT PROJECT 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 ordinance authorizes the issuance of a Sewerage System Revenue Bond (State of Missouri – Direct Loan Program – Design Phase), Series 2026, in a maximum principal amount of \$5,512,000. To provide a cost-effective method of financing the planning and design phase of the project, the City desires to participate in the State of Missouri Clean Water State Revolving Fund Direct Loan Program administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Clean Water Commission. The City will draw funds as eligible project costs are incurred; therefore, the final amount borrowed may be less than the maximum authorized amount. This financing does not represent the final financing for construction of the wastewater treatment plant improvements. As the project moves into the construction phase, additional financing will be required. The structure and amount of that future financing will be determined as the project progresses and construction costs and available funding sources are finalized. The financing carries no interest, with the first payment currently scheduled for January 1, 2030. The final repayment schedule will be established following completion of funding and will be based upon the actual amount drawn by the City.

BILL NO. 2026-98, ORDINANCE NO. 12486 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BOND (STATE OF MISSOURI-DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM-DESIGN PHASE) SERIES 2026 IN MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,512,000.00; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Scribner, 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 City is currently proceeding with Storm Drainage Improvements Project Area #2. As part of the proposed improvements, the project requires an underground crossing of the Katy Trail, which will consist of storm drainage piping installed beneath the trail to allow the proposed storm sewer system to be constructed using an open-cut process. Because the Katy Trail is under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, a storm sewer line license agreement is required to authorize the City’s installation, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the storm drainage piping beneath the Katy Trail.

BILL NO. 2026-99, ORDINANCE NO. 12487 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STORM SEWER LINE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AREA 2 was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Boggess, 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”.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Jack Robinson; Vice Chairman Spencer Redford

- The resolution and budget amendment recognizes an amendment to a grant for the Sedalia SAFE Coalition that was applied for through the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. The grant amount applied for was

\$10,006.02 for the purchase of a TAPCO interactive crosswalk system at Washington Elementary. Corporal Silvey received notification that the SAFE Coalition was awarded the amount of \$6,000.00, which falls short of the projected expense by \$4,002.06. Staff recommends approval of the budget amendment in the amount of \$10,006.02, in which only \$4,002.06 will be capital improvement funds to complete the purchase.

RESOLUTION NO. 2176 – 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 Cross, seconded by Covington. All in Favor.

BILL NO. 2026-100, ORDINANCE NO.12488 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 REGARDING TAPCO CROSSWALK SYSTEM AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY was read once by title.

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

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

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

- The FY27 approved budget included funding for a police vehicle to be reimbursed through a Missouri Highway Safety Grant. The Sedalia Police Department solicited bids for the vehicle and received one bid from W-K Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Sedalia in the amount of \$44,682.00.

BILL NO. 2026-101, ORDINANCE NO. 12489 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT was read once by title.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Cheryl Ames; Vice Chairman David Covington

- The ordinance authorizes a Special Warranty Deed for the sale of a City-owned vacant lot at 103 East Henry to Mrs. Vulindhela Larkins-Harrell. The property will be conveyed as-is, meaning the City makes no warranties regarding the condition of the property or the title, and the purchaser accepts responsibility for conducting any desired inspections or due diligence. The purchaser intends to place a single-family residence on the property. Councilwoman Ames stated that Ms. Larkins-Harrell has asked Council to table it at this time because she has run into some conditions on the lot. Motion by Boggess, Seconded by Covington to table the ordinance to the September 8, 2026 Council Meeting. All in Favor.

APPROVING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 103 EAST HENRY FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO MRS. VULINDHELA LARKINS-HARRELL.

APPOINTMENTS: None

BIDS:

- 1-2027 Black Dodge Durango AWD Hemi Vehicle – August 11, 2026

LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

New (Special Event):

*Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Yeager’s Bike Night, 3001 South Limit, August 29, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Renewal:

*Luis Pereiro dba Taqueria El Consteno LLC, 504 West 16th, Beer Only & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilman Covington recognized the Sedalia Steamers for winning the inaugural 2026 Diamond Baseball League Championship. Craig "Boomer" McAndrews received Manager of the year. This could not have been done without the players, Brett Grouping and Kayla McAndrews who both received General Manager of the Year. Councilman Covington stated on behalf of the City of Sedalia, Congratulations and thank you for representing the City of Sedalia and presented the team with a Baseball Champion Certificate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.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), 12 (Negotiated Contracts) and 13 (Individually identifiable personnel records) of Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Ames, Scribner, Boggess, Covington, Cross, Redford and Franklin. No one voted "No".

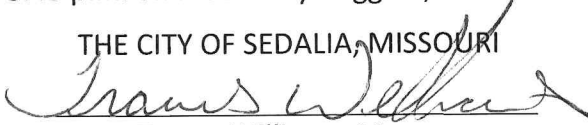
The regular meeting reopened at 8:42 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames.

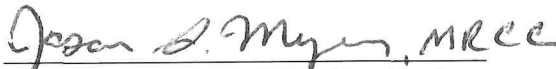
ROLL CALL:

Jack Robinson	Present	David Covington	Present
Cheryl Ames	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Lee Scribner	Present	Spencer Redford	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Michelle Franklin	Present

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Scribner. All in Favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI


Traves Williams, Mayor


Jason S. Myers, MRCC, City Clerk

Tabulation of Bids
1-2027 Black Dodge Durango AWD Hemi Vehicle
August 11, 2026 2:00 p.m.
City Clerk's Office

	W-K CDJR of Sedalia 2901 S Limit Ave Sedalia, MO 65301
Total Proposed Cost	\$44,682.00
Cost - Single Unit	\$44,682.00
Cost - Delivery	\$0.00
Make & Model	Dodge Durango Pursuit
Delivery	
<u>Manufacturer Warranty</u>	
Engine/Transmission/ Drive Train	5 Year or 100,000 miles
Electrical Systems/Components	3 Year or 36,000 miles
Other Parts	
Extended Warranty	N/A
Meet Specs	Yes
Additional Charges	No