



Let's Cross Paths

CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 September 2, 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

Proclamation – Workforce Development Month

Mayor Dawson read the following Proclamation verbatim:

"WHEREAS, the economic development of every region in our country and the ability of our businesses and industries to compete in the global economy are more than ever before dependent on the availability and quality of a skilled workforce and robust talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the complexity and fast-paced change in our economy and labor markets puts new demands on the individuals and employers at all levels; and

WHEREAS, employers depend on similar levels of professional services to help them recruit and retain a competitive workforce and continually upgrade the skills sets of their incumbent employees.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Andrew Dawson Mayor of the City of Sedalia, joins with the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals in designating the month of September as Workforce Development Month to honor all those individuals in all the Workforce Development organizations and partnerships who play such a vital role in our economy."

SERVICE AWARDS:

20 Year Pin/Certificate	Traves Williams	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation
5 Year Pin/ Certificate	Nathan Trower	Equipment Operator II-Compost	Sanitation

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Mayor Andrew Dawson presented Jada McMillan and Darci Curtis with a Key to the City. On July 9th, 2025, they were driving from Whiteman Air Force Base and witnessed a terrifying accident where one vehicle forced another off the road causing it to become air-born, land nose first in a ditch, and catch on fire. Darci and Jada stopped without hesitation and risking their own safety they pulled the driver from the vehicle saving her life. Mayor Dawson explained that the Key to the City is one of the highest honors that a municipality can bestow. It traces its roots back to medieval times when walled cities had gates that could be locked. The key was a sign of trust symbolizing that the recipient was always welcome and held in highest regard. Though the plaque presented does not open any physical doors, it represents an

open invitation to the heart of the City and the gratitude of its people. Today the tradition lives on in the ceremonial way to recognize extraordinary acts, remarkable service, and significant contributors to the community.

RETIREMENT AWARDS: None.

Recess 6:47pm; Meeting reconvened at 6:57pm

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of August 18, 2025 were approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Robinson. All in Favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

<u>Presentation: FY 2025 Audit Results</u>

Amanda Shultz, with Williams Keepers, presented the audit results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

An unmodified or clean opinion was issued and the financial statements present fairly in material respects, the financial position of activities and funds, respective changes in financial position and cash flow for the year in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The auditors found the City's accounting records to be in good order, noted no unusual or significant transactions, and reported no material weaknesses in internal controls. The auditors received full cooperation from City staff.

A Single Audit was performed this year due to receiving and spending more than \$750,000.00 of grant money during the fiscal year. Total federal grant funds spent was approximately \$3.5 Million. The majority was the Coronavirus local and state relief funds. There were two additional reports issued required by the Single Audit. One is required by government auditing standards which includes two findings which are significant deficiencies related to internal control over financial reporting. The second report is a uniform guidance report in which a clean or unmodified report was issued with compliance.

Two new accounting standards were required to be implemented by the City during the year. The first one is Statement 100 which deals with accounting changes and error corrections which did not have an impact on the City's financial statements. Statement 101 dealing with compensated absences did have an impact concerning pay out of hours earned for sick and vacation time upon termination. It will now be based on what is more likely than not to be used and to be paid out during an employee's length of employment.

The first Management Letter recommendation is related to the preparation of the financial statements. It is deemed a significant deficiency in the City's internal control of financial reporting. It is not recommended that the City take the necessary steps to actually prepare financial statements, but the more adjustments that the city can propose and post prior to audit would be ideal going forward. The second is related to segregation of duties. Manual journal entries that do not really result in money coming in or money coming out can be proposed, posted, reviewed, and approved by one individual. If there is someone else who can be involved in the process to be reviewing and approving entries before they are posted in the City's system.

- Motion by Foster, seconded by Hiller to approve a records destruction request from the City Clerk's Office. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

- Operations Director Justin Bray previously presented sanitation container rental fees during rate adjustment presentations. However, these rates were not included in the overall rate adjustment ordinance. To finalize the process, these fee changes must now be formalized through adoption of this ordinance, ensuring that costs for fuel, equipment, and disposal are adequately recovered and that rates align with industry standards. Adoption of this ordinance will formally establish the updated fees, with changes effective October 1st.

BILL NO. 2025-151, ORDINANCE NO 12331 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO SANITATION CONTAINER RENTAL FEES 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".

- The Public Works Council Committee reviewed and voted to recommend approval of an ordinance creating the Sedalia Sewer Root Removal Reimbursement Program. While the City has maintained a root control program since 2012, natural occurrences of root intrusion into the City-maintained portion of sewer mains can still occur and result in costly cleanup expenses for homeowners. The proposed program provides an incentive of up to \$500 reimbursement for eligible homeowners who proactively clean and clear the public portion of their sewer main, contingent on proper documentation and a signed release of liability. The Council will designate funding for this program annually, and the City's liability will not exceed the budgeted amount.

BILL NO. 2025-152, ORDINANCE NO.12332 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SEDALIA SEWER ROOT REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Cross, 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".

- In October 2024, Council approved a three-year Enterprise Agreement with ESRI for GIS software and services to support multiple departments with interactive mapping and data solutions. The Year 2 subscription payment of \$20,300 is due for the term beginning October 14, 2025, per the approved agreement. The amount originally budgeted did not fully reflect the contractual cost for Year 2 of the ESRI agreement. This budget amendment will align the budget with the previously approved contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 2142 – 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 Hiller. All in Favor.

BILL NO. 2025-153, ORDINANCE NO.12333 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING PUBLIC WORKS ESRI PAYMENT 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. 2025-154, ORDINANCE NO. 12334 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO ARCGIS ONLINE PROGRAM 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".

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Lee Scribner, Vice Chairman Jack Robinson

- After a presentation and review of animal shelter fees at the previous Council meeting, it is now time to consider the proposed ordinance updating associated adoption and violation fees. The updates adjust adoption fees for cats, kittens, and dogs and revise violation fees for running at large, biting/attacking, and vicious animal offenses. If approved, the amended fee schedule will take effect October 1, 2025.

BILL NO. 2025-155, ORDINANCE NO. 12335 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI RELATING TO ANIMAL SHELTER FEES was 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".

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Chairwoman Rhiannon M. Foster; Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Ames

- During review of the recently adopted permit fee ordinance, staff identified language that could cause confusion in applying mechanical permit fees. As written, the schedule references "Commercial Mechanical Permits," which unintentionally suggests the fee applies only to commercial projects. To maintain simplicity and ensure proper application to all mechanical permits, staff recommends removing the word "commercial" so the schedule reads: "Mechanical Permits – Basic Fee up to \$1,000."

BILL NO. 2025-156, ORDINANCE NO 12336– AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE LANGUAGE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI BY REMOVING REFERENCE TO "COMMERICAL" FOR MECHANICAL PERMITS was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Scribner, 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".

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:

*Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Special Event – Wings for Wags Downtown, 7th on Ohio 4 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., September 13, 2025

* Paige Shearer dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Special Event – Yeager’s Cycle Bike Night, 3001 South Limit 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., September 5, 2025

Renewal:

*Crystal Sims dba Woods Express 570, 703 East Broadway, Packaged Liquor & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilwoman Foster expressed her excitement over the Smith-Cotton varsity football team winning back the silver tiger this year.

Councilman Hiller announced that Open Door is going to have a fund raiser starting at 5:00pm, Saturday the 6th at the MEC building on the Missouri State Fair Grounds. There will be a silent auction, live auction, and a dinner as well.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Randy Templemire, 519 N New York, expressed concern about the storm water ditches in front of his residence. In 2023 he was mowing the ditch with a weedeater and because of the tall grass he could not see that there was a shelf caused by erosion. This caused him to fall and tear ligaments in his ankle that needed surgery to fix. He has continually gotten letters saying that he needs to mow the ditch. His neighbors claim to have the same issue that he does. He is not asking for a major rework in the neighborhood, but he is asking for a solution for the problem.

Debbie Covington, 2601 E 12th, signed up to speak but was not present.

Derrick Standley, 2140 Bagnell Dam Blvd Ste 302B Lake Ozark, Mo representing Presidio Environmental, spoke about new landfill plans of Canadian Based GFL. In follow up to his last visit to Council, he provided the Council with notes which were obtained by Missouri Department of Natural Resources through the Freedom of Information Act request. The notes clearly show that GFL did in fact meet with MDNR and laid out a detailed plan to put in two new landfills. One in the floodplain of Muddy Creek and the other on a tract of ground that borders the city of Sedalia on three sides. The MDNR notes make roughments to GFL sharing with MDNR, Pettis County’s plan is to create a new order that will grandfather GFL to proceed with their new landfill plans. Neither the County Commision nor GFL has discussed the matter with anyone at the City of Sedalia. He has submitted repeated FOIA requests to Pettis County Commision but thus far they continue to avade the requests. The Public should demand answers from the County Commisioner’s. Finally the matter of the county trash tax, which under RSMO260.830 of Missouri Law is supposed to go to the Economic Development Board but has been hijacked by the County Commisioner’s.

Rene Vance, 19813 Tanglenook Rd, spoke on Senior Center funding. Care Connection has decided as of Oct. 17th to close the Windsor Senior Center due to funding as well as not being able to find the right people. She is concerned because Sedalia is the largest center for Care Connection. The older American Act has still not been funded, this is how a lot of the administrative money is received. They have four employees with benefits. The center has 684 county clients. They serve over 150 hot meals to home bound seniors. They are trying to keep the senior population in the home as best as they can because Medicare and SNAP are being cut back. They are looking for additional funding or sponserers. The Center has a big month coming up with fundraisers including the Spud Sale on the 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. on motion by Cross, 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, Foster and Franklin. No one voted "No".

The regular meeting reopened at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross.

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

BUSINESS RELATED TO CLOSED DOOR MEETING:

BILL NO. 2025-157, ORDINANCE NO. 12337– 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.

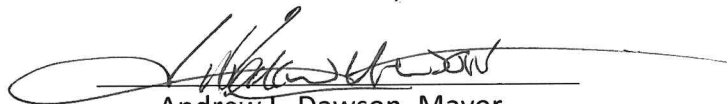
2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Boggess. All in Favor.

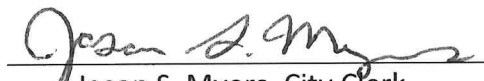
Final Passage – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Scribner. All in Favor.

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All in Favor.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI


Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor


Jason S. Myers, City Clerk