



**CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met on November 3, 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

SERVICE AWARDS

30 Year Gift Card/Certificate	Greg Smith	Fire Captain	Fire
15 Year Pin/ Certificate	Michael Elwood	Commander	Police
15 Year Pin/Certificate	Gary LaBoube	Lead Mechanic	Vehicle Maintenance
5 Year Pin/Certificate	Vicky Skrzypczak	Account Tech-Utility Billing	Finance
5 Year Pin/Certificate	Joshua Holsten	Equipment Operator II	Street
5 Year Pin/Certificate	Joseph Dirck	Maintenance Worker	Building Maintenance

Fire Chief Matthew Irwin stated that September of 1995, Greg Smith interviewed for a position that would be given to him in October. Greg has accomplished a great deal and is the person everyone goes to for help, answers and direction. He has mentored and trained many in the department that it would not be what it is today without his constant support, understanding and guidance. Chief Irwin stated that Greg is not just a firefighter but one of the finest men he has ever had the privilege to know and work beside. He does not know how much longer he plans to stay, but he hopes Greg gives him a few more years to continue to training and mentoring the next generation of firefighters.

Police Chief David Woolery stated that Michael Elwood started at the Police Department on October 3, 2010 as a night shift patrol officer. Mike worked on patrol for 4 ½ years before transferring to the Criminal Investigations Bureau Drug Enforcement Unit. He joined the Warrant Service Team a year later. After working as a Narcotics Investigator for a few years, he went back to patrol, obtaining the rank of Sergeant in 2018. In February of 2024, he was promoted to Commander serving in Criminal Investigations Bureau, running Leahy Investigation, Crime Resolution, D.A.R.E. and Drone Units.

Finance Director Jessica Pyle stated that Vicky Skrzypczak has contributed to the Finance Department for all of the five years she has been with the City, currently overseeing utility billing. Director Pyle continues to be impressed with her desire to learn the full function of the water meters and her ability

to learn and understand the billing system. Not only does she have an aptitude for billing, but she also has a big heart for the community and the citizens.

City Administrator Matthew Wirt stated that Joe Dirck is a soft spoken man who can be seen anywhere around the City. He is one of the Building Maintenance workers. He is one of the guys who has to show up on sometimes very short notice and figure it out.

RETIREMENT AWARDS/SPECIAL AWARDS: None

MINUTES: The Special Council Meeting minutes of October 17, 2025 were approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Scribner. All in Favor.

The Council Meeting minutes of October 20, 2025 were approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross. All in Favor.

The Special Council Meeting minutes of October 24, 2025 were approved on motion Foster, seconded by Cross. All in Favor.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES: None

ROLL CALL OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

- The ordinance formally calls for the City's general municipal election to be held on April 7, 2026. The election will include the offices of Mayor, one Councilman from each of the four wards, and one additional Councilman from the First Ward to complete an unexpired one-year term. The filing period will open December 9, 2025, and close December 30, 2025.

BILL NO. 2025-183, ORDINANCE NO. 12362 – AN ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND ONE COUNCILMAN FROM EACH OF THE FOUR WARDS IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE ADDITIONAL COUNCILMAN FROM THE FIRST WARD IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM FOR ONE YEAR DUE TO A VACANCY OCCURRING IN SUCH OFFICE 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".

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chairman Lee Scribner; Vice Chairman Jack Robinson

Presentation – Pettis County Joint Communications Budget

Pettis County Joint Communications Director Dannelle Lauder gave an update on Joint Communications. In 2025, Joint Communications received a \$1.2 million grant for upgrading their call handling services and to deliver a Next Gen call delivery platform. This will speed up the delivery of a call and will open up the opportunity for texts to 911 once the platform is delivered which is expected to be by the end of December.

They have also been participating with an AED registration integration. One out of two employees will not know where an AED is located in their building. Joint Communications has partnered with the registry to incorporate that specific information into their call handling protocols. When someone calls

911 they can direct them where the AED in the building is located. Pettis County was surveyed and many buildings have been registered and they are adding to them daily.

They have entered into a Call to Care Program with other area responders as a public education initiative. ACE Quality Assurance year to date over 93% compliance with IAED standards. Across all critical and major categories for fire and EMS. Call volume has increased year over year and currently on track to surpass 2024. In 2024, 54,702 calls were processed, as of two weeks ago 43,636 phone calls have been processed for 2025. 911 is quickly closing in on the 2024 stats from 20,571 in 2024 to 19,061 so far for 2025.

The National Emergency Number Association has established a goal that agencies should be answering 90% of their calls within 15 seconds. Well within national standards, Pettis County Joint Communications is answering within 4.6 seconds 97.93% of the time. It is difficult to establish benchmark for what is acceptable for an abandoned call. Using NENA standards, less than 5% is excellent; 5-8% is acceptable; 12% is average. For 2025, they are currently at a 4.21% abandon rate but that does not equal an unresolved emergency situation. The majority of abandoned calls are misdials.

The typical breakdown of a 911 center's budget should be less than 80% reflected in salaries. The proposed budget accounts for 71% going towards salaries and benefits. Contractual expenses are traditionally the largest expense item within the budget for supplies and equipment. This includes lease agreements, insurance premiums and technical support contracts. The equipment line item for 2026 is very small. Majority of equipment needed for operations has been replaced this year due to \$1.2 million dollar grant. Because of this there is very little need forecasted for 2026.

Director Lauder presented the following budget for 2026:

Revenues 2026		Expenditures 2026	
Any Device	\$425,000.00	Salary	\$519,359.97
State Wide Prepaid tax	\$20,000.00	Admin & Support	\$127,478.03
Pettis County	\$258,800.00	Benefits	\$258,157.85
City of Sedalia	\$358,800.00	Suppliers and Equip.	\$364,854.55
Pettis Co Ambulance Dist	\$208,800.00		
Revenue Totals	1,271,400.00	Expenditure Total	\$1,269,850.40

Goals:

1. More efficient call handling procedures;
 2. Reduce call processing times;
 3. In depth analysis of the call to dispatch efficiencies;
 4. Continued employee recognition;
 5. Strengthened peer agency relationships;
 6. Community engagement; and
 7. Public education
- The Sedalia Police Department requests approval to apply for funding through the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. This program reimburses up to 50 percent of the cost of eligible body armor purchases and is planned for in the department's annual budget to maintain officer safety and vest replacement on a five-year rotation. For Fiscal Year 2027, the department intends to purchase

eleven Point Blank AXII-4 bulletproof vests at a total cost of \$13,181.73, with an estimated reimbursement of \$6,590.85.

RESOLUTION NO. 2153 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS AN AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE FY2025 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT was read once by title and approved on motion by Cross, seconded by Foster. All in Favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chairwoman Michelle Franklin; Vice Chairwoman Tina Boggess

- Public Works requests Council authorization to proceed with the destruction of outdated departmental records in accordance with the Missouri Secretary of State's Records Retention Manual. The records proposed for destruction include Right-of-Way Inspections from 2011–2013, Grant Records from 2004–2021, General Correspondence from 2004–2011, and Citizen Correspondence from 2008–2015. These materials have met or exceeded the required retention periods. Motion by Foster, 2nd by Scribner to approve the request. All in Favor.
- The State of Missouri, through the Department of Agriculture, has granted the City of Sedalia a permanent sanitary sewer easement associated with the Missouri State Fair's new Arena project. The easement allows the extension of a wastewater line from the new arena, located east of Clarendon Road and north of the Katy Trail, to connect with the City's existing sewer system near the intersection of Southwest Blvd. and Clarendon Road.

BILL NO. 2025-184, ORDINANCE NO. 12363 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A PERMANENT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI, FOR EXTENSION OF A SEWER LINE FOR A NEW ARENA ON THE MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS 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 Utilities Department requests approval of an agreement with Duke's Root Control, Inc. to chemically treat 19,116 LF of sanitary sewer mains to control root intrusion. The work uses a foaming herbicide that kills roots in the pipe without harming adjacent trees or vegetation. Pricing is secured through the H-GAC BUY cooperative and aligns with our finance policies encouraging cooperative procurement; the quoted cost is \$39,806.19, which is within the current maintenance budget.

BILL NO. 2025-185, ORDINANCE NO. 12364 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR CHEMICAL ROOT CONTROL OF SEWER MAINS 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".

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

APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointment was read and approved on motion by Foster, seconded by Hiller. All in Favor.

Sedalia Area Tourism Commission

Matthew Wirt – Completing Kelvin Shaw’s term ending December 31, 2026

BIDS:None

LIQUOR LICENSES:

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

New:

*Kristy Long dba Wildlife Ridge Winery, 34751 Miller Road, Special Event: Cole Camp School staff Christmas Party, The Foundry, 324 West 2nd, December 12, 2025, 4 P.M. to 12:59 P.M.

*Kristy Long dba Wildlife Ridge Winery, 34751 Miller Road, Special Event: Central Bank Christmas Party, The Foundry, 324 West 2nd, December 13, 2025, 4 P.M. to 12:59 P.M.

*Hunter Bunker dba State Fair Spirits, 1419 S Limit, Liquor by the drink & Sunday Sales

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATOR:

Councilwoman Boggess asked if there was an update on the viaduct and the repair. City Administrator Matthew Wirt stated that they are waiting for the contractor to return the signed document and their bonds, and hopes that they will start soon. The City is also in the process of getting the documents together for an engineering firm to do inspections along the way to make sure the work is done properly as well as performing the inspection for weight bearing that MODot requires. He hopes these will be available at the next Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Boggess stated that she continues to hear how much money Council earns doing their jobs. To clarify and go on record, they receive \$146.34 every two weeks which comes to \$292.68 each month. When broken down they receive \$9.76 a day. She does not know where the other big numbers come from. Councilman Hiller added that about the third week he was on Council, he kept track of every phone call and time spent came to 35 cents an hour.

Councilman Hiller thanked Jessica Hoffman for her work on Halloween at the Hall and stated that she did a great job putting it together.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Leroy Leffler, 1217 S Limit, stated he sees a lot of people in wheelchairs or scooters riding from downtown all the way to Walmart. He feels we need to do something before someone gets hurt because there is a lot of traffic on West Main. Something needs to be done like sidewalks or making it a little wider. If there is a way we can try to help the homeless because they are a part of our community too.

Debbie Covington, PO Box 965, stated under the First Amendment of US Constitution and in article 1 section 8 of the Missouri Constitution, she is exercising the right to speak freely to her government which does not vanish when she steps in City Hall; It does not depend on whether anyone agrees with her or whether anyone feels uncomfortable. The entire town could disagree with her and she is protected to say it. The First Amendment exists to protect uncomfortable speech. The criticism, descent, and accountability public officials should want to hear. The Supreme Court has made it clear citizens have a right to criticize public officials and government operations. Missouri’s Constitution goes

further saying every person may freely speak, write and publish on any subject. That means legally and constitutionally, She could stand and criticize each member of our City government. Any Department by name for three minutes as long as she is not threatening violence, it is protected. On April 21st City Council passed Ordinance 12255 without a public hearing or dialogue. Ms. Covington believes that this is unlawful and wants the Ordinance repealed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Scribner 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 8:55 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Boggess.

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. 2025-186, ORDINANCE NO. 12365 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 705 NORTH QUINCY AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI TO D&R PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LLC was read once by title.

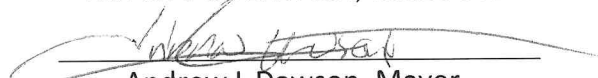
2nd Reading – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Cross. All in Favor.

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 8:57 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