



City Council Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2020
7:05 p.m.

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

1. **Approve minutes of the June 13, 2020 City Council meeting**
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve the minutes from June 13, 2020
 - **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 4-0

2. **Statement of Bills paid \$159,907.39**
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$159,907.39
 - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 4-0

3. **Requests or Comments from the public**
 - Merle Bland, representing Business West, took the podium and stressed that the City Council hold the mill levy steady for the upcoming budget. He also thanked the Council for consistently lowering the mill levy incrementally over the last number of years.
 - Margaret Moore, 404 Apt. D Riverfalls Rd., addressed the Council and requested that they consider the addition of a drone program for EPD. She reviewed a recent runaway child case in which a drone may have been useful. She even suggested a crowd-funding initiative for the effort, which she volunteered to contribute. City Manager Michael Webb noted that there have been department discussions about a possible program and EPD confirmed they have priced out available options. Ms. Moore closed by thanking Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel for his responsiveness in her recent requests regarding the dispatch phone at EPD.

4. **Consider a motion to recess into Executive Session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel regarding information which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship related to the Village South at Edwardsville project**
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to recess into executive session with the regular session to resume at 7:35.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 4-0
 - *Executive Session*
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to return to regular session
 - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 4-0
 - No action was taken as a result of this executive session

5. Consider bids for janitorial services in City facilities

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed this item, noting the staff recommended the low bidder City-Wide Maintenance. Mr. Daniel summarized the RFP process in light of the delays caused by public health shut-downs earlier in the year. The low bidder is essentially flat from current expenditure levels and may actually decrease depending on the use of some facilities.
- There was some discussion on the cleaning responsibilities of the renters at the Edwardsville Community Center
- Councilmember Stites had some questions regarding the cleaning of the Public Works facility, which Mr. Daniel replied the cost were a base price. He also noted that the facility is used by EPD as well
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to accept the staff recommendation and award the janitorial contract to City-Wide Maintenance
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 4-0

6. Advisory Reports

City Manager Michael Webb provided updates on various projects, including the CARES Act funding requests and Riverview Crossroads. He also reviewed the timeline for discussion on future bond authorizations.

Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel let the Council know about the photo contest for the budget cover photo and thanked Deputy Fire Chief Ben Morrow for his role in consolidating the City's departmental requests during the CARES application process.

Police Chief Mathies noted the annual departmental meeting is coming up this week and he reviewed other recent departmental activity.

Fire Chief Tim Whitham updated the Council on departmental staffing. He also thanked Assistant City Manager Daniel for assisting with the CARES act requests.

7. City Council and Mayor Comments

Caiharr: Councilmember Caiharr asked about CARES Act funding as it related to internet provision. Mr. Webb noted that there were several areas in the City's funding requests related to this item, both in supporting the work of the broadband taskforce as well as development of a potential "learning lab" for public computer use. There was additional discussion on the timeline for the CARES applications. Councilmember Caiharr also requested that public safety updates be shared with community social media groups so people are kept up to date. Councilmember Caiharr closed with updates on COVID-19 numbers.

Mellott: Councilmember Mellott asked that the Council and staff not lose sight of potential development of the Towne Center project.

Shriver: Councilmember Shriver thanked Margaret Moore for her compliments on City Departments. She also asked about the EPD's response to the case Ms. Moore cited. There was also discussion on the timeline for the City's solid waste contract.

Stites: Councilmember Stites asked for updated on a culvert repair on Riverview. Public Works Director Dustin Zenger provided a timeline and reviewed the total scope of the

project. Councilmember Stites noted the Bonner Springs entrance sign as a possible model for future Edwardsville signage, which led some discussion about a potential sign placement. Councilmember Stites closed with requests regarding speeding along 98th St. and court-ordered community service.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.
Zachary Daniel
City Clerk