



# City Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

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

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*Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Mayor McTaggart noted that a previously noticed public hearing would not take place regarding the Magni project in the Industrial Park. The meeting will be re-noticed and scheduled for a later date.*

*He also noted that Office Administrator Heather Jones would be filling in for clerk duties as the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Zack Daniel is out sick.*

**1. Approve minutes of January 13, 2020**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020 as presented
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

**2. Statement of Bills paid \$205,540.58**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$205,540.58
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver Seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

*Prior to Public Comments, Mayor McTaggart read a proclamation naming January 26 through February 1 as School Choice Week in Edwardsville*

**3. Requests or Comments from the public**

- Jeff Boddy, 1205 S. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., took the podium to raise concerns with the property tax levels in the City. Mr. Boddy compared the total property tax mill of Edwardsville to other communities, both in and outside of Wyandotte County. He also complained that certain information about police vehicles was not tracked and thus could not be provided through a KORA request.

**4. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with McCord Appraisals for Right-of-Way and Easement valuations for the Riverview Crossroads Project**

**5. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tim Orrick, Orrick and Erskine, for Right-of-Way acquisition services**

- City Manager Michael Webb reviewed these items, noting he would discuss both at this time, but that they would require separate actions.
- Both projects are involved with the Riverview Crossroads project.
- Mr. Webb reviewed the appraisal process that would be used, detailing the different reports that would be generated to help determine property values.
- There was some discussion on the different types of the reports that would be applied based on the parcel being reviewed.

- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with McCord Appraisals
  - **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
  - Mr. Webb then reviewed the legal process involved with the acquisition of ROW, detailing the process and the parties involved. He also noted that this firm has provided service for the City in the past.
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tim Orrick
  - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
6. **Consider Ordinance No. 1027 amending the Code of the City of Edwardsville, Kansas, Chapter 13 - Utilities**
- City Manager Michael Webb reviewed this item, noting that with the transition to the use of a collection agency for delinquent utility bills, the contracted partner recommends a minor change to the code language specifically noting the possible use of third-party collection agencies. He also noted that the City would continue to use special assessments when necessary.
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to adopt Ord. No. 1027
  - **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
7. **Consider the 2019 Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report**
- Police Chief Mathies reviewed this item, noting that this is a mandated action on the part of the agency.
  - Councilmember Adams asked for a reminder on what the fund was involved in, which Chief Mathies clarified its sources (seized property that is sold) and uses (typically equipment).
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to accept the 2019 LEO Trust Fund Report
  - **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
8. **Consider a motion to recess into Executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship.**
- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to recess into executive session for the stated reasons with the regular session to resume at 7:45.
  - **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** 5-0
  - After the stated period, the Council returned to the City Council chambers
  - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to return to regular session
  - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
  - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
  - No action was taken as a result of the executive session
9. **Advisory Reports**
- City Manager:** City Manager Michael Webb noted that the group has the 2020 Budget narrative at their seats and it is now available online. He also updated the group on the search for a new Public Works Director.

## 10. Council and Mayor Comments

**Stites:** Councilmember Stites noted that he has heard several resident comments about gunshots in the City's north end, specifically over the past weekend. He also commented that he appreciates the statement of bills paid only being provided online in order to save paper.

**Shriver:** Councilmember Shriver thanked Heather Jones for taking part in the meeting.

**Mellott:** Councilmember Mellott asked if there was any update on the Hard Rock project, which Mr. Webb noted that weather has been a factor but they have been approved for a road closure. Councilmember Mellott noted that an update should be provided in the *Hotshot*.

**Caiharr:** Councilmember Caiharr asked if there was an update on amending the City Codes related to maintaining public infrastructure (specifically involving the Riverview Crossroads plans). Mr. Webb reviewed that process.

**Adams:** Councilmember Adams asked if the City was handling the mowing on Kansas Ave. Mr. Webb stated he believed the City crews handle the intersections at Kansas & 98<sup>th</sup>, but that residents have been taking care of the ROW along the street. Councilmember Adams also asked for an update on the grading of the north City property. Mr. Webb confirmed that some grading and re-seeding would need to be done but weather is holding up that prospect. Councilmember Adams closed by requesting that the Wyandotte County elected officials provide an update to the City Council on a regular basis. Mr. Webb stated he would look into this request and pass it on to the proper figures at the County. Mayor McTaggart noted that Edwardsville and Bonner Springs officials have both spoke to Kansas City Mayor Alvey regarding a similar request.

**Mayor McTaggart:** Mayor McTaggart noted there would be an open house on Feb. 8 with Kansas State Senator Kevin Braun.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.n.  
Zachary Daniel\*  
City Clerk

*\*Minutes prepared by Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Zack Daniel but the meeting was staffed by Office Administrator Heather Jones, acting as City Clerk*