



City Council Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Mayor: Carolyn Caiharr
Councilmember Chuck Adams (*not present*) Mark Bishop Garrett Mellott
Greg Scott Margaret Shriver

1. **Consider approval of consent agenda items**
 - a) **Approve minutes of October 10, 2022**
 - b) **Statement of bills paid in the amount of \$427,187.37**
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve the consent agenda items.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes, 4-0
2. **Requests or Comments from the public**
 - No comments were heard.
3. **Hear presentation Wyandotte County District Attorney Mark Dupree**
 - Mark Dupree, Wyandotte County DA, took the podium and provided the City Council with a packet of information related to work his office has done over the last few years.
 - DA Dupree highlighted the expungement program that his office initiated and recapped the participation metrics to date. He also noted the types of offenses that would not be eligible for expungement.
 - Mayor Caiharr asked about protection of victim's rights if serial offenders are allowed back on the streets. DA Dupree reviewed his office's victim advocacy outreach procedures.
 - There were additional comments about drugs in the community and the other charges that drug problems lead to. Mayor Caiharr expressed her desire to take drug charges seriously to avoid further victimization.
 - City Manager Michael Webb and Police Chief Mark Mathies reviewed case data out of Edwardsville and the role the DA's office has had in them in the recent past.
 - Councilmember Shriver asked about how many of the offenders in Edwardsville actually live in Edwardsville. Chief Mathies did not have that information readily available, but noted that traffic stops of out-of-towners are prevalent.
 - No action was requested as part of this update item.
4. **City Manager Report**
 - Mr. Webb provided an update on recent paving projects along Swartz and at the Cemetery.
 - There was discussion about Transportation Alternative Programming dollars which may become available in Edwardsville via federal grant awards. This would involve sidewalks along 4th and Blake Streets, providing greater connectivity of the City's trail/sidewalk system.
 - City Attorney Lisa Dehon provided additional context on the expungement process in Kansas.

5. Council and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Mellott noted the response from the State regarding concerns over K-32 maintenance. There was some discussion on the contents of this letter. He also asked for an update on the facilities planning RFQ process, which Mr. Webb noted that committee will be holding interviews with firms after first reviewing the RFQ responses. He asked if there was any update on the Quiet Zone, which Mr. Webb noted he had not received any new updates on that project. Councilmember Mellott also asked if there would be an update provided to the Council regarding different right-of-way issues.

Councilmember Bishop asked about the abatement process for a building along Kaw Dr. Mr. Webb reviewed the interaction his office has had with the property owner. He also encouraged the Council to engage with LKM on training, recapping his recent positive experience with budgeting training. He closed by encouraging people to vote in the upcoming election.

Councilmember Scott welcomed the new Public Works Director C.E. Goodall. He echoed earlier statements regarding the Quiet Zone project. He expressed his appreciation that the DA made time for this evening's presentation. He asked about EPD's interaction with local students to spread awareness of dangerous issues like drugs.

Councilmember Shriver welcomed the new Public Works Director. She appreciated the DA presentation and was concerned about some of the information he shared regarding drug use. She thanked Ms. Dehon on the additional information on expungement process. She asked about the CHC worker. Mr. Daniel noted that the worker has only had office hours for the last week, but she would be doing canvassing in the area to seek out clients in need.

Mayor Caiharr updated the group on a \$2,500 grant from Fastenal through the BK5K fund. She noted that a recent Unified Government meeting revealed that Edwardsville would not be awarded any of the funding for requested projects using ARPA funds. She requested that the Council and public reach out to their Commissioners to urge them to reconsider and include western Wyandotte County in their awards.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk