

REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2020

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, October 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Shirley Murdock, member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Eileen Weir, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Mike Huff, John Perkins, Brice Stewart, Karen DeLuccie, Mike Steinmeyer, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Eileen Weir. The following members of the City Council were absent: None.

Mayor Weir and Councilmember Perkins moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow non-residents to speak during citizen comment. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

Mayor Weir and Councilmember Perkins moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure Section 6.4 requiring 24 hours' notice to include an item on the agenda to add a resolution for consideration. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmembers: DeLuccie, Steinmeyer and Hobart. None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

CITIZENS REQUESTS:

Bob Sorensen spoke to Council regarding in person meetings of Post 65 Insurance and StayWell Committee and open enrollment for health insurance.

Mayor Weir stated that over the last couple of weeks, staff has been trying to identify places where we can have more in person meetings following social distancing guidelines. The Mayor stated that there are some challenges with technology at this time, but we are still considering the best way to hold hybrid meetings and uphold the Sunshine Law requirements as well.

David Meinsen spoke to Council regarding Sewer overcharge and landlord inspections.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTION:

Councilmembers Huff and DeLuccie moved to approve Bill No. 20-784.

Bill No. 20-784, entitled, [Res. #6604]
“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JENNIFER SAWYER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENT, AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2020.”
Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

PROCLAMATIONS:

City Clerk, Becky Behrens, read a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Hobart requested that Bill No. 20-783 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmember Steinmeyer requested that Bill No. 20-788 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmember Stewart requested that Bill No. 20-790 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Huff and Steinmeyer moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA minus Bill No. 20-783, Bill No. 20-788 and Bill No. 20-790 to be considered separately.

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on September 8, 2020 and September 21, 2020 and Special Called Meetings on September 14, 2020 and September 28, 2020.
2. Council action is requested to issue a one (1) year contract, with two (2), one-year renewal periods for Water Meters and Parts with Badger Meter for the Water Department.
3. Council action is requested to amend the Sewer Connection Fees effective October 6, 2020.

Bill No. 20-785, entitled, [Res. #6605]
“A RESOLUTION NAMING APRIL PRESTON AND NANCY KERR AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.” - *Individual Appointment-Mayor Eileen Weir*

Bill No. 20-786, entitled, [Res. #6606]
“A RESOLUTION CREATING A COMMITTEE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SLOVAK SISTER CITY COMMITTEE, TO COOPERATE WITH A LIKE COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN, SLOVAKIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING.”

Bill No. 20-787, entitled, [Res. #6607]
“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF MARTIN, SLOVAKIA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP.”

Bill No. 20-789, entitled, [Res. #6609]
“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN.”

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

Councilmembers Hobart and DeLuccie moved to postpone Bill No. 20-783 indefinitely, pending more information from PUAB.

Upon roll call to postpone Bill No. 20-783, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

Bill No. 20-783, entitled [Postponed Indefinitely]
“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CREATE AN ACTION PLAN REGARDING INDEPENDENCE POWER AND LIGHT.” - *Requested by the Electric Utility Rates Committee*

Councilmembers Stewart and DeLuccie moved to approve Bill No. 20-790.

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Bill No. 20-790, entitled, [Res. #6610]

“A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT PROACTIVE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 SUBMITTED BUDGET.” -

Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, City Manager, Zach Walker, stated that a requirement for city employees to be residents of the city would be something the Council would want more dialogue about. Mr. Walker stated that over half of our work force lives outside the city limits so it would need to be discussed when something like this would take affect and if there would be a grandfather rule. Mr. Walker stated a few other examples of things to be further discussed by Council before implementing something like this.

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he is specifically interesedt in looking at having the executive team be residents of Independence and asks that this item be put on a future study session to be looked at more in depth. Mr. Walker agreed to add this item to a future study session.

In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker gave some background information on the reclassifications and title changes in Bill No. 20-788.

Councilmembers Steinmeyer and Huff moved to approve Bill No. 20-788.

Bill No. 20-788, entitled, [Res. #6608]

“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR NON-REPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN ON AND AFTER THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020; REMOVE COMMUNITY LIAISON SPECIALIST (LEVEL 8); REMOVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (EXECUTIVE 1); RECLASSIFY UTILITY ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR TITLE TO ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR; RECLASSIFY RESOURCE, PERFORMANCE, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING MANAGER (LEVEL 14) TO ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER (LEVEL 13); RECLASSIFY GENERAL MANAGER/DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POWER & LIGHT TITLE TO GENERAL MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF POWER & LIGHT; RECLASSIFY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR GRADE (LEVEL 8); ADD CONSTITUENT SERVICES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER (LEVEL 10).”

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Mayor Weir stated that she is asking that the City Manager be directed to move forward with implementation of Phase 2 recommendations of the report provided by DKMT.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she attended the PUAB meeting last week and stated that the PUAB would like additional time to review the reports done over the last four years to get a global view. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she will be voting against this item because she believes this should be done by the PUAB, not Council per the Charter.

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mayor Weir stated that she feels this report took a lot of time to prepare, the PUAB has heard the report and she stated that she feels the time has come to make a decision about whether we are going to move forward, or we need to inform DKMT that we will not be moving forward with their recommendations.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker provided background information about the original assessment contracted with DKMT.

In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, Mr. Walker stated that with Phase 2, DKMT would help with the accounting part by rebuilding the capacity by plugging the gap with recruiting, establishing

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and retaining quality people to take over the accounting piece. Mr. Walker stated that the asset management and reliability aspect of that will also be improved. Mr. Walker stated that we are leaving approximately \$2.5 million on the table by not appropriately filing and reporting some of those accounting statements as well as potential revenue loss if the asset management and reliability are not where they need to be. Mr. Walker stated that DKMT would not oversee day to day functionality. Mr. Walker stated that he does have the information about how long we have been without the FERC accounting currently at his disposal, but he will get more information and provide it to Council at a later time. Mr. Walker stated that he believes the issue with doing it internally is that we lack filled positions within the organization needed for this work.

Mayor Weir stated that this is not a resolution to award a contract or spend resources, it is simply a resolution to direct the City Manager to implement these recommendations and bring them back to Council.

Councilmember Huff stated that he feels as though we are paying a lot of money for salaries at IPL and he assumes the correct people are in place to run IPL. He stated that he does not feel as though we need DKMT to tell our staff what to do.

Mr. Walker stated that we have been without the accounting for 18 months.

In response to Councilmember Perkins, Mr. Walker stated that PUAB is currently developing their recommended list of priorities and should come back in front of Council before the end of the year. After direction is provided by Council then staff will move to implement those steps. Mr. Walker stated that he will also be working to plug gaps that were identified in the Phase 1 assessment done by DKMT.

Councilmember Perkins stated that we need to get a good handle on what we are going to do long term here as things are rapidly changing. He stated that the Council needs to work together to get a clear vision. Councilmember Perkins suggested that after the PUAB provides its recommendations, that Council has a retreat to discuss and hash out a plan for IPL.

In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker stated PUAB wanted the opportunity to review the different reports and asked to have until the end of the year to provide recommendations to the Council.

Mayor Weir stated that she appreciates the PUAB and feels as though they have laid out a very good plan. The Mayor stated that in these reports, there are things that individually we may not agree with or that they may feel is more important and she feels as though Council should assume its responsibility to bring forward their recommendations and priorities to the City Manager to be included in the process by PUAB.

Councilmember Hobart stated that there has not been a reason given as to why this item needed to be added to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Hobart stated that the community and PUAB have not had the opportunity to consider this resolution. Councilmember Hobart stated that in the last PUAB meeting they did not like the report from DKMT. Councilmember Hobart stated that the Charter says that matters of IPL go through the PUAB, except in the event of an emergency and there is no emergency. Councilmember Hobart stated that Council has to stop thinking like they can do whatever they want and stated that the Charter must be followed and leave the decisions up to the PUAB. Councilmember Hobart stated that PUAB has four studies and each has been ignored and rushed past. Councilmember Hobart stated that if we need the accounting, that is a day to day operation and IPL just needs to go get it. Councilmember Hobart stated that the job of a Board of Directors is to set high level strategy and solve problems that are unsolvable by the people working there each day. He stated that IPL is our biggest asset and biggest albatross.

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Bill No. 20-791, entitled, Failed

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE PHASE 2 REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY DKMT CONSULTING.” - *Requested by Mayor Eileen Weir*

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – None. Noes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the item failed.

NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Englewood Business Association, for a license of the public area of the Englewood Station Arts District and vicinity in connection with certain promotional events scheduled in 2020-2021.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the item approved.

Mayor Weir stated that this licensing process for both state and local permitting is outdated. The Mayor stated that they are unlikely to get any traction at the state level, however, she would like staff to review our local permitting and licensing process to make it less burdensome on our establishments.

Councilmember Steinmeyer, stated that we need to empower our businesses, especially the service industry businesses. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he would like to see if there is a way we can give back to our businesses next fiscal year. He stated that businesses have been operating at 50% capacity under the Jackson County mandates but they have paid for 100% occupancy in their permitting fees.

Councilmember Huff stated that he would also like for the utility aspect to be looked at, as we have businesses that have to pay 100% of their power and sewer bills when they are only allowed to operate at 50% capacity.

2. Council action is requested regarding the change in ownership application received from Wadsworth Old Chicago Inc., for a Restaurant Bar Intoxicating Liquor License and a Sunday Restaurant Intoxicating Liquor License located at 4661 S. Cochise Dr.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the item approved.

3. Consideration of a revised purchase and sale agreement for the property at 15621 E. US 24 Highway to Ramos Properties, LLC in substantially the same form as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the item approved.

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 20-072, entitled, [Ord. #19161]

“AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE EAST/WEST RUNNING ALLEY ABUTTING THE SOUTH LINES OF ALL OF LOTS 6 THROUGH 19, IN DELAY'S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Bill No. 20-073, entitled, [Ord. #19162]

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 5, "SPEED REGULATIONS", OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE CODE AND MAKING OTHER NECESSARY REVISIONS.”

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was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that maybe we should go back to the prior ordinance from 2016 where no solicitation was allowed on the curb. She stated that she will be voting against this.

Councilmember Huff stated that unless we enforce these rules, nothing will change. Councilmember Huff stated that we have asked that if IPD patrol officers see someone out on the curb to turn their lights on and tell them to move along. He stated that until we enforce this, then passing these kinds of changes won't change anything and he does not want to see anyone get hurt.

Bill No. 20-074, entitled, [Ord. #19163]
“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.08.009 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN AND MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT SAFETY AND WELFARE STANDARDS.” - *Requested by Councilmembers: Mike Steinmeyer and Mike Huff*
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, Steinmeyer and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmembers DeLuccie and Hobart. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 20-075, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO.2 OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, TO SUPPLY WATER TO THEM.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-076, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 3206 N. SPRING STREET IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” *[At the request of the applicant this item has been continued to the November 2, 2020 City Council Meeting]*
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-077, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019- 2020 BUDGET, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19017. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES MAY RECEIVE TWO READINGS AND BE VOTED ON AT THE SAME MEETING.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-078, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020- 2021 BUDGET, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19131. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES MAY RECEIVE TWO READINGS AND BE VOTED ON AT THE SAME MEETING.”
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 20-079, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2020 IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGETS; AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE SAME PROJECT; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS.”
was given its first reading by title.

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Bill No. 20-080, entitled
“AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18883 PASSED ON MAY 21, 2018 BY THE CITY COUNCIL.”
was given its first reading by title.

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Walker stated that this is being read as an emergency because this is a piece of equipment that will be used during the snow removal season so they wanted to be able to purchase it before the winter season starts.

Bill No. 20-510, entitled, [Ord. #19164]
“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING A SMALL WHEEL LOADER; AND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.”

was given its first and second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Stewart, DeLuccie, Steinmeyer, Hobart and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill approved.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The City Council is expected to convene in an Executive Session at 5:15 pm, Monday, October 5, 2020, in Conference Room A, on matters of litigation, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1).
2. COVID-19 Semi-Monthly Update.
3. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Trinity Woods Community Improvement District Annual Report ending June 30, 2020.
4. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the 23rd & Sterling Community Improvement District Annual Report ending June 30, 2020.
5. COVID-19 Meeting Procedures: The September 8 City Council Meeting will be shared with the public via YouTube and City7. In accordance with social distancing guidelines, very limited public seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The current social distancing maximum capacity is 31 individuals in the audience. Individuals who sign-up to speak can do so in person or online via the live meeting platform. If capacity is exceeded, speakers may be asked to wait in the lobby area and will be called in at the appropriate time. All attendees must participate in a health check and be wearing a cloth face covering upon entering the building. Please plan accordingly to allow time for this prior to the 6 p.m. meeting start time. Those individuals with a fever or showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to watch the meeting on one of the virtual formats. Attendees will be required to socially distance in seats as indicated by the markings on the bench, although minors may sit with a custodial adult. Social distancing maximum capacity is currently 31 individuals in the audience.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that the virtual meetings have become a disaster. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that we are making big decisions and holding virtual meetings with technology equipment that is not adequate. He stated that he is frustrated for our retirees and apologized to the retiree community for their struggles. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that he will be glad when we have the courage to open up again. He stated he understands the cautions and concerns regarding COVID. Councilmember Steinmeyer stated that we live in a pro-choice state and we should have freedoms and liberties. He stated that at 203 days in, and he is ready to open things back up and get back to business for the people.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she would like it added to the next regular meeting to amend the State of Emergency that will no longer require virtual meetings. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that with the social distancing and mask regulations in place, in person meetings should be allowed.

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Councilmember DeLuccie stated that if the retirees cannot hear the information because the sound quality in virtual meetings is very poor, then we need to hire a videographer to record and stream the meeting for us. Councilmember DeLuccie stated she is very concerned about open enrollment if there is no in person options. Mr. Walker stated that there was some miscommunication and stated that in compliance with the county regulations there will not be large gatherings for open enrollment, but we do plan to have smaller gatherings available and we will work through that for retirees. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that the county amended the rules stating we have to submit a plan 72 hours in advance and we can hold an event. She stated that the Sermon Center has more than enough space to accommodate what would be needed to help the retirees.

Mayor Weir stated that no motion is needed tonight to make this happen. The Mayor stated that she is very enthusiastic at the amount of support this Council has for investing in our technology. The Mayor stated that it is possible that we could consider a reallocation of some of our CARES Act funds to update some of our equipment. The Mayor stated that this was identified very early that this would be a challenge for our city, and regardless of whether there are in person meetings or not, there has to be a virtual option available for people who are not comfortable or not able to attend in person.

Councilmember Perkins asked for the total dollar amount to be provided to Council for the upgrade of equipment needed for the virtual future. Mr. Walker stated that the Public Information Officer, Meg Lewis, is giving a presentation at the next Study Session Meeting about what the future may look like and staff will try to include cost estimates.

In response to Councilmember Perkins, Mr. Walker stated that HUD guidelines are not allowing CDBG funds to be used for small business loans. Mr. Walker stated that currently staff is working on bringing forward a recommendation to Council to repurpose those funds to be used for a rental assistance program for residents.

In response to Councilmember Perkins, City Clerk, Becky Behrens confirmed that Bill No. 20-076 was read in error and had been continued to November 2, 2020.

In response to Mayor Weir, Mr. Walker stated our sewer connection fee has been amended to \$200 tonight. Mr. Walker stated that of 13 surrounding cities, we rank number 8. Mr. Walker provided amounts charged by a few of the surrounding cities to show comparison.

At 7:08 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., October 19, 2020, in the Council Chambers.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk