



CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2025

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The Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri duly met in special session on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers with Mayor Andrew L. Dawson presiding. Mayor Dawson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Jack Robinson	Present	Bob Hiller	Present
Thomas Oldham	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Chris Marshall	Absent	Rhiannon Foster	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

Mayor Dawson stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss his opposition to Bill No. 2025-7 which proposes a 1/8 cent sales tax on the April 2025 ballot. In Missouri cities of the third class, a Mayor may veto proposed legislation passed by the City Council by returning an approved Bill without signature and submitting objections outlining the reasons for Veto. Mayor Dawson's reasons for opposition are: Economic Burden on residents; Clarification of the Washington Street Bridge project; Concerns about the County's One-half of One percent sales tax proposition; Need for Alternative Revenue strategies. In accordance with section 77-270 RSMo., Bill No. 2025-7 now stands reconsidered.

**BILL NO. 2025-7 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A GENERAL SALES TAX WITHIN THE CITY.**

A two-thirds majority, or six votes, is required to override the Veto. Motion by Cross, seconded by Hiller to the question "Shall the bill pass, the objections of the Mayor thereto notwithstanding?" Councilman Cross stated that after consideration, he has changed his position on the 1/8 cent sales tax. He was in support of it but that was under the understanding that it was necessary for the Washington Street Bridge project. Since the project is currently ongoing and the tax is not needed for that purpose, he will support a Veto. He is also concerned about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and the financial burden the tax would cause. Taxation should not be the first option and agrees with Mayor Dawson about the transparency of tax revenue use. Councilwoman Boggess stated that she is also for the Veto and added that this is not the time for placing the tax on the ballot. Councilman Bloess stated that the current Railroad overpass needs fixed as quick as possible, however, we need another viaduct east of the Washington Street bridge for additional access. That will require a feasibility study and the City, County, Highway Department and Railroad involved. That is where the money would go, not to the Washington Street Bridge. Tax dollars could be utilized toward a second viaduct and development of the East side. He stated that the City could present the 1/8 cent sales tax on the ballot to voters, not pass the ½ cent tax by the County and thereby reduce taxes. Councilman Bloess agrees with Mayor's concerns about the

County's ½ of one percent tax while removing sunset clause. He feels the best way to proceed is end the lawsuit and join the debate regarding the County's ½ of one percent sales tax.

Roll Call Vote: No one voted "Yes". Voting "No" were Robinson, Oldham, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. All present in favor. Marshall was absent. The Mayor's Veto is sustained and Bill No. 2025-7 does not become law.

The special meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. on motion by Foster, seconded by Cross to a closed-door meeting in the upstairs conference room pursuant to subsection 1 (Legal Advice) of Section 610.021 RSMo. Roll Call Vote: Voting "Yes" were Robinson, Oldham, Boggess, Hiller, Cross, Foster and Bloess. No one voted "No". All Present in Favor. Marshall was absent.

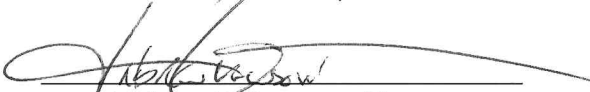
The regular meeting reopened at 12:45 p.m. on motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson.

ROLL CALL:

Jack Robinson	Present	Bob Hiller	Present
Thomas Oldham	Present	Bob Cross	Present
Chris Marshall	Absent	Rhiannon Foster	Present
Tina Boggess	Present	Steve Bloess	Present

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. on Motion by Oldham, seconded by Robinson. All present in favor. Marshall was absent.

THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI

  
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Andrew L. Dawson, Mayor

  
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Jason S. Myers, City Clerk