



City Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

1. **Consider approval of consent agenda items**
 - a) **Approve minutes of May 24, 2021**
 - b) **Statement of bills paid in the amount of \$443,878.48**
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the consent agenda items.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
2. **Requests or Comments from the public**
 - Merle Bland, representing Business West, took the podium and requested that City Councilmembers continue to keep property tax rates low. He thanked the Council for their actions lowering the mill levy the past few years.
 - Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel read a public comment sent in via e-mail by Connie Henry of 1123 S. 102nd Terrace. Ms. Henry noted she appreciated the work done to clean up the center planter at the Cemetery, but took issue with the removal of vegetation from the southernmost planter. She also pointed out maintenance issues related to growth along the fence line and dead trees at the site. Mr. Daniel noted he had spoken to Ms. Henry earlier that day about her concerns. Mr. Daniel then provided updates on various Cemetery projects currently ongoing.
3. **Consider recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission related to a replat of 10326 Richland Ave./340 S. 103rd St./316 S. 102nd St. (2021-01-FPT)**
 - City Planner Bradley Hocevar reviewed this item and provided a summary of the Planning Commission review and public hearing process.
 - Mr. Hocevar noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application with the conditions that public road access would need to be established as part of the issuance of any building permit for the 103rd St. address, typographical errors be corrected, and all other standard conditions related to submittal and review be met.
 - Mr. Hocevar noted a correction the applicant needed to make related to surveying, which was done prior to this meeting.
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the replat with the staff conditions.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes, 6-0 with Mayor McTaggart voting.
4. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hall Brothers INC. for the 2021 Surface Seal Project**

- Public Works Director Dusty Zenger reviewed this item, noting it is part of the 6-year maintenance program which was discussed with the City Council at an earlier meeting.
- Mr. Zenger stated he has done similar projects in other communities and felt like this would have success in Edwardsville.
- Only one vendor submitted a bid for review, Hall Brothers INC., at a unit cost of \$1.73 per square yard. This was less than the preliminary staff estimate of \$2.00 a square yard.
- Councilmember Stites asked why we would only receive one bid, which Mr. Zenger noted it is a specialized product/process. Mr. Zenger then provided some context to the mastic seal process.
- Councilmember Stites asked if the materials would be bought locally, which the applicant (Rob Rowdybush of Marysville, KS) responded that materials would be sourced from their usual partners. He noted that commuters should be able to access the road within an hour of application.
- Mr. Zenger stated that these roads were previously crack sealed, which is a good start for this particular project.
- Mr. Zenger noted that striping will need to follow the application.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hall Brothers INC. for this project at a not-to-exceed cost of \$125,000
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Passes, 5-0

5. Consider Resolution 2021-08 substituting projects authorized by 2020 General Obligation Bonds

- City Manager Michael Webb presented this item, reviewing the group's previous actions related to the 2020 GO Bonds
- Mr. Webb noted that the City received \$3M in federal funding for the Riverview Crossroads project with a matching requirement of \$750,000.
- After additional work on the Riverview Crossroads project, it appears that there will be excess funds eligible for reallocation to a different GO Bond project. Staff recommendation at this time is to reallocate \$1,250,000 to the 98th St. improvement project.
- Mr. Webb noted a future bond sale will be needed to scheduled for the 98th St. project.
- The City's bond counsel Tyler Ellsworth of Kutak Rock provided additional details on the reallocation process.
- Councilmember Adams asked about the possibility of reallocating the funds for the public safety facility project. Mr. Ellsworth responded that it would be possible to use those funds for a public safety facility. Councilmember Adams noted his preference for this project.
- Mr. Webb noted that staff could rework the recommendation based on Councilmember Adams' comments if there were no other remarks.
- No action was taken on this item. Council gave a general consensus to bring the item back per the discussion.

6. Consider Ordinance No. 1042 regarding updates to the City's alcohol sales regulations

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed this item, noting that the state recently changed certain regulations related to Sunday sales of alcohol and CMB.

- Council previously gave direction to develop an ordinance which brought the City's regulations in conformance with the state laws.
- The ordinance is structured to mirror state language, allowing Sunday sales for to take place between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Monday-Sunday, for alcohol and 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. every Sunday for CMB.
- Certain other dates previously excluded (certain Sundays and holidays) have not been changed with this ordinance and those exclusions remain.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1042.
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Passes, 5-0

7. Hear budget presentation regarding development of the 2022 Annual Budget focusing on preliminary revenue projections

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel presented this item.
- Mr. Daniel reviewed the major revenue areas for the General Fund, noting that there are no major concerns at this point in the year. In fact, many revenue items are performing better than anticipated due to how conservative estimates were during initial budget adoption because of the ongoing pandemic conditions.
- Estimates at this point currently point to total revenues outperforming budgeted figures by about \$150,000.
- While revenues continue to come in strong, departments have done a good job with cost control so far, coming in about 1.2% lower than where they typically are at this point in the year. Assuming a slight increase in expenditures by the end of the year, the General Fund balance will be approximately \$805,443.
- Mr. Daniel noted that a fund balance reduction from the previous year was anticipated during the FY21 budget adoption process, largely due to the lowering of the mill levy for this budget year.
- Mr. Daniel noted that Wyandotte County had sent over preliminary valuation estimates late in the day, which currently show about an 8-9% increase in previous years. This will affect the new revenue neutral rate process stipulated by the state. Mr. Daniel then reviewed the budget development calendar for the next few meetings.
- There was no action to take related to this item

8. City Manager Report

- City Manager Michael Webb noted other concerns staff has with the state mandated revenue neutral rate, which does not take into consideration properties coming off IRBs.
- Mr. Webb noted that the Fastenal lot has been paved per previous Council direction and City requirements.
- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel provided more updates on the upcoming COVID-19 vaccination event taking place June 26 at the Community Center.

9. Council and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Adams asked about the new health director, which was noted in the City Manager's report out of EFD/EMS. Deputy Chief Ben Morrow provided additional details on the increased work product and reduced cost this action entails. Councilmember Adams also noted the EPD memo included in the packet was well-stated and stated his support for the items identified (compensation adjustments and updated, adequate facilities for public safety). Police Chief Mathies added additional comments on this topic.

Councilmember Caiharr asked about the e-waste disposal going on, which Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel responded to with additional details. Councilmember Caiharr thanked public safety department staff for their input on work and compensation concerns and looks forward to reviewing these items during budget development. Councilmember Caiharr asked that the details related to the street projects that were discussed be shared with the public.

Councilmember Mellott voiced his support for public safety staff and his desire to see them compensated fairly.

Councilmember Stites asked if there was an update on the joint meeting between Edwardsville, Bonner Springs, and Wyandotte County, which Mayor McTaggart stated he will be discussing it at a meeting this Friday.

Mayor McTaggart expressed his appreciation for the public safety staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk