



City Council Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Mayor: John McTaggart
Councilmember Chuck Adams Carolyn Caiharr Garrett Mellott
Margaret Shriver Chuck Stites

1. Approve minutes of February 10, 2020

- **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020 as presented
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 4-0-1 with Councilmember Stites abstaining

2. Statement of Bills paid \$235,711.48

- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$235,711.48
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

3. Requests or Comments from the public

- No comments

4. Consider authorizing the extension of the existing service contract with White Lawn and Landscape for mowing services at the Edwardsville Cemetery and City Hall for the 2020 season

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel presented this item, noting that there were no increases being requested to the 2019 unit rates.
- Mr. Daniel noted that this would be the final extension before the job would need to be re-bid. He also pointed out that this contract would also include mowing services for the area around City Hall, including the vacant north parcel. This work was done by White in 2019 as well.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked if the planned new Grounds Maintenance position would lower any of these costs. Mr. Daniel noted that the contracted prices were unit prices and were not guaranteed. The additional position may result in some savings as that individual would be doing work in the Cemetery as well.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve to authorize the extension of the existing contract with White Lawn and Landscape for the 2020 season.
- **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

5. Hear presentation from Wyandotte County Commissioner James Walters

- Some of the items Commissioner Walters updated the Council on included the new ownership of the Kansas City T-Bones and the proposed relocation of the American Royal (which he believes will start construction in the summer). He noted that the Schlitterbahn development is still being worked on and that the park will not be opened over the summer.

- Commissioner Walters provided an update on the juvenile detention facility, which is the result of a series of facility closings.
- Commissioner Walters also provided an update to the Quiet Zone project, emphasizing that the project is largely in the hands of the Union Pacific Railroad, who are continuing their review. City Manager Michael Webb also provided some details on where processes lie on the City's side of this project.
- Councilmember Stites remarked that the new Menards in western Wyandotte County seemed to be a success at this point.
- Councilmember Mellott voiced his appreciation for the UG's commitment to the Quiet Zone project.
- Councilmember Adams requested that these kinds of updates be provided once a quarter and Commissioner Walters noted that this could easily be arranged.
- There was no action required as part of this presentation

6. Hear presentation from Wyandotte Economic Development Council President Greg Kindle

- Mr. Kindle reviewed some of the areas in the county and what kind of challenges and opportunities present themselves in these areas
- Mr. Kindle focused his presentation on the I-70/435 corridor and remarked on Edwardsville's role in these efforts.
- Councilmember Caiharr made the comment that expansion along Riverview Ave. should be done so with respect to the wants and desires of residents, many of whom appreciate the current makeup of the area.
- Mr. Kindle closed his presentation by providing status updates on various projects inside and around Edwardsville and sharing data related to WYEDC's efforts to raise the median household income to match the state level. He also provided demographic information related to Edwardsville's populace.
- Councilmember Adams asked what kind of discussions have been had regarding Riverview Ave expanding over I-435, which Mr. Kindle noted this has not been discussed to this point but he could reach out to KDOT for their thoughts.
- City Manager Michael Webb provided comments related to workforce childcare as an emerging and complicated issue
- There was no action required as part of this presentation

7. Consider Ordinance No. 1028 amending the Code of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas – Chapter 15, Public Ways and Property

8. Consider Mayor McTaggart's appointments to the Cemetery, Parks, and Public Spaces Board

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel presented this item, noting that he would combine his presentations as one item leads into the next.
- Mr. Daniel explained that statutorily, the recommended action would eliminate the Parks & Rec Advisory Board and expand the purview of the Cemetery Board, renaming it the Cemetery, Parks, and Public Spaces (CPPS) Board.
- The membership of both groups has been engaged about this concept and everyone is on board to retain their positions.
- Councilmembers Shriver and Adams, who currently serve as ex officio members to the existing boards, both voiced their support for this transition.
- Mr. Daniel reviewed the appointment schedule for the inaugural membership, which is also detailed in the agenda memo.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to adopt Ord. No. 1028 amending Chapter 15 of the Edwardsville Code of Ordinances
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion

- **Vote:** Motion passed 5-0
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointments to the CPPS Board
- **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Motion passes 5-0

9. Advisory Reports

City Manager: City Manager Michael Webb updated the group regarding improvements to I-435 and Woodend and the Magni project. He also noted recent repairs on the lift station.

Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel that the Chamber of Commerce Banquet would take place this coming Friday and to let him know if you plan on attending. He also reminded the group that 2020 utility rates would go into effect with the February billing. He closed by showing pictures of the recent Parks & Rec improvements to the concession stand.

Police: Chief Mathies made remarks about the recent Police Academy graduation of Officer Richner and the new police dog, Bear.

Fire: Chief Whitham noted that an offer has been made to an incoming Firefighter/Paramedic

Public Works: Mr. Webb updated the group on the search for the new Director.

10. Council and Mayor Comments

Stites: Councilmember Stites thanked the two guest speakers from this evening.

Shriver: Councilmember Shriver thanked the guests and echoed the earlier request to hear a quarterly update from the UG.

Mellott: Councilmember Mellott thanked the guests as well. He also noted he would like to see new street lights along K-32. City Manager Webb noted that an item would be brought to a future council meeting.

Caiharr: Councilmember Caiharr congratulated the CPPS Board appointees and hoped it would lead to increased volunteerism in the City.

Adams: Councilmember Adams asked about a permanent memorial for the fallen officer near the KC Speedway in Kansas City. Commissioner Walters noted he would look into it.

Mayor McTaggart: Mayor McTaggart thanked the guests and hoped they would be back at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.n.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk