



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2025

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on October 6, 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 Councilwoman Tina Boggess 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

20 Year Pin/Certificate	Tammy Smith	Record Tech	Police
15 Year Pin/Certificate	Joshua Nelson	Fire Captain	Fire
5 Year Pin/Certificate	Matthew Aragon	Police Officer	Police
5 Year Pin/Certificate	Antonio Karr	Police Officer	Police

Police Chief David Woolery stated that Tammy Smith started in the Police Department on September 6th of 2005 as an Animal Control Officer. She was very passionate about animals and put a lot of compassion into her work. In 2017, Tammy transferred to the records division. Since the beginning of her career, she has demonstrated a love for our community and our department.

Police Chief David Woolery stated that Matthew Aragon started at the Police Department on September 21st of 2020. As a patrol officer, Matthew spent most of his time on night shift being a dependable part of the team. Along with regular patrol duties, he has volunteered to be a D.A.R.E. officer and a member of the Special Response Team. Officers like Matt are willing to take part in ancillary assignments which allows us to provide needed services with limited staffing.

RETIREMENT AWARDS/SPECIAL AWARDS: None.

NEXT TO RISE STUDENT PRESENTATION – SHOW ME SMOKEFREE CAMPAIGN

Heath Steven stated that Next to Rise is a youth engagement program funded by the Department of Health and Senior Services. Their mission is to promote healthy Missouri, free of the harmful effects of commercial tobacco addiction. Their strategy is to tackle that problem through the Show Me Smokefree Campaign. Teens from across Missouri sign up for Next to Rise, complete training on building healthier communities and members educate their communities. The Show Me Smokefree mission is to eliminate exposure to second hand smoke and vape aerosol in Missouri.

Goals:

Short –Term – Raise awareness on the need for comprehensive smoke and vape-free protections.

Medium Term – Support communities in efforts to strengthen local smoke and vape-free protections.

Long Term – Increase number of Missourians who are protected by 100% smoke and vape-free workplaces and public places.

Objectives:

1. Educate, train, and engage individuals on the need to increase the number of Missourians protected by 100% smoke and vape-free air.
2. Develop partnerships, build relationships and increase awareness about gaps in smoke and vape-free protections
3. Educate decision makers about gaps in smoke and vape-free protections in workplaces and public places.

The Missouri Clean Indoor Air Law states that smoking is permitted in bars, taverns, and restaurants that seat less than 50 people as well as bowling alleys, billiard parlors, enclosed indoor arenas, and designated areas inside work places. Vaping is not mentioned in these laws at all. A science backed policy would include e-cigarettes and vapes, all work and public places. Sedalia's current smoke free policy gaps are that vaping is not included in it. Additionally, there are exemptions for retail tobacco stores, in some private clubs, and designated hotel rooms. Current laws leave millions of Missourians exposed to second hand smoke in work and public. Exposure to second hand smoke increases risk of getting cancer by 20-30% and kills 1,200 Missourians every year. 7 in 10 Missourians lack legal protection from second hand smoke at work. Comprehensive smoke free protections have multiple benefits. It would reduce heart attack related hospital admissions, has no negative impacts on business, can save businesses money on insurance and cleaning bills, and can prevent you from starting to smoke and vape as well as helping adults and youth to quit. Government spending on smoking costs per every Missouri family is \$1,158.00 in taxes. Comprehensive smoke free protections are not anti-smoker. They are not about taking away people's right to smoke, they are trying to make people who do not smoke safer.

MINUTES: The Council Meeting minutes of September 22, 2025 were approved on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

- At the last meeting, Director Jessica Craig of Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development Inc. provided a presentation regarding the organization's request for the waiver of City building permit fees and water connection fees for their headquarters building project. Following that presentation, Council directed staff to prepare a resolution for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 2147– A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, WAIVING PERMIT AND WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEDALIA-PETTIS COUNTY was read once by title and approved on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

- In the past, the City Council has approved the waiver of building permit fees for State Fair Community College expansion projects. The college continues formally requested that the City waive all building permit fees for the remodel of a coffee shop in the Donald C. Proctor Library.

Councilman Scribner stated that he was for waiving fees for anything that benefits the school as far as education or athletic activities, but that a coffee shop is not something that he is willing to waive fees on. Councilman Hiller asked if it was the college or an individual who was running and benefiting from the coffee shop. Councilman Hiller said that he would also be against the waiver for an individual because any other business has to pay their way. Councilwoman Boggess said that they needed to know who the waiver was for. Motion by Scribner, seconded by Hiller to table Resolution Number 2148 to the October 20, 2025 Council Meeting in order to receive more information on the project. All present in favor. Foster was absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2148 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, WAIVING PERMIT FEES FOR A COFFEE SHOP REMODEL IN THE DONALD C. PROCTOR LIBRARY AT STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- During the budget process, the Information Technology Department included funding for the City's Sophos renewal, which provides monitoring and virus protection for the City's IT infrastructure. Due to inflation and rising costs, the renewal amount for this year is \$55,252.01, which is \$7,429.08 above the budgeted amount. In order to complete the renewal, Council will consider a budget amendment and the renewal quote. The quote qualifies under the City's purchasing policy as it is provided through a Sourcewell cooperative procurement contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 2149 – 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 Scribner. All present in Favor except Franklin who abstained due to husband being IT Director. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-168, ORDINANCE NO. 12348 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING IT SOPHOS MONITORING PRICE INCREASE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Boggess, 2nd by Robinson. 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 and Cross. No one voted "No". Franklin abstained due to husband being IT Director. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-169, ORDINANCE NO. 12349 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FOR IT SOPHOS MONITORING 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 and Cross. No one voted "No". Franklin abstained due to husband being IT Director. Foster was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

Strategic Planning Presentation - Cemetery

Cemetery Director Roger Waters stated that the Cemetery Department provides casket and cremation burials in-ground and above ground in the Columbarium's. Since Crown Hill was founded in February 1866, there have been 25,010 burials through September 2025. There have been 76 burials, 90 grave lots and 13 niches sold this year. Cemetery personnel sets Military Government markers for veterans and oversees the monument companies setting the headstones with proper location and footing for the size of the stones. During the spring, summer and fall cemetery personnel mow approximately 70 acres per week and in the winter are straightening headstones, trimming trees, working on mowing equipment and clearing snow from the roadways.

Hebrew Cemetery located on South Grand has been owned by the City since 2001. There are 236 people buried at the cemetery. Calvary Cemetery belongs to the Catholic Church, opened in 1868 and lies within Crown Hill Cemetery. There have been 3,963 burials in Calvary Cemetery through September 2025 and the City collects monthly fees for maintenance and fees for the opening and closing of the grave lots.

There are currently 1,900 grave lots available in the new addition of the Cemetery. Some of the areas are not the best because they are next to roadway ditches and there are drainage issues. In the near future they are going to have to plan on new burial sections and new roads. The columbarium installed in November of 2019 has 64 niches which have all been sold. The new columbarium ordered in July 2022 and installed in March 2023 has 64 niches with 25 sold through September 2025. In the next couple years, Director Waters would like to purchase a columbarium that would be built for double occupancy in each niche.

The area west of Veterans Memorial Drive purchased by the City in 2021 would be made into a cremation area due to the trees and the terrain. A walking trail on the higher part of the ground would serve the purpose and be cheaper than placing a road in it. The Committal Shelter project will also go in this location on the South edge of the main gate. Sue Heckart has offered to build the shelter for the Cemetery. The planning and designing of the project will be starting in the near future. In this year's budget they will be asking for security cameras to be installed.

Strategic Planning Presentation - Airport

Airport Director Mitchell Mullen stated the Sedalia Regional Airport handles 8,000 – 11,000 operations a year. There are two runways, 18 hangars, 20 based aircraft and privately owned hangars that are under a land lease with the City. The airport provides citizens and local businesses with air transportation and is essential to provide full service to local commerce. According to a 2012 MODOT economic impact study, the Sedalia Regional Airport has an annual economic impact of \$3.63 million

Grant Based Projects: Rehabilitate north parallel taxiway and northern 500' Runway 18/36 (set to start October 20, 2025; Phase 1 and 2 take 30 calendar days closing Runway; Phase 3 take 10 days with both runways closed); conduct environmental assessment of wetlands and surrounding area for future south parallel taxiway project.

Other Projects: Upgrade storage building area by installing garage door; remodel old terminal building into a two-bedroom suite/private pilot lounge; upgrade runway lighting and taxiway lighting to LED HIRL/HITL.

Goals:

- Provide safe and efficient service to all customers.
- Service more transient traffic. As an FBO (service and fuel supplier) customers receive best possible service. The Airport takes care of every flight from start to finish and as a city-owned service is more competitive than a privately-owned provider.
- Increase aircraft maintenance business.
- Get a full-time IA certified mechanic.
- Work towards increasing flight instruction and aircraft rental.

- Buy/lease another aircraft that allows for full aircraft instruction.
- Build more hangars.

- The City previously sought grant funding through West Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District F to support the purchase and installation of a commercial-grade glass pulverizer. While the District was unable to fully fund the original request, partial funding was awarded to cover the construction of concrete containment walls necessary for the project. This revised scope reduces the project total to \$71,035.00, with a required match of \$10,655.25. All work will be performed in-house by City crews.

RESOLUTION NO. 2150 – 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. 2025-170, ORDINANCE NO. 12350 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING SANITATION CONCRETE CONTAINMENT WALL CONSTRUCTION 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 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 SAFETY – Chairman Lee Scribner, Vice Chairman Jack Robinson

- In November 2024, the Sedalia Fire Department applied for an Assistance to Firefighters grant for a Plymovent engine exhaust system. The City has been awarded \$65,900.00 through this program, with a required match of \$5,990.91. A budget amendment is needed for the total purchase, as this expense was not part of the FY26 budget. This purchase will be made as a sole source, as the equipment is being acquired directly from the manufacturer.

RESOLUTION NO. 2151 – 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 Hiller. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-171, ORDINANCE NO. 12351 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING FIRE PLYMOVENT ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM PURCHASE was read once by title.

2nd Reading – Motion by Scribner, 2nd by Boggess. 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.

BILL NO. 2025-172, ORDINANCE NO. 12352 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT 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 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.

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

- The Sedalia Lions Club will be hosting its annual Wine Stroll in downtown Sedalia on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will be organized with barricaded streets, age verification, and wristbands issued to participants. Each participant will receive a unique event cup for sampling and purchasing beverages from licensed wineries, restaurants, and vendors within the designated area. Council will consider an ordinance authorizing the temporary waiver of open container laws within the designated barricade area during event hours. All other liquor laws remain in effect and will be enforced.

BILL NO. 2025-173, ORDINANCE NO. 12353 – AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4-3(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND IMPOSING OTHER CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE SEDALIA LIONS CLUB WINE STROLL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 DURING THE HOURS OF 12:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. IN DOWNTOWN SEDALIA 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.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

BIDS: None.

LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

New:

*Paige Shearer, dba The Local Tap, 700 South Ohio, Oktoberfest at The Local Tap, October 18, 2025, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Special Event

Renewals:

*Janice Ulmer, dba, Sedalia Elks Lodge #125, 320 South Kentucky, Liquor by the Drink & Sunday Sales

*Hunter Bunker dba State Fair Spirits LLC, 1419 South Limit, Packaged Liquor, Sunday Sales, and Tasting permit

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR: None.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Debbie Covington, PO Box 965, commented on the wavier for building permits and water connection fees for the new Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development headquarters. The City just raised fees and home owners and businesses are paying more for water, sewer, and permits while organizations get theirs waived. If Council is going to waive fees, it should be policy, not privilege. If rates are raised on residents, they should also be raised on partners.

Leanna Lawson, 1803 S Washington, spoke in opposition of the fee waivers being passed. She thanked Council for not passing them and taking some time to look over information. The City should not be considering waivers or incentives when it is not clear who benefits. The City has established a system where major financial commitments move fast but basic accountability moves slow. The RFP for the coffee shop reportedly lists equipment and furnishings simliar to those from a local business with ties to a college board member. This raises questions about transparentcy and consistency when the City waives fees for projects involving public institutions the public deserves to know who is benefiting and

why. If the City cannot clearly identify and disclose who is benefiting on these and other projects, it should not be waiving fees.

Rene Vance, 19813 Tanglenook, spoke about upcoming activities at the Senior Center. The Center is going to have their Second Sunday Buffet fundraiser which will be a brunch. The cost is \$12.00 and will be held from 11:00am-1:00pm. Ms. Vance also stated that she is the captain for Pettis County and is carrying both petitions that are being circulated for the redistricting referendum as well as the initiative petition.

David Goodson, 1640 Hedge Apple Dr., signed up to speak but was not present.

Kevin Lujin, 408 W 22nd, thanked the Clerk's Office particularly Jason Myers, Janeice Dodick, and Rachel Walton stating that they have been especially helpful with Sunshine Requests that he has submitted. He is noticing a pattern between when he is submitting them and when they are getting to him. It started with a Sunshine Request for invoices from Lauber Municipal Law which led to finding other information which seems to be a pattern that is happening across the state with their other clients in New Bloomfield, Belle and Branson. In Monet, they are looking to become a charter government and they revealed what they based as their model was Nixa and Sedalia. Sedalia is not a charter. An approach of openness would be helpful so that people do not have to submit Sunshine Requests.

Cory City signed up to speak but was not present

Hayden Rhorer, 600 N Engineer, stated that he is coming to Council not only as a member of the community but as a father of young children. He does not believe that the Tom Oldham case should set the standard for our city and that it directly affects the opinion of the public and their view of our city's integrity as a whole. He thanked the officers who attempted to bring forth charges that were necessary. The charges were claimed to have no evidence but they did fit the legal definition of charges that were brought forward with harassment in the second degree. There was unsolicited contact multiple times that did cause emotional distress.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on motion by Boggess, seconded by Ames 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 9:51 p.m. on motion by Scribner, 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:

Mayor Andrew Dawson called upon Councilwoman Franklin and asked for her reason for abstention on Resolution 2149, Bill No. 2025-168 and 2025-169. Franklin stated that she recused herself because her husband is the IT Director for the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 2152 – 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 Scribner, seconded by Robinson. All present in Favor. Foster was absent.

BILL NO. 2025-174, ORDINANCE NO. 12354 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AT 1600 S INGRAM AVE was read once by title.

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

Final Passage – Motion by Scribner, 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.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:53 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