



City Council Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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

1. Approve minutes of the September 14, 2020

- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2020 with the addition noted by Councilmember Caiharr regarding her mention of the need to honor September 11th through an official City notice each year.
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0 with Councilmember Adams abstaining

2. Statement of Bills paid \$63,364.77

- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$63,364.77
- **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

3. Requests or Comments from the public

- Robert Duvalt, 36830 State Line Rd., took the podium and addressed his concerns with over-ticketing in Edwardsville
- Margaret Moore, 404 Riverfalls Rd., addressed the Council with her concerns regarding the practice of police questioning of minors. Police Chief Mathies noted he was open to meeting with Mrs. Moore to talk through her concerns.

4. Consider recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission regarding an application to rezone property at 10625/10635 Kaw Dr. and adopt Ordinance No. 1031 finalizing the same – OLD BUSINESS

- City Manager Michael Webb reviewed this item and the discussion which took place at the September 14 meeting.
- Mr. Webb noted that the applicant has made the decision not to move forward with this item and the application has been pulled. The business owners plan on moving forward with a different concept for the site in the future.

5. Consider the following items related to the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas – Ordinance No. 1032 authorizing the issuance and delivery of General Obligation Bonds & Resolution 2020-13 prescribing the form and detail of and authorizing the delivery of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020

- City Manager Michael Webb introduced Clayton Kelly, whose firm Piper-Sandler is acting as the financial advisor to the City in this matter.
- Mr. Kelly summarized the bond sale process, noting that nine banks submitted bids for the project and the winning bid came in at 1.39% and all of the bids came very close to that rate, indicating a strong interest in the project.

- Mr. Kelly indicated that the work of professional staff was a driving factor in obtaining the AA – bond rating, which in turns lead to this favorable bond sale.
- Mr. Webb reviewed the changes in the bond amounts, noting the process of incorporating the premium in the project costs.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1032
- **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0
- Mr. Webb reviewed the transfer of funds process, noting the waiving of the penalty division due to the timing of the deposit.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-13
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
- **Vote:**

6. Consider authorizing the City Manager to initiate a task order with BHC Rhodes for conceptual and preliminary design services for 98th St.

- City Manager Michael Webb noted there has been a focus on 98th St. improvements stemming from the 2021 Budget discussion.
- Due to that interest, BHC Rhodes was engaged for preliminary work related to improvements of the entire 98th St. corridor.
- Mr. Webb noted that BHC has an on-call contract with the City, but for items outside the scope of that agreement a task order is recommended.
- This work would provide preliminary analysis and should cost between \$60,000 - \$70,000.
- Councilmember Stites asked about the focus area of the review, which Mr. Webb noted that it would look at conditions of 98th St. from K-32 to the north City limits.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked how 98th St. ranked in the earlier street analysis, which Mr. Webb noted that this work will help inform the development of a more long-range capital improvement program.
- Councilmember asked if it were possible to review the most recent PACR study, which Mr. Webb noted that this will be presented along with a street capital improvement program at a later date.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the City Manager to initiate the task order with BHC Rhodes
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

7. Hear staff update regarding the 2021 Request for Proposals for Solid Waste and Recycling services

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel provided an overview of the RFP process, noting that four firms had submitted materials for review.
- Staff is continuing to review these items and expects to bring a more detailed summary to the group at their next meeting.
- Mr. Daniel quickly provided as summary of the online community solid waste survey, noting that there seemed to be strong support for the continuation of curbside recycling services as well as a desire to see curbside bulky item pick up added to the service.
- Based on recent discussions, it appears that the mobile home park is more amenable to be added to the municipal service than previously believed.
- Councilmember Adams asked if staff was satisfied with the level of engagement of the survey, which Mr. Daniel noted about 70 respondents submitted answers and that an in-person open house that drew 70 people would likely be considered a success.

8. Advisory Reports

City Manager Michael Webb reviewed the recent COVID-19 testing event, stating that 75 community members took advantage of the site and no one tested positive.

Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reminded the group about the online comments being accepted for the STP projects Edwardsville has submitted. He also noted that the Chamber will host Kansas Department of Commerce staff for a digital lunch and learn later this week. Mr. Daniel closed by promoting the city-wide scavenger hunt, which is gaining in popularity.

Police Chief Mathies noted that the EPD received a JAG grant and is in the process of processing the associated paperwork. He also reviewed some of the recent IT challenges facing the City.

9. City Council and Mayor Comments

Stites: Councilmember Stites noted that speeding on 98th St. is an issue. He also had questions regarding the City's Prosecutor and the nature of her employment with the City.

Caiharr: Councilmember Caiharr noted that after Commissioner Burroughs appeared at the last meeting Harvesters Food contacted Councilmember Caiharr about a possible future event. She thanked Commissioner Burroughs for his assistance. She thanked staff for seeking more concrete answers from the Health Department but voiced concerns about some of the responses that were offered. She noted hospitalization rates may be a better metric to gauge the effects of COVID-19 in the community. She also asked if there was a possibility that bulky items could be swapped out for contractor bags in the upcoming curbside pickup event. She closed by asking about plans for trunk'r'treat, which Assistant City Manager Zac Daniel noted that staff is reviewing different concepts and if there are ideas that the Council has to please submit them to staff so they can be incorporated.

Adams: Councilmember Adams asked about right-of-way work in the north portion of town, which Mr. Webb confirmed was related to utility relocation.

McTaggart: Mayor McTaggart provided some additional details regarding the COVID-19 community update calls he participates in.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk