

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

NIXA CITY HALL

July 8th, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Giddens. Attending were Council Members Kelly Morris, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, Darlene Graham, and Zern Vess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Awards and Recognition:

Mayor Giddens read a statement about Christian County Sheriff Deputy Adams and his wife. Mayor Giddens extended his and the Council's condolences to their family and the Christian County Sheriff on their loss.

Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, read a statement about Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, for her achievement in earning the Missouri Registered City Clerk certification through the Missouri City Clerk and Finance Officers Association.

Visitors (Speaker Card Required; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes):

Brian Popejoy, 612 Alexandria Street, told Council that he filed to run for the District 1 open seat in the August 5th, 2025, election. Popejoy said that he failed to file the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) paperwork, and due to this paperwork not being filed, the MEC has sent him a letter stating he is no longer qualified to run in the August 5th, 2025, election. Mayor Giddens responded to Popejoy's comments.

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

Council Bill #2025-22 Amending Chapter 117, Article IV, Section 117-90, Part II of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Clarifying and Standardizing the Table of Approved Uses as to Pet Grooming and Kenneling Businesses. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that staff met with a small business owner who owns a pet grooming facility wanting to relocate to the city. Godbey said that the property the owner is looking at doesn't meet zoning requirements, and while looking at the table of approved uses, staff found a discrepancy in approved uses for pet grooming and boarding facilities. Godbey stated that pet grooming and kenneling businesses are being removed from M-1 zoning to be able to preserve that zoning district. Godbey told Council that staff is proposing to allow pet grooming and kenneling without outdoor runs to be approved without a special use permit; however, businesses with outdoor runs would still be required to have a special use permit. Godbey said that no one approached the Planning and Zoning Commission with concerns. Godbey stated that the Commission voted unanimously to approve, and staff also recommends approval. Council asked questions, with Godbey responding. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, provided additional information. Council asked additional questions with Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, and Joe Campbell,

Police Chief, responding. Council and staff held a discussion. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

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

Resolution #2025-33 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount not to Exceed \$160,500.00, with Advanced Rehabilitation Technology LLC for Manhole Lining Services. Jason Stutesmun, Water Superintendent, told Council this resolution was for the annual I&I project, which helps prevent stormwater from entering the sewer system. Stutesmun said that this year, 90 manholes would be looked at as part of this project. Stutesmun stated that Advanced Rehab Technology is a part of the PCA cooperative, and the city has used them on many projects in the past. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-33, with Graham seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-34 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Qualifications for Water Tower Maintenance Services. Stutesmun told Council that this resolution is to authorize staff to get bids from engineering firms for the annual water tower inspection. Stutesmun stated that inspections have to be done every five (5) years. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Morris made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-34, with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-35 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000.00 with Donelson Construction Company LLC for Micro-Paving Services. Jeff Roussell, Street Superintendent, told Council this resolution was for microwaving throughout the city. Roussell said that micro-paving preservation projects add skid resistance to the roadways and prevent hairline cracks. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-35, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Graham thanked Roussell and Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, for all of their hard work.

Mayor Giddens discussed the number of projects that have been completed in 2025 that have come under budget. Mayor Giddens thanked the Police Department for their swift response when responding to calls.

Lucas asked about Municode updates, with Coffey responding.

Vess asked how the fireworks code update affected the Police Department, with Campbell responding.

Crouse stated that there will be an event at the dog park on Friday, July 11th. Crouse said that the next Movies in the Park will be on July 26th. Crouse provided information on the Friday sensory swim at the Aquatics Center.

Liles provided information on the City Hall remodel and discussed the parking lot at City Hall. Mayor Giddens thanked Liles for representing the City at the Chamber of Commerce monthly lunch as a presenter. Mayor Giddens also thanked the Communications Department for all of their work.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Giddens

City Clerk

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July 22nd, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Giddens. Attending were Council Members Kelly Morris, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, and Darlene Graham, and Zern Vess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Consent Agenda:

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

Service Awards:

Mayor Giddens recognized Shane Braunm for his five (5) years of service to the city. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, stated that Braunm is in the operations division as a field training officer. Campbell said that Braunm has been awarded an award of valor during an officer-involved shooting. Campbell told Council that Braunm is focused on drug enforcement within the city. Campbell stated that Braunm has a positive attitude and sets an example for his peers.

Mayor Giddens recognized Michelle Trafford for her five (5) years of service to the city. Campbell said that Trafford has a positive attitude and a good work ethic. Campbell told Council that Trafford enjoys volunteering to assist with K9 officer training.

Mayor Giddens recognized Emily Hall for her 10 years of service to the city. Jeff Roussell, Street Superintendent, told Council that Hall started as a utility worker and is currently the lead utility worker. Roussell stated that Hall and her crew are responsible for mowing 100 acres of right-of-way within the city. Roussell said that Hall has a great work ethic and positive attitude.

Mayor Giddens recognized Chad Tennis for his 25 years of service to the city. Campbell said that Tennis is the Major for the department and is a valuable asset for the city. Campbell stated that Tennis has received several awards throughout the years and is an excellent leader who holds the department to a high standard. Campbell told Council that he is proud to work with Tennis.

Visitors (Speaker Card Required; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes):

Whitney Guison, Nixa Chamber of Commerce Director, provided Council a recap of Sucker Days. Guison said that the Chamber shared \$8,000 with 17 nonprofit organizations and provided \$3,000 in scholarships. Guison thanked the city for its help with Sucker Days. Council asked questions with Guison responding.

Emergency Ordinance (First and Second Reading and Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes: Council Vote Anticipated):

Council Bill #2025-23 Amending the 2025 Annual Budget in the Amount of \$246,674.19 to Appropriate Funds for Information Technology Services; and Declaring an Emergency Pursuant to Section 3.11 (F) of the City Charter. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, told Council that as the city grows, it needs to ensure that its IT coverage grows as well. Liles said that it is time to renew the city's IT services and that the company Forward Slash meets the city's current needs and will continue to grow with the city. Liles stated that Forward Slash has a comprehensive solution to the city's IT services and provided an overview of those solutions. Liles told Council that \$28,059.43 of the budget amendment is for onboarding services, and the rest of the budget amendment is for the full amount of the first (1st) year service agreement. Liles said that the current IT budget will be used to pay the current provider through the offboarding process. Liles told Council the first (1st) and second (2nd) readings are allowed by Charter section 3.11(F), and the reason for the emergency is two (2) major construction projects and immediate network updates. Liles said that staff recommends approval. Council asked questions with Liles responding. Council held a discussion. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill. Vess made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-23, with Peterson seconding and Vess, Graham, Morris, Peterson, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Council Bill #2025-22 Amending Chapter 117, Article IV, Section 117-90, Part II of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Clarifying and Standardizing the Table of Approved Uses as to Pet Grooming and Kenneling Businesses. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that during the first reading of this bill, discussion with Council led staff to provide an amendment to this bill that would remove the outdoor run in grooming or kenneling businesses in the neighborhood commercial zoning. Godbey stated this amendment would allow staff to look at the special use permit requirements needed for outdoor runs. Godbey told Council that staff recommends approval of the amended council bill. Council asked questions, with Godbey responding. Council and staff held a discussion. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to amend the council bill. Vess made a motion to amend Council Bill #2025-22, with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill as amended. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-22 as amended, with Morris seconding and Vess, Peterson, Lucas, Graham, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2025-36 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Forward Slash Technology LLC for Information Technology Services. Liles stated this resolution is the

contract for IT services with Forward Slash LLC. Liles said that Forward Slash would provide managed services support, cyber security, risk management, business management and continuity, email protection and archiving, infrastructure security management procurement, cloud backup and management, and a reduced labor rate for management. Liles told Council that the contract will be for a three (3) year term with the option to have two (2) one (1) year extensions. Liles said that there will be a rate increase for years two (2) and three (3) of 11% and for years four (4) and five (5) of eight percent (8%). Liles stated that Forward Slash also offers AV solutions. Council asked questions with Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, responding. Council and staff held a discussion. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-36, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-37 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Cost Share Agreement with Xtreme Property Holding, LLC for the Construction of Regional Detention Basin. Justin Orf, Project Facilitator, told Council that the new Police Department plans have a regional detention basin south of the property. Orf said that the cost share agreement with Mr. Hunter Lampe would include a 20% reimbursement to Mr. Lampe for up to \$30,000 for the construction of the basin and a reimbursement of up to \$150,000 for a basin liner. Orf provided information on the basin liner. Orf stated that the cost of the detention basin is within the building's budget. Orf said that staff recommends approval. Council asked questions with Orf responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Graham made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-37, with Peterson seconding and all Council members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, stated that Movies in the Park will be on July 26th, and the movie being shown is Despicable Me 4.

Campbell said that National Night Out will be on August 6th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Aquatics Center.

Godbey told Council that the Planning and Zoning Commissioner's interest from was currently open and would remain open until July 25th.

Mayor

City Clerk