

REGULAR MEETING November 21, 2022

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, November 21, 2022, at 6:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Chuck Wheeler, Associate Pastor, Grace Church, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rory Rowland, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Jared Fears, John Perkins, Brice Stewart, Mike Steinmeyer, Daniel Hobart and Mayor Rory Rowland. Absent – None. *At the time of this meeting, one At-Large seat on the Council is currently vacant.*

CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Chevy Fry spoke to Council regarding AirBNBs.

Leigh Phillips spoke to Council regarding AirBNBs.

PROCLAMATIONS:

City Clerk, Becky Behrens, read a proclamation for the Rotary 85th Anniversary. Mayor Rowland presented the proclamation Rotary Club members.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Councilmembers Hobart and Fears moved to approve the CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Approval is recommended to issue a purchase order to Foley Industries Inc. in the amount of \$167,020.00 for a Caterpillar Model 920-14 Wheel Loader for use by the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department.
2. Approval is recommended to issue a purchase order to Motorola Solutions Inc. in the sum of \$180,985.00 for the purchase thirty-five (35) mobile radios for the Police Department.
3. Approval is recommended to enter into a thirty-six (36) month contract with Baysinger Police Supply, Inc. as well as to issue blanket purchase orders to Baysinger Police Supply, Inc. in a sum not to exceed the \$255,000.00 previously appropriated for the uniform expenses of the Police Department for FY23.
4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting (RIC) for an amount not to exceed \$59,554, authorizing future minor change orders not to exceed \$5,955.40 and/or time extensions, to perform engineering design services for the Sidewalks Phase 2 Project (No. 112209).
5. Council approval to issue a purchase order to Crossland Heavy Contractors, in the amount of \$3,748,400.00 for a Redundant Slaking System at the Courtney Bend Water Plant for the Water Department and authorizing time extensions and future minor change orders in a total amount not to exceed \$374,840.00
6. Council action to award a contract to Nexus Controls, in the amount of \$451,694.00, for Generating Unit HMIs and Network Upgrade for the Power & Light Department.
7. Council action to award a contract to Burns & McDonnell in the amount of \$120,101.00 to cover Substation S site study for the Power & Light Department.
8. Council action to award a purchase order to Black & MacDonald in the amount of \$57,959.20 for Traffic Signal Replacement at the intersection of 39th Street & Bolger Square for the Power & Light Department.

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9. Council action to award a purchase order to MegaKC Corporation for the safety repairs at Rock Creek Pump Station and Sugar Creek Pump Station Capital Improvement Project for \$191,950.00 for the Sewer Maintenance Division of the Municipal Services Department.
10. Council action is requested to issue \$370,000.00 worth of purchase orders for Underground Utility Locating and Marking Services with USIC Locating Services for the Power & Light, Municipal Services and the Water Departments.
11. Council action is requested to issue a contract with Central Salt, LLC for Salt for one year, with two possible one-year renewal periods for the Municipal Services Department.

Bill No. 22-825, entitled, [Res. #6873]

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTHONY SOMMER AND CODY ATKINSON AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 22-826, entitled, [Res. #6874]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LUPE MOE AND APPOINTING ZACHARY MALLORY AND ANDREW RODRIGUEZ AS MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

Bill No. 22-827, entitled, [Res. #6875]

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANTHONY SOMMER AND APPOINTING JOHN LUNN AND MADALYN OSBORN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Rowland opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Sarah Bay requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a body art service business at 116 W. US 24 Highway. Director of Community Development, Tom Scannell, provided background information on this item. In response to Councilmember Fears, Mr. Scannell advised that we currently have five body art establishments and per our City Code we are allowed to have eight. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 22-103, entitled, [Ord. #19393]

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A BODY ARTS SERVICES BUSINESS AT 116 W. US 24 HIGHWAY, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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

NON-ORDINANCE ACTION ITEMS:

Councilmember Perkins advised that at this time staff and Council have received a letter of withdraw from the applicant, so no action is needed on the item below. Councilmember Perkins also clarified that the applicant will continue to operate under her current business license at this time.

Bill No. 22-818

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHORT-TERM RENTAL FOR 1430 S. MAYWOOD AVENUE, LOCATED AT 1430 S. MAYWOOD AVENUE IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

ORDINANCES:

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Bill No. 22-102, entitled, [Ord. #19394]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW SPARTAN CUSTOM 4-DOOR PUMPER FIRE TRUCKS FROM PRECISION INDUSTRIES INC. FOR \$1,440,876.01 AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.”

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

Mayor Rowland advised provided information regarding the Installation Ceremony for Councilmember Elect, Bridget McCandless. Because the Clerk’s office has not yet received the certified election results from Jackson County, the ceremony is postponed to November 23, 2022.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 22-104, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,599.00 FOR OPERATING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSIT SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023; AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-105, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FY 2021 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM, THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, WHICH ALLOCATES \$57,226.68 TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S USE; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SAME PROJECT.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-106, entitled

“APPROVAL IS RECOMMENDED TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BAYSINGER POLICE SUPPLY, INC. IN THE SUM OF \$80,000.00 FOR NEW PADDED BELT SYSTEMS FOR ALL SWORN OFFICERS.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-107, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 14, OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-108, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR CARGO LARGO REPLAT A, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-109, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM DISTRICT R-12 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR THE PROPERTY AT 9300 E. US 24 HIGHWAY IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 22-110, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY AT 4505 S. LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY IN DISTRICT R-18/PUD (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.”

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was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The City Council is expected to convene in an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers with the closed session taking place in Conference Room A, on Legal Matters, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1), RSMO.
2. The certified results of the November 8, 2022, Special At-Large Councilmember election, from the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners have been received by the City Clerk. (This item will be updated once the election results have been certified, this is a place holder to meet posting requirements)
3. This item has been postponed pending receipt of the Certified Election Results from Jackson County Election Board. Additional information will be provided during the meeting. *[Postponed to 11/23]*
4. Municipal Division monthly case report October 2022
5. The City Clerk's Office is in receipt of the Arrowhead Community Improvement District Annual Report ending June 30, 2022.
6. Purchase order 23000534 for \$124,831.85 was issued to Frazier Oil Company for Substation Fuel Oil for the Power & Light Department.
7. Please Note: In accordance with RSMo 610.021, the City Council may convene in an Executive Session during or after the meeting, in the Council Chambers and move to Conference Room D for the closed meeting, on matters of litigation, legal action, and/or attorney client communications, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1), on matters of personnel, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(3) and personnel records, as permitted by 610.021(13), on matters of contracts, as permitted by 610.021(12), on matters of real estate, as permitted by 610.021(2) and/or matters of labor negotiations, as permitted by 610.021(9).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Fears spoke about the Eastgate Groundbreaking Ceremony and said he is very excited about the progress being made out there. Councilmember Fears stated he had the opportunity to take his family to Circus last weekend at the Independence Events Center.

Councilmember Hobart stated that open enrollment is complete and happy that things went well with the process this year. Councilmember Hobart advised that Council is having a Strategic Planning Session at the Midwest Public Risk building on November 28, 2022, and looks forward to setting some goals. Councilmember Hobart stated that the retiree Christmas lunch is on December 7, 2022, and asked that Council attends.

In response to Councilmember Steinmeyer, City Manager, Zach Walker, stated he will work with the Director of Health to get some information about free or low-cost flu shots to provide to citizens. Councilmember Steinmeyer shared that today is his 41st wedding anniversary and thanked his wife for all her support.

Mayor Rowland shared that on Saturday the Daughters of the American Revolution installed a bench at the ticket location for Harry Truman. The Mayor talked about the lighting of the Square on Friday and stated that was a lot of fun. Mayor Rowland stated that last week the Eastern Jackson County Youth Court graduation took place, and it was great to see this event. Mayor Rowland stated that the Peace Pavilion is a great addition to our community as well and hopes young people are able to visit.

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At 6:35 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., December 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk