

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI

**NIXA CITY HALL**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Steele. Attending were Council Members Shawn Lucas, Jarad Giddens, Aron Peterson, and Darlene Graham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

## **Proclamations:**

Mayor Steele read a proclamation proclaiming September 17th – 23rd as Constitution Week. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Steele read a proclamation proclaiming September 2022 as Hunger Action Month. Mayor Steele stated the Mayor's Challenge blood drive against Ozark was Thursday, September 29th. Mayor Steel said Least of These will get a \$500 donation on behalf of the City with the most donations.

## **Visitors:**

Pat Melton, 313 N Market, stated she has lived in Nixa for 42 years and has never had a problem with traffic like she has the last few years. Melton stated that the school traffic blocks her driveway, and the drivers are unwilling to move. Melton asked Council to develop a way to improve the traffic.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., thanked Council for the Constitution Week proclamation and discussed the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Sanders spoke about the different types of public spaces.

Sheila Tollen, 304 N Market, discussed her issues with traffic due to the school's pick-up and drop-off lines. Tollen stated that the residents near John Thomas School of Discovery suffer worse than most due to there being no bus routes. Tollen said that driveways are blocked, and no emergency vehicle access is available. Tollen spoke about the Police Department getting involved this year. Mayor Steele and Joe Campbell, Police Chief, responded to Tollen's comments.

Daniel Rock, 303 N Market, stated he had a solution to the school district's parking issues. Rock said the school district needed to build a parking lot on the empty field next to John Thomas School of Discovery.

Chris Lloyd, 307 N Market, discussed his ideas for parking solutions to the school district's parking issues. Lloyd asked if adding no parking signs to Market Street would be possible.

Michael Angelo, 903 Yellowstone, asked for a meet and greet with Council Members to get acquainted with the current and potential Council Members. Angelo discussed the proposed tax increase. Angelo said he supports an increase for the Police Department and questioned if a community center is needed at this time. Angelo asked questions about the proposed project planned for the proposed tax monies. Angelo discussed other expenses affecting citizens at this time. Mayor Steele responded to Angelo's comments.

### **Council Recognition:**

Justin Orf was recognized for serving as a City Council Member. Mayor Steele stated Orf was the youngest member to be elected to Council. Mayor Steele said that Orf added valuable information to Council and appreciated his views. Mayor Steele presented Orf with a clock in appreciation for his service.

### **Declaration of Council Vacancy – District I & III:**

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, told Council there were two (2) open vacancies on Council due to the resignation of Justin Orf and Amy Hoogstraet. Coffey stated there were five (5) letters of interest for the vacancy in District 1 and seven (7) letters of interest in District 3. Coffey said one (1) of the letters of interest in District 3 was pulled from the consideration that morning, leaving six (6) active letters of interest for District 3. Interested citizens for District 1 are Tod Davis, Matt Ogden, Scott Perryman, Brian Popejoy, and Tamara Reuman. Interested citizens for District 3 are Seth Balogh, Jeff Belcher, Elizabeth Dudash-Buskirk, Dustin Hall, Christie Hendrickson, and Maria Smtih. Coffey said she would call up each interested citizen to tell Council why they should be selected for the open vacancy in their district. Mayor Steele thanked all the interested parties for showing interest in serving on Council.

#### **District 1:**

Tod Davis was not in attendance.

Matt Ogden thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to them. Ogden stated he moved to Nixa 11 years ago. Ogden stated he has built powerlines for the last 16 years and started a business in Nixa. Ogden said he wants to help keep Nixa growing and is looking forward to working with staff. Ogden told Council he is currently an electrical lineman teacher at Ozarks Technical Community College.

Scott Perryman stated he was interested in serving in the interim position to volunteer his experience on Council during budget season. Perryman said he previously served on Council. Perryman told Council he was there to be of service and offer his experience.

Brian Popejoy said he was a stay-at-home dad of three (3) and was very versed in de-escalation. Popejoy said he was retired and a coach for the Nixa baseball club and Popejoy said he wanted to help Nixa continue to grow.

Tamara Reuman stated she has many leadership skills due to her customer service experience. Reuman said she works from home and has an open schedule. Reuman told Council she was forward-thinking and had lived in Nixa for three (3) years. Reuman said she wanted to help not only the citizens of Nixa but those who come to visit as well.

#### **District 3:**

Seth Balogh said it was an honor to be considered to serve on City Council. Balogh stated that over the last 15 years, he had held several executive positions. Balogh said he holds undergraduate and graduate degrees and has been elected or appointed to serve on several boards. Balogh told Council he would use his experience to drive efficiency and would solve any issues in a collaborative manner. Balogh discussed the reasons he should be appointed.

Jeff Belcher said he saw a news story at 5:30 p.m. about the Council vacancies before coming to the meeting. Belcher said he has the commitment and drive, honesty and integrity, calls things as he sees them, is thick-skinned, resilient, and has traditional values. Belcher stated that his heart, mind, and work ethic are in the right place for Nixa.

Elizabeth Dudash-Buskirk stated she had been a resident of Nixa for eight (8) years and is a professor at MSU. Dudash-Buskirk said it was easier to be in the audience speaking to Council and harder to listen openly while serving. Dudash-Buskirk discussed how Council is a non-partisan office. Dudash-Buskirk stated she hoped there would be more civility at Council meetings in the future. Dudash-Buskirk said she would prioritize needs and others first.

Dustin Hall, Christie Hendrickson, and Maria Smith were not in attendance to address Council.

Mayor Steele thanked everyone who turned in letters of interest. Mayor Steele stated these seats would be interim and would be filled for the remainder of the terms at the April election.

### **Ordinances (First Reading and Public Haring; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes; No Council Vote Anticipated):**

**Council Bill #2022-091** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Shaffer & Hines, Inc. for Engineering Services Related to Improvements to Main Street from Tracker Road to Highway CC. Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that this contract would be for engineering services for the expansion of North Main from Tracker Road to Highway CC. Cossey noted that the bid from Shaffer & Hines was \$195,257.21 and within budget. Cossey said this project would be included in the City's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) and was a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for 2022. Cossey told Council that because of the TIP \$156,205 was reimbursable upon project completion. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

**Council Bill #2022-092 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an** Intergovernmental Agreement for a Christian County Hotel Market and Financial Feasibility Study. Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, said at the August 22nd meeting Council amended the budget for \$13,000 for the City's portion of a hotel market and financial feasibility study. Robbins told Council the City would partner with Christian County, the City of Ozark, and Show Me Christian County for the study. Robbins said the total amount of the study would be \$39,000, with Nixa's portion being \$13,000. Robbins stated that this study is needed to be able to market the community to potential developers. Robbins told Council that this Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) would lay out each group's responsibilities and allow the study to happen earlier while saving money. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked questions about what requirements the Planning and Zoning Commission could require.

With no further comments, Mayor Steele closed the public hearing.

**Council Bill #2022-093** Amending the 2022 Annual Budget to Appropriate Funds for the City's Portion of the Feasibility Study for Regional Broadband. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, said this budget amendment is for the City to participate with the Regional Broadband Initiative Board (RBI), which is for a broadband feasibility study. Colvin said this topic was originally discussed in April, the study was completed, and a Broadband group was selected. Colvin told Council the total cost for the study is \$291,860, with the City's portion being approximately \$31,000, which is 10.62% of the total costs. Colvin said staff is recommending using ARPA funds for the City's portion. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Council said this was just a feasibility study and partnering with the RBI Board would give the City lower costs for the study.

### **Resolutions (Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes: Council Vote Anticipated):**

**Resolution #2022-091** Supporting the Tax Credit Application of Parker Development to the Missouri Housing Development Commission to Support the Development of Property Generally Located Along the 900 Block of South Gregg Road. Scott Godbey, City Planner, said Parker Development was applying for a low-income housing tax credit for a development called Westbury Place. Godbey said the property was approximately 5.9 acres along the 900 block of South Gregg Road. Godbey told Council the developer's concept for the project is a multi-residential building containing up to 48 dwelling units. Godbey said the rent would be determined to be affordable to families with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income. Godbey stated that staff recommends approval, and this was the same developer as last year's Tax Credit Application support letter. Council asked questions about the development, with Godbey responding. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the resolution. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-091, with Giddens seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2022-092** Authorizing the Sale or Distribution of Alcohol on City Property and Authorizing a Multi-Day Event for the Proposed "Creeping at the Crossroads" Special Event. Godbey told Council this resolution is to allow alcohol sales at the special event "Creeping at the Crossroads," which will be October 22nd. Godbey said alcohol would be sold on the City parking lot at Main and Elm. Godbey stated that the City code requires Council pre-approval and a State liquor license for alcohol sales at special events. Godbey said there would be a temporary closure of south Main and Elm for the event. Godbey told Council staff recommends approval. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments.

Hugh Carnahan, 337 E Lindbergh, told Council he thought this was a great idea.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the resolution. Giddens made a motion to Resolution #2022-092 with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2022-093** Making Appointments to the Regional Broadband Initiative Board. Colvin said this resolution ensured that board members were in place and a proxy member for the RBI board. Colvin said Jimmy Liles would be appointed as the board member, and Colvin would be appointed as the proxy member. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-093, with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2022-094** Imposing an Administrative Delay on the Acceptance, Processing, and Approval of Applications and Permits for Self-Storage Land Uses Within Certain General Commercial, Highway Commercial, and Neighborhood Commercial Districts Generally Located Along Massey Boulevard, Mt. Vernon Street, and Main Street. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, said this resolution, if approved, would delay the acceptance, processing, and approval of self-storage land uses, which would occur on Massey Boulevard, Mt. Vernon Street, and Main Street. Woodman stated administrative delays are used to give

staff time to draft code amendments to address policy concerns that the community has presented. Woodman said the administrative delay would expire on December 31, 2022. Woodman told Council an administrative delay similar to this, was used for truck trailer issues. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele said that due to the Planning and Zoning Department being short-staffed, this would be beneficial to staff to be able to give the appropriate time to look at the issue. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Giddens made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-094, with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

### **Mayor and Council Member Reports:**

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, reminded Council that the Nixa Alliance Meeting would be Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Steele spoke about the Nixa/Ozark community blood drive challenge. Mayor Steele also stated Lucas would present a liaison report on the Finance Department in January.

Peterson stated the fall City Wide Garage Sale would be September 22nd -24th, and citizens would not need to obtain a permit to participate.

Lucas asked how Council would be proceeding with the appointments for City Council. Mayor Steele said nominations for the open seats would take place at the next Council meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Mayor Steele called for a motion to adjourn. Graham made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. with Giddens seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

# **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NIXA CITY COUNCIL, NIXA FIRE DISTRICT, NIXA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE NIXA SCHOOL BOARD**

**Nixa City Hall**

**6:00 p.m. September 21, 2022**

The quarterly joint meeting of the Nixa City Council, Nixa School Board, Nixa Fire Department, Christian County Commission, Show Me Christian County, Christian County Ambulance District and Nixa Chamber was called to order by Mayor Brian Steele. City Council members that were in attendance included Mayor Brian Steele, Jarad Giddens, Shawn Lucas, and Darlene Graham. Also attending were Jimmy Liles, Cindy Robbins, Doug Colvin, Rebekka Coffey, Drew Douglas, Matt Crouse, and Joe Campbell.

Mayor Steele asked all attendees to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for attending the first (1<sup>st</sup>) meeting since August of 2021.

## **City of Nixa**

Liles presented information on the general sales tax initiative. Liles provided a brief history of Nixa's history and stated the City is trying to plan for the future. Liles said the Police Department needed more officers to maintain the current level of service and the 2021 budget didn't allow for any new officers. Liles discussed the need for a new police station and provided information on the proposed station. Liles also spoke about the needs of the Parks Department. Liles provided information on the current gym usage and the proposed new sports complex. Liles said the price for the sports complex is \$25 million and the police station is \$13 million. Liles stated the current City sales tax is seven point four seven five percent (7.475%) with half a percent (.5%) going to transportation and one percent (1%) going to the general fund. Liles said the last sales tax increase was in 1987 and discussed how Nixa compares to the surrounding communities. Colvin provided a Street Department update. Colvin discussed the following projects: Truman Blvd., Main Street from Tracker to Highway CC, North Street, Northview extension at Old Wilderness, the design phase of Main Street from Highway 14 to North Street, and East Highway 14 MoDOT partnership. Douglas discussed the new Nixa.com website. Douglas said the new website should launch near October 1<sup>st</sup> and should be more user friendly. Douglas said the focus of the new website will be government transparency and to reduce paperwork.

## **Christian County Ambulance District**

Christie Thompson provided a Nixa station update. Thompson said the ambulance district had purchased the lot to the north of 301 N Main Street. Thompson stated the current station in Nixa was built in 1991 and the new station would be 5000sqft, housing 2-3 units.

## **Fire District**

Fire Chief Lloyd Walles discussed the fire bond that passed in April. Walles said a new station number 1 would be built on McCroskey Street and there should be work starting on the lot now. Walles provided information on the interagency training that occurs with the Police Department.

## **Chamber of Commerce**

President and CEO Chris Russell discussed the first (1<sup>st</sup>) fall City Wide Garage sale that occurred on September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Russell said the Chamber has had 5,500+ downloads of the Experience Nixa App. Russell discussed the fall fundraising campaign. Russell provided a Welcome Center update saying it should hopefully be finished by November. Chamber Board President Tony Manasseri discussed the Legacy Wall within the Welcome Center. Manasseri said there would be platinum, gold, silver, and

bronze spots available to purchase on the legacy wall to help fund the Welcome Center.

### **School District**

Chief Communication Officer Zac Rantz provided an update on the student enrollment numbers saying there are 800-900 new to Nixa students. Rantz discussed the new Aetos Center for the Performing Arts. Rantz said the City is in need of hotels for people to stay at when they come for shows at Aetos. Rantz stated the first (1<sup>st</sup>) years season ticket will be for five (5) shows and year two (2) will begin in July 2023. Rantz told the group that the grand opening for Aetos would be February 17<sup>th</sup>. Rantz said the Nixa Public School District had been awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) time and there would be a community celebration on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Rantz reminded the group that the State of the Community Dinner would be Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> and limited to 200 people. Lastly, Rantz discussed the turf and digital board sponsorships.

### **Christian County**

Presiding Commissioner Elect Lynn Morris stated the County is currently working on the budget. Morris said the County is still working on 15 road repairs for 2022. Morris encouraged everyone to apply for grants. Morris stated he was proud of County staff for their hard work. Commissioner Hosea Bilyeu agreed with Morris' statement of being proud of County staff for their hard work.

### **Show Me Christian County**

President and CEO Kristen Haseltine said she was happy with all of the collaborations and partnerships between County entities. Haseltine discussed the upcoming hospitality study and how it was a big step for economic development. Haseltine provided a legislative update saying Show Me Christian County was relying on its community partners to focus on larger projects. Haseltine discussed ARPA funds and grant opportunities. Haseltine said there were eight (8) current projects Show Me Christian County was working on with three (3) being Nixa specific. Haseltine asked if any of her board members present would like to add anything. Jarad Giddens discussed Show Me Christian County's knowledge and resources to help businesses.

Mayor Steele reminded the group of the Nixa vs. Ozark blood drive on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Steele said it was the start of the Backyard Brawl and the winning Mayor will have a \$500 donation to Least of Lease.

Russell said the next Alliance Meeting will be in January at the Chamber Welcome Center.

Matt Crouse told the group the inclusive playground groundbreaking would be in late October and the playground should be finished by November.

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI

NIXA CITY HALL

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Steele. Attending were Council Members Shawn Lucas, Jarad Giddens, Aron Peterson, and Darlene Graham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

## **Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Giddens made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, items a through b, with Peterson seconding and Giddens, Peterson, Graham, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

## **Service Awards:**

Mayor Steele recognized Eleena Webb for her five (5) years of service to the City. Webb was not in attendance. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, stated Webb was a police clerk and the main clerk to handle the evidence. Campbell said Webb does a great job and is committed to the department.

Mayor Steele recognized Joe Campbell for his 20 years of service. Mayor Steele thanked Campbell for all he had done for the City. Mayor Steele said it was an easy choice to promote Campbell to Police Chief. Mayor Steele stated Campbell had kept the high quality and standards expected from a Police Department.

## **Proclamations:**

Mayor Steele read a proclamation proclaiming October 2nd – 8th as Public Power Week. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, and Brian Denney, Electric Superintendent, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Nixa Electric Department.

Mayor Steele read a proclamation proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Allyson Tuckness, Chief Operations Officer with the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks (BCFO), accepted the proclamation. Tuckness said the leading cause of premature death in U.S. women was breast cancer and urged all women to get regular screenings. Tuckness said the BCFO offers a free screening program for underinsured and uninsured women.

## **Visitors:**

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., discussed representation by elected officials and voting. Sanders said the Nixa community puts family first (1st). Sanders discussed the responsibility of the Council and citizens to each other.

Chris Russell, President & CEO Nixa Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council and staff for the fall City Wide Garage Sale. Russell said the response was successful, and the citizens would like



to see it happen again. Russell said that it was good for the citizens of Nixa and the businesses as well. Russell discussed the Nixa Experience App.

### **Vote to Fill Council Vacancy I & III:**

Mayor Steele thanked all the citizens who spoke at the last meeting and the Council for considering all the prospects for the vacancies. Giddens discussed Matt Ogden and why he was nominating him for the vacancy in District 1. Lucas seconded the nomination of Ogden for District 1 with Lucas, Giddens, Peterson, and Graham voting aye on roll call vote. Graham discussed Seth Balogh and why she was nominating him for the vacancy in District 3. Peterson seconded the nomination of Balogh with Giddens, Peterson, Graham, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

### **Swear in New Council Members I & III:**

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, swore in the newly appointed Council Members for District 1 – Matt Ogden and District 3 – Seth Balogh.

### **Ordinances (First Reading and Public Haring; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes; No Council Vote Anticipated):**

**Council Bill #2022-094** Amending the 2022 Annual Budget to Appropriate Funds for the Repair of a Water Main Break at Highway 14 and Gregg Road. Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, said that on June 23rd an 8-inch water main had an unforeseen leak that had to be repaired at Gregg and Highway 14. Cossey said the City would have to work with MoDOT to complete the needed repairs to roads. Cossey told Council that the repair specifications from MoDOT were beyond the current capacity to do in-house, so bids were solicited for the repair. Cossey said only one (1) bid was received from D&E Plumbing for \$127,000, and upon review, the bid amount was close to the internal estimates. Cossey stated that staff recommends approval. Council asked questions about the project, with Cossey responding. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked about the intersection where the work would be done, with Cossey responding.

With no further comments made, the public hearing was closed.

**Council Bill #2022-095** Amending Chapter 2, Article I, of the Nixa City Code by Repealing Section 2-4 in Its Entirety. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, told Council this was a housekeeping item that came from Council's decision to follow state statute for financial disclosure statements. Woodman provided a background on the previous financial disclosure ordinance. Woodman said this council bill would complete the decision of Council to follow the state statute. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

### **Ordinances (Second Reading and Public Haring; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes; Council Vote Anticipated):**

**Council Bill #2022-091** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Shaffer & Hines, Inc. for Engineering Services Related to Improvements to Main Street from Tracker Road to Highway CC. Cossey said this council bill would allow for a contract with Shaffer & Hines for the North Main improvement project. Cossey stated that the project would allow for three (3) lanes of traffic to Highway CC, and MoDOT is doing a scoping project for the Highway CC intersection. Cossey said the hope is to have both projects going at the same time. Cossey told Council Shaffer & Hines bid of \$195,257.21 is within budget. Cossey said the improvements would have an 80% reimbursement through the STP funds. Council asked questions about the project, with Cossey responding. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments.

Chris Russell, President & CEO Nixa Chamber of Commerce, asked about the project's timeline and how much traffic disruption there would be. Cossey said the improvements would happen in 2024 with a 180-day timeline and there would be traffic movement allowed with no road closures.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the council bill. Giddens made a motion to approve Council Bill #2022-091, with Peterson seconding and Peterson, Graham, Ogden, Balogh, Lucas, and Giddens voting aye on roll call vote.

**Council Bill #2022-092** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Christian County Hotel Market and Financial Feasibility Study. Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, stated that this intergovernmental agreement would be between Nixa, Ozark, Christian County, and Show Me Christian County. Robbins said that in August Council approved the budget amendment of \$13,000 for this project. Robbins stated staff was recommending approval. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the council bill. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2022-092, with Giddens seconding and Graham, Ogden, Balogh, Lucas, Giddens, and Peterson voting aye on roll call vote.

**Council Bill #2022-093** Amending the 2022 Annual Budget to Appropriate Funds for the City's Portion of the Feasibility Study for Regional Broadband. Colvin said this study would be a shared cost with a total cost of \$291,860, with Nixa's share being 10.26% or \$31,000. Council held a discussion. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked if this study was for internet service and if the government would start providing internet, with Mayor Steele responding. Sanders asked if more fiber would be available, with Mayor Steele responding.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Council held additional discussions. Council asked if ARPA funds would be used for this study, with staff responding yes. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the council bill. Giddens made a motion to approve Council Bill #2022-093, with Peterson seconding and Ogden, Balogh, Lucas, Giddens, Peterson, and Graham voting yes on roll call vote.

## **Resolutions (Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes: Council Vote Anticipated):**

**Resolution #2022-095** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Invoice Cloud, Inc, for Payment Processing Services. Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, told Council that in May, the City entered into a contract with BS&A to provide an ERP system, and they use Invoice Cloud for their card processing. Evans said the City wanted to go ahead and switch over to Invoice Cloud because they do have good services to offer the citizens. Evans told Council Invoice Cloud offers many times of payment options besides debit and credit cards, along with a "shopping cart" service. Evans said the City would be absorbing fees for the online and credit card rates for only \$1000 a month more than what is being paid with the current payment processing services. Evans said staff is recommending approval. Council asked questions about Invoice Cloud, with Evans responding. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., said the extra \$1000 a month would be well spent because citizens don't like to pay credit card fees.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Council asked additional questions, with Evans responding. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-095, with Graham seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

### **Mayor and Council Member Reports:**

Colvin told Council there was a crew of four (4) headed to Florida for Mutual Aid with Hurricane Ian causing damage. Colvin also said there would be a public meeting with MoDOT for Main Street on Tuesday, September 27th, in the Council Chambers. Colvin stated that the City had closed on the Tuscany Hills purchase. Colvin also provided additional information on the RBI feasibility study.

Drew Douglas, Communication Director, said the new website would be up and working by the end of the week. Douglas said the website would be more user-friendly and have more governmental transparency. Douglas discussed a few of the features of the new website. Mayor Steele thanked the Communications Department for their work on the website.

Mayor Steele reminded everyone that Thursday the 29th would be the Mayor's Challenge Blood Drive. Mayor Steele said the winning Mayor would have a \$500 donation to Least of These, with would go towards the Can the Tiger Event.

### **Adjournment:**

Mayor Steele called for a motion to adjourn. Graham made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. with Giddens seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF  
THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI**

**NIXA CITY HALL**

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:30 P.M.**

The special meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Steele. Attending were Council Members Shawn Lucas, Jarad Giddens, Aron Peterson, and Darlene Graham. Absent Council Members were Seth Balogh and Matt Ogden.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**Resolutions (Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes: Council Vote Anticipated):**

**Resolution #2022-096** Authorizing the City Administrator to Apply for and Accept a Governor's Transportation Cost-Share Program Grant Provided by the State of Missouri to Fund a Portion of the Engineering and Construction of North Main Street, Referenced as Project #ST2022-003. Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, thanked Council for coming in for the special meeting. Cossey said the deadline to apply for the grant was Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Cossey stated this grant would reimburse 50% of the construction costs of the North Main Street project which would be a portion of what the City would pay. Cossey said the City would be eligible to receive \$212,857 of cost share money if the grant was received. Mayor Steele opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made the public hearing was closed. Mayor Steele called for a motion to approve the resolution. Giddens made a motion to approve the resolution with Graham seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Steele called for a motion to adjourn. Giddens made a motion to adjourn at 4:33 p.m. with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

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Mayor

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City Clerk