



# City Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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

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*This meeting was held remotely, with some staff inside the City Council Chambers, using the GoToMeeting software*

1. **Approve minutes of January 11, 2021**
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021 as presented
  - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
2. **Statement of Bills paid \$231,929.77**
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$231,292.77
  - **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
3. **Requests or Comments from the public**
  - Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel read a public comment Bruce Hollenbeck, 9664 Crestwood Dr., requesting that staff and council reconsider the recent closure of the section of Steele Rd. near his property
4. **Consider the 2020 Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report**
  - Police Chief Mark Mathies provided this report, recapping activity in this fund over the past year.
  - No action was required for this informational item.
5. **Consider Mayor McTaggart's appointments to the Cemetery, Parks, and Public Spaces Board**
  - Mr. Daniel noted the two applicants up for appointment: Troy Thompson and Thurman Gardner
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve Mayor McTaggart's appointments to the CPPS Board
  - **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
6. **Hear presentation related to the Wyandotte County Library**
  - City Manager Michael Webb introduced the guest speakers: Carol Levers, Director of the KCK Public Libraries, as well as Sen. Pat Pettey who serves on the Library Board.
  - Se. Pettey reviewed the funding mechanism for the Library as well as the structure of the Library. She noted Edwardsville was within the PET (Piper, Edwardsville, Turner) District.

- Sen. Pettey presented 2018 Budget information, which provided a high-level breakdown of the distribution of funds within the individual Library districts. She also provided background on the reorganization of the Library in the late 1990s.
- Mr. Webb provided additional context to the budget information provided.
- Ms. Levers provided budget information, including the individual homeowner impact in each district.
- There was some discussion on the different library sites and mobile services.
- Ms. Levers reviewed usage data, which Councilmember Adams had inquired about previously.
- Councilmember Caiharr noted that Turner appeared to be receiving more services from the Library than Edwardsville residents, despite the fact that they pay the same in property taxes. Ms. Levers noted that the Turner Library was organized differently than the other sites and that Turner actually owned the facilities.
- Checkout activity was reviewed in light of COVID-19 closures.
- There was some discussion on the relationship between the Bonner Springs Library and the Edwardsville library mill.
- Councilmember Caiharr noted that there may be an equity issue if Edwardsville residents are paying the same mill rate despite not having Library facilities inside its City.
- Sen. Pettey reviewed some of the options Edwardsville may have in terms of facility provision to increase usage and benefit to residents.
- Councilmember Adams asked if there were outlines as to what would constitute an acceptable space if the City wanted to develop a library site, which Sen. Pettey said there were not specific guidelines but that models existed.
- Mr. Webb provided additional information about the Bonner Springs library mill levy, which was 4.713 in 2020. He also discussed the approximate value of a mill in Edwardsville, noting that it generates around \$470,000 for the WyCo Library system.
- Councilmember Caiharr requested that the presentation be provided to Council for further review.
- There was no official action taken at this time.

**7. Consider Ordinance No. 1037 regarding eminent domain proceedings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Quiet Zone Project**

- City Manager Michael Webb reviewed this item and the timetable the project is currently under.
- He noted the property at 111 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. was the lone address that had not committed to terms in a formal document. He also noted that repaving the property's parking lot was discussed.
- Mr. Webb noted the bid for the project would likely be put out by the County in February.
- Mr. Webb reviewed the appraisal process used in eminent domain proceedings.
- Councilmember Stites had questions about the current condition of the parking lot at 111 S. 4<sup>th</sup> as well as the overall value of repaving the area.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked if property owners were notified of tonight's meeting, which Mr. Webb noted they were aware that the City would be taking this step as the deadline is approaching.
- Mr. Webb noted it was the City's intent to reach a final agreement without eminent domain, but the timing of the project necessitates this action at this time.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to adopt Ord. No. 1037
- **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

**8. Consider Authority to Award a Contract through the Kansas Department of Transportation to King's Construction Company, Inc. and commitment of City funds for the Riverview Crossroads project**

- City Manager Michael Webb reviewed this item
- Mr. Webb noted that the bid amounts came in lower than original estimates, likely due to changes in unit costs within the bid documents.
- Mr. Webb noted that King's Construction previously worked with the City on the Kansas Ave. project and that staff recommended using them again. He closed by reviewing the estimated timeline for the project.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked if this was the same company where reseeding was an issue with the Kansas Ave. project. Mr. Webb noted that these issues were largely related to the lack of maintenance bonds for KDOT projects. In that case, a lack of warranty bond caused some issues related to reseeding. Overall, though, he was satisfied with King's work on that project.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked if it was too late to remove the sidewalk requirement on both sides of the road. Mr. Webb noted it was likely too late to readdress this particular item.
- Mayor McTaggart noted that the bid had already been accepted and didn't advise pushing this issue.
- Councilmember Adams also noted that walking trails and sidewalks help improve the MARC scoring for projects.
- Councilmember requested that sidewalk maintenance ordinances be addressed at a later Council meeting.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the award of contract to King's Construction for the Riverview Crossroads Project.
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

**9. Hear presentation related to the Long-Range Street Maintenance Plan**

- City Manager Michael Webb presented this information and stated the purpose of the plan for maintenance and capital improvement.
- Mr. Webb reviewed the road classification system utilized to designate roads and streets.
- There was a review of the classification system and how its applied to Edwardsville streets. There was some discussion about a possibility of reclassification of 98<sup>th</sup> St. and 102<sup>nd</sup> St. in the future.
- Road rating systems were reviewed, which led to a review of the current ratings on certain City streets.
- Design standards and methods of maintenance were then discussed.
- Funding sources for street projects were reviewed, including the General Fund, Special Street Fund, Special Sales Tax Fund, Debt, and other special fees and districts.
- Mr. Webb reviewed the Debt program as it related to street projects. He also outlined a maintenance plan and possible costs associated with them were they to be initiated.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked if 98<sup>th</sup> St. received final funding approval from the KDOT process, which Mr. Webb confirmed.
- No action was required on this item at this time.

**10. Advisory Reports**

City Manager Michael Webb noted W-2's were ready for the City Council to pickup. He also updated the group on recent Planning Commission activity. He also provided updates to the community signage project. Mr. Webb closed by noting there may be changes to the Council agenda structure at future meetings.

Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed activity of the CPPS Board, noting that monument restoration would be discussed at their upcoming meeting.

Chief Mathies noted that the drone program would begin in 2021.

Chief Whitham provided details about the memorial service for Jason Taylor and reviewed controlled burning schedules.

Public Works Director Dusty Zenger provided additional comments and insight into the street maintenance project.

## **11. Council and Mayor Comments**

Councilmember Adams asked that staff continue to review and recommend action related to the Steele Rd. closure and the concerns of Mr. Hollenbeck.

Councilmember Caiharr was happy to hear about short- and long-term maintenance plans for the Cemetery. She was also looking forward to hearing more about the Community Service Volunteer program at a future meeting. She closed by noting she was pleased to have a plan in place related to street maintenance. Finally, she expressed her concerns about the service levels of the Library for Edwardsville residents.

Councilmember Mellott was appreciative of the Library presentation and noted he would likely have more questions once he reviewed their material.

Councilmember Shriver emphasized the need for the street maintenance plan. She brought up the idea of additional signage for public announcements. She also noted she would have additional questions stemming from the Library presentation.

Mayor McTaggart provided additional comments regarding the Library presentation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.  
Zachary Daniel  
City Clerk