

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

August 23, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk’s office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk’s office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(125-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(122-05)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(122-05)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(107-20)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(124-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(118-09)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(122-05)
	Councilmember Kent O’Dell	(115-12)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(111-16)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, Police Chief Chris Connally, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Interim Fire Chief Kenny Cordonnier, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Detective Division Commander Eric Protzman; Airport Manager Abe Forney, Asst. City Attorney Ted Elo, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling, City Clerk Paula Heyde and Deputy City Clerk Rita K. Domini.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Mayor McMurray voted first.

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MINUTES:

46398 By general consent, the minutes of the special meeting held August 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and the regular meeting held August 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

46399 Proclamation – St. Joseph Mustangs Day.

46400 Special presentation – Check in the amount of \$10,000 from the Schmidt Foundation to be used for development of a new disc golf course.

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- 46401 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember O'Dell that the Agenda be accepted as published with the addition of one resolution for adoption (Bill #1281-18) and one bill for first reading (Bill #1282-18) being placed on the Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY TAX LEVY:

- 46402 The City Council held a public hearing on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on the proposed City tax levy to produce revenues for the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021. The proposed tax rates have been developed pursuant to the provision of Missouri Revised Statutes, Sec. 137.073, and the Missouri Constitution Article X, Sec. 22.

Assessed Valuations for tax year:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Real Estate	\$ 748,402,300	\$ 750,278,370
Personal Property	286,926,536	306,381,941
State Assessed		
Railroad & Utilities	<u>46,784,481</u>	<u>49,682,201</u>
Total	\$1,082,113,317	\$1,106,342,512

Fund:	<u>Proposed Tax Rates for Tax Year 2021 - per \$100</u>	<u>Estimated 2021 Tax Billing</u>
General Fund & Public Safety	\$.6700	\$ 7,412,495
Parks & Recreation	.2000	2,212,685
Public Health	.2269	2,510,291
Museum	<u>.0500</u>	<u>553,171</u>
Total	\$1.1469	\$12,688,642
Special Purpose General Obligation Bonds		
Road & Bridge	<u>\$.1210</u>	<u>\$ 1,338,674</u>
Total Levy	\$1.2679	\$14,027,316

Residents were given an opportunity at this time to comment on the proposed tax levy.

- 46403 There being no persons appearing to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RECONSIDERATION OF THE DENIAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

- 46404 The City Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, held a public hearing on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on an ordinance (Bill #1262-18) to reconsider the denial of a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a telecommunications tower at 3802 Karnes Road, as requested by Glen Klocke on behalf of Network Real Estate LLC.

Residents were given an opportunity at this time to comment on the proposed bill.

See under "NOTES" for comments from those appearing to be heard.

- 46405 There being no further persons appearing to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

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MOTIONS RE: RECONSIDERATION OF THE DENIAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

- 46406 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Myers to direct staff to draft a finding stating that the design of the wireless communications facilities, including ground layout, does not maximally reduce visual degradation and otherwise complies with the regulations and intent of the telecommunications towers and facilities article of Chapter 31. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9. (In re: Bill #1262-18.)
- 46407 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember O'Dell to direct staff to draft a finding stating that the design does not meet all of the following criteria: (1) it is visually compatible with the area, (2) it will not distract from the view of the surrounding area, (3) it is maximally concealed or blended in with the environment and will not adversely affect property values. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9. (In re: Bill #1262-18.)
- 46408 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Kovac to direct staff to draft a finding stating that the conditional use will be inconsistent or adversely affect the regular permitted uses in the district in which the facilities are located. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9. (In re: Bill #1262-18.)
- 46409 It was moved by Councilmember Blessing and seconded by Councilmember Novak to direct staff to draft a finding stating that the proposal does not fully comply with applicable law including the general requirements in the Code of Ordinances; provided that an exception to the general requirements, other than building or safety code compliance, may be approved upon evidence that compliance is not feasible or is shown to be unreasonable under the specific circumstances. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9. (In re: Bill #1262-18.)
- 46410 It was moved by Councilmember O'Dell and seconded by Councilmember Roach that the three proposed designs (flagpole, mono-pine, and flush-mounted tower) do not meet the City's definition of "disguised support structure" in City Code Section 31-301(5) and therefore do not qualify as a disguised support structure. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9. (In re: Bill #1262-18.)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 46411 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Roach that Agenda Numbers 46412 through 46436 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.

Nominations and Appointments:

- 46412 Filed 8/6/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing John Spencer, 4805 Corinth Drive, as a member of the Land Bank Board for a term expiring August 26, 2025; he is being reappointed.
- 46413 Filed 8/6/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing David E. Jordan, 2105 Chambers Avenue, as a member of the Library Board for a term expiring June 30, 2022; he is replacing Hannah Gavin who has resigned.
- 46414 Filed 8/6/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Matthew J. Robertson, 4810 Aegean Terrace, as a member of the Tax Increment Financing Commission for a term expiring August 23, 2025; he is replacing Brandon Tritten whose term expired August 15, 2021.

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- 46415 Filed 8/9/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Joseph Houts, 1301 N. 25th Terrace, as a member of the Tax Increment Financing Commission for a term expiring August 15, 2022; he is filling a vacancy on the Commission.
- 46416 Filed 8/10/21: The nomination by Councilmember Myers was approved, appointing Lonnie Bass, 3713 Robin Lane, as a member of the Downtown Review Board for a term expiring August 31, 2024; he is being reappointed.
- 46417 Filed 8/11/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Joyce A. Starr, 1604 S. 22nd Street, as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term expiring October 8, 2024; she is replacing Rusty Summers, whose term will expire October 8, 2021.
- 46418 Filed 8/12/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Rev. David Mason, 2901 Mitchell Avenue, as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term expiring October 8, 2024; he is being reappointed.
- 46419 Filed 8/12/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Brett Hausman, 2702 Lovers Lane, as a member of the Tax Increment Financing Commission for a term expiring August 23, 2025; he is replacing Phillip Vaughn whose term expired August 15, 2021.
- 46420 Filed 8/12/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Houston Roberts, 3002 Frederick Avenue, as a member of the Planning Commission for a term expiring August 4, 2024; he is filling a vacancy on the Commission.
- 46421 Filed 8/16/21: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Kristina Hannon, 4606 Badger Street, as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term expiring October 8, 2024; she is replacing Bridget Supple whose term expires on October 8, 2021.

Bills for Passage:

- 46422 (G.O. 2998) A Bill (#1245-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers amending Chapter 4, "Alcoholic Beverages" of the Code of Ordinances to add a new Section 4-106 titled "Sale of retailer packaged alcoholic beverages in containers for off-premises consumption" to allow for the sale of packaged liquor to customers for off-premises consumption, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46423 (G.O. 2999) A Bill (#1250-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1590 "Parking prohibited at any time" of Chapter 28 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking on both sides of Sixth Street from Madison Street north to Broadway Street, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46424 (G.O. 3000) A Bill (#1251-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1592 of Chapter 28 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Parking time limits on certain streets" to provide for two-hour parking from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM along the north side of Jules Street between the alley west of Third Street to Third Street, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46425 (S.O. 9964) A Bill (#1236-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the acceptance of a Deed of Gift from St. Joseph Missouri 1, LLC, for public sanitary sewer infrastructure, located at Field Pointe Senior Living by Americare at 5002 Gene Field Road, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

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- 46426 (S.O. 9965) A Bill (#1252-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Lease and Operations Agreement with Express Flight, Inc.; an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$175,000.00 to provide installation of a new hangar door at the FBO facility at Rosecrans Memorial Airport; and an amendment to the Aviation Fund budget in the amount of \$7,500.00 to recognize additional lease revenue, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46427 (S.O. 9966) A Bill (#1235-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Doniphan County Rural Fire District No. 4 in the amount of \$21,000.00 for the purpose of leasing fire equipment to the district and an amendment to the Fire Department budget in the General Fund to recognize the first annual payment in the amount of \$6,000.00, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46428 (S.O. 9967) A Bill (#1246-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Fund budget and the acceptance of a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$4,722.45 to be used to inventory and archive historic preservation materials, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46429 (S.O. 9968) A Bill (#1256-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers providing for the rate of taxation and the levy and collection of taxes for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46430 (S.O. 9969) A Bill (#1257-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers levying a special assessment for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, for the Park District, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46431 (S.O. 9970) A Bill (#1258-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Public Health Department budget in the General Fund to roll over unspent funds in the amount of \$268,230.89 from a variety of grants and contracts, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

- 46432 (Resolution No. 46432 – 4800) A Resolution (#1264-18) authorizing the purchase of one 2022 Ford F250 HD three quarter ton 4WD truck from Anderson Ford for the amount of \$29,036.52 to be used by the Animal Control and Rescue Division, was read and adopted.
- 46433 (Resolution No. 46433 – 4801) A Resolution (#1265-18) authorizing payment of retention incentive wages to eligible employees in the Police Department, was read and adopted.
- 46434 (Resolution No. 46434 – 4802) A Resolution (#1273-18) authorizing the execution of a contract to provide a Save Our Heritage Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Teresa Moore for the purpose of rehabilitating the structure located at 515 North 5th Street, was read and adopted.
- 46435 (Resolution No. 46435 – 4803) A Resolution (#1276-18) affirming authorization of the filing of an application for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$35,127.00 to be used to purchase equipment for the St. Joseph Police and Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, was read and adopted.

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46436 (Resolution No. 46436 – 4804) A Resolution (#1278-18) authorizing execution of a Lump Sum Contract with Roberts Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$169,700.00 for the Missouri Theater Low Roof Replacement Project, was read and adopted.

***** END OF CONSENT AGENDA *****

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

46437 (S.O. 9971) A Bill (#1255-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing execution of a three-year Programming and Use Agreement with Missouri Western State University for public and City of St. Joseph use of the Thomas Eagleton Indoor Pool in exchange for the City’s payment of a portion of the operating costs for said pool not to exceed \$40,000.00 in a single year, having been read the first time on August 9, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--8. Nay, Roach--1.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

46438 (Resolution No. 46438 – 4805) A Resolution (#1279-18) authorizing a three-year Conditional Sale Agreement, subject to annual appropriation, with Western Equipment Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$755.53 per month for one 96-inch rotary mower for Fairview Golf Course and a Payment and Sale Agreement requiring Fairview Golf Course to make a final lump-sum payment to satisfy the payment requirements of the Conditional Sale Agreement, was read and adopted. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.

46439 (Resolution No. 46439 – 4806) A Resolution (#1281-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers authorizing the purchase of 350 Microsoft O365 E3 GCC (G3) subscriptions, 350 Microsoft O365 Sharepoint Plan 1 GCC subscriptions from Computer Discount Warehouse – Government (CDW-G) for the amount of \$96,351.50, was read and adopted. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

46440 A Bill (#1262-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell to reconsider the denial of a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a telecommunications tower at 3802 Karnes Road, as requested by Glen Klocke on behalf of Network Real Estate LLC, was introduced and read the first time.

46441 A Bill (#1263-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray waiving building permit fees associated with the redevelopment of the structure located at 903 Mitchell Avenue operated by Pony Express Museum, Inc., was introduced and read the first time.

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- 46442 A Bill (#1266-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Gaming Initiatives Fund to appropriate the amount of \$8,500.00 to pay dues for membership in the Missouri Home Dock Cities Association for the years 2019 (\$3,500.00), 2020 (\$2,500.00), and 2021 (\$2,500.00), was introduced and read the first time.
- 46443 A Bill (#1267-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell redistricting the property located at 4200 Waterworks Road from CP-3 Planned Commercial District to M-1, Light Manufacturing District, as requested by Michael Carpenter on behalf of Mike Dunning, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46444 A Bill (#1268-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak amending Section 31-190 "Historic Landmarks" of Chapter 31, "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances to add First Baptist Mt. Union Church, located at 4604 King Hill Avenue, as a historic landmark in the city, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46445 A Bill (#1269-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "KARS Addition" a major subdivision consisting of two (2) lots located at 6911 Memorial Highway, as requested by Richard and Kathy Shuster, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46446 A Bill (#1270-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "Dunning Express," a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 4200 Waterworks Road, as requested by Mike Dunning, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46447 A Bill (#1271-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray reaffirming and readopting Section 2-114 "Conflicts of interest" of the Code of Ordinances, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46448 A Bill (#1272-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Police Department budget in the General Fund in the amount of \$65,000.00 to be used to maintain day-to-day operation and maintenance on radio towers used by the St. Joseph/Buchanan County radio system, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46449 A Bill (#1274-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the submission and execution of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Section 5339 Urban Area Formula Funds Grant and an amendment to the Mass Transit Fund budget to provide transit capital assistance in the amount of \$1,314,985.00, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46450 A Bill (#1275-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing execution of an Airport Joint Use Agreement (AJUA) with the United States of America and State of Missouri to cost share certain joint operations expenses at Rosecrans Memorial Airport in an amount of \$55,156.28 annually, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46451 A Bill (#1277-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the submission and execution of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 Grant and an amendment to the Mass Transit Fund budget to provide transit operating assistance all in the amount of \$80,324.00 for Fiscal Year 2022, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46452 A Bill (#1280-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the General Fund, Parks Designated Funds Program budget and acceptance of a donation from the Schmidt Foundation both in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used for development of a new disc golf course, was introduced and read the first time.

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46453 A Bill (#1282-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray providing for a new and revised plan of redistricting based upon the last official federal census of 2020; providing for dissolution of the existing five council districts; providing for the establishment of four new council districts; and adopting an official council district map, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 8/5/21: Minutes of the Downtown Review Board meeting held August 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 8/5/21: Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting held August 2, 2021, at 4:45 p.m., at the Washington Park Library, 1821 N. 3rd Street via video conferencing.

Filed 8/17/21: Minutes of the Land Bank Board meeting held August 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

None.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 8/16/21: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (August 19, 2021).

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 8/4/21: Municipal Division Summary Reporting, July 2021.

Filed 8/5/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held July 8, 2021, at 4:01 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 8/5/21: City Link, August 5, 2021.

Filed 8/11/21: Minutes of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Committee meeting held August 10, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 8/11/21: Commendation regarding Police Department staff.

Filed 8/11/21: Letter from Delbert Conard, 1506 6th Avenue, in re: Proposes that the former Red Lion Hotel be converted into a senior complex.

Filed 8/12/21: Letter from Peggy D. Richardson, Executive Director, Missouri Gaming Commission, in re: State/Local Allocation of Gaming Revenues for the period 7/1/21 through 7/31/21.

Filed 8/12/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Bi-Monthly Board meeting held July 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue via video conferencing.

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Filed 8/12/21: City Link, August 12, 2021.

Filed 8/13/21: Encumbrances \$5,000 to \$25,000 report, July 2021.

Filed 8/13/21: Health Department Monthly Statistical Report, July 2021.

Filed 8/13/21: Buchanan County Commission reappointment of Terry McClatchey to the Land Bank Board for a term expiring August 31, 2025.

Filed 8/16/21: Social Welfare Board "The Clinic Beat" newsletter, June and July 2021.

Filed 8/17/21: St. Joseph Transit report, May 2021.

Filed 8/17/21: St. Joseph Transit report, June 2021.

Filed 8/17/21: Parks, Recreation and Civic Facilities Department Monthly Update, July 2021.

Filed 8/17/21: Police Department Monthly Activity Highlights Report, July 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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City Manager's Report – City Manager Bryan Carter said City Talk was suspended due to COVID-19. Please let him know if there is any interest in resuming them. The Health Department WIC Breastfeeding Program has received recognition from the US Department of Agriculture for exemplary support for breastfeeding mothers. COVID update: Positivity rate for this week is 12.70% on 2,329 tests completed with 298 positives. Last week the rate was at 14.02%. The current number of cases is 13,883, which is up by 110 from Friday. Pfizer received full approval from the FDA for their COVID-19 vaccine for those age 16 years and up. For those between 12 – 15 years, the vaccine is still under the Emergency Use Authorization. Sewershed testing shows 100% Delta variance on samples tested from St. Joseph. According to Mosaic's website, they currently have 45 inpatients (St. Joseph – 42, Maryville – 2, Albany – 1). As of August 22, 2021, 21.1% of Buchanan County residents have completed the COVID vaccination process and 23.8% have initiated the process (received one of two doses).

Councilmember Roach said there is a window missing in the church that is being requested to be a historic landmark and he wondered if services are currently being held in the building (Bill #1268-18).

Councilmember Blessing spoke about cleaning up the city and having more pride in our city and suggested if you see trash, pick it up or call to let someone know there is an issue.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 46399 – Councilmember Roach read the proclamation and presented it to representatives of St. Joseph Mustangs.

Agenda No. 46400 – Doug Schmitz, General Manager of Eagle Radio, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 from the Schmidt Foundation to the City to be used as a matching grant for development of a new disc golf course.

Agenda No. 46404 – Linda Hundley, 3224 Morton Lane, said they don't want this and will continue to fight it.

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Jayne Katakis, 3223 Morton Lane, handed out some pictures of her backyard to give the Council a visual showing the tower does not fit into the environment of her neighborhood. She said it will affect their property value and asked the City Council to consider this.

Jean Pawlowski, 3301 Chris Hessler Road, spoke about each of the three proposed cell tower designs and said it is still a tall metal tower and they still don't want it in their neighborhood.

Kristen Tedder, 3220 Morton Lane, read a letter from her realtor regarding the property values being adversely impacted if the cell tower was constructed in this neighborhood and talked about studies that have been conducted regarding cell towers in neighborhoods.

[Councilmember Blessing briefly left the meeting.]

Tim Zirkle, 3221 Morton Lane, said they don't want a tower in their neighborhood and asked the Council to decline the proposal.

Debra Ballin, 3115 N. 34th Terr., said when the property values decline, the City will also lose money because of the placement of a cell tower in a well-maintained residential area.

Agenda No. 46437 – MWSU representatives Steve Johnston and Emily Ludwig answered the City Council's questions about the new agreement for usage of the swimming pool at the university.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Jones, 5314 Savannah Road, spoke about how dangerous the intersection at Miller and Cook Roads is. She proposed that some of the Americans Rescue Plan Act funds be used for sidewalks for schools.

Terry Turbak, 1321 Faraon St., said "Friends of Krug Park" has been discussing a full-on litter campaign starting next year to address litter and picking up trash in the parks system. Anything she or the "Friends of Krug Park" can do to contribute to that cause they would be more than interested in doing.

Tom Fanning, 1920 St. Joseph Ave., proposed there be an interactive street map on the city's website for picking up litter and would like to be part of a group organized to pick up litter.

ADJOURNMENT:

46455 By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.