

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

NIXA CITY HALL

June 10th, 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. Zern Vess was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Presentation:

Blake Pace, Decker and Pace, stated that he provided the Council with a digital copy of the audit for their review. Pace discussed the auditor's opening opinion report. Pace stated that the city had a clean opinion, which outside agencies look for when reviewing the city's finances. Pace directed Council to page 19 of the audit and discussed the profit and loss statement. Pace said that profits and expenditures were both up and that the city has an estimated eight (8) months of cash reserves. Pace directed Council to page 22 and discussed the enterprise funds statement. Pace said that the city exceeds the six (6) month cash reserves for the enterprise funds. Pace stated that more money has been transferred out of the enterprise funds in 2025 than in 2024. Pace directed Council to page 23 of the audit and discussed the statement of cash flow. Pace said the city's net cash increased by \$4,066,000, and the city's cash flow far exceeds the ability to pay off debt. Pace directed Council to page 62, stating that this section of the audit outlines the Federal money that was spent by the city. Pace said that the auditor must look at internal controls and compliance with grant purposes when federal grant money is expended. Pace directed Council to page 64 of the audit. Pace stated that the city has a clean opinion, which is the highest opinion that can be received.

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

None scheduled

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

Council Bill #2025-21 Vacating Certain Right-of-Way Associated with North Cynthia Drive and West Tracker Road. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, stated that the city has been asked to vacate the right-of-way on North Cynthia Drive. Godbey said this street was included on a 1973 plat and was annexed into the city along with the surrounding properties in 1985. Godbey told Council that Cynthia Drive is a dead-end road that serves several commercial properties. Godbey said that by vacating the right-of-way, public road access would be abandoned, but a shared access easement for the affected commercial properties would be required off of Kathryn to allow for continued access to parking lots. Godbey stated that utility easements for existing utilities would be retained or corrected on the new plat. Godbey told Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve, and staff also recommends approval. Council asked questions, with Godbey responding. Travis Cossey,

Assistant Public Works Director, provided additional information. 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):

Council Bill #2025-18 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV, Division 4, Sections 16-197 and 16-200 of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Expanding the Authorized Period to Sell and Discharge Fireworks. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, told Council that this code amendment would extend the sale of fireworks by one (1) day and extend the discharge of fireworks by one (1) day. Liles said that the amendment would add July 5th to the allowed timeframe to sell fireworks as well as the allowed timeframe to discharge fireworks. Liles stated that the city spoke with the Fire Department, and they have no significant concerns with the additional day to sell or discharge fireworks. Council asked questions, with Liles responding. Peterson stated that he had requested an amendment to the council bill due to citizen concerns. Peterson discussed the amendment. Council held a discussion over the proposed amendment and decided to move forward with the council bill as originally presented. 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. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-18 with Morris seconding and Lucas, Peterson, Morris, and Graham voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2025-19 Amending Chapter 20, Article VII, Division 2 of the Nixa City Code by Adding Thereto a New Section to Prohibit Parking Across Parking Lines on City Owned Property. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, stated that the first reading of this council bill was at the May 27th meeting. Woodman said that this code change would prohibit parking across lines on city-owned property. 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. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-19, with Peterson seconding and Peterson, Lucas, Morris, and Graham voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2025-20 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Water Storage Agreement with the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission for the Purpose of Providing the City with an Allocation of Water from Stockton Lake. Cossey stated that the first reading of this bill was at the May 27th meeting. Cossey said that the city has a 1-million-gallon water allocation from Stockton Lake, and this water storage agreement is the first step in the process to secure the water. Cossey told Council that the water allocation will accommodate future growth for the city. 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. Graham made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-20, with Peterson seconding and Peterson, Graham, Lucas, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council that the first Movies in the Park was June 7th and the next one would be on June 28th in conjunction with the One Nixa One Read event. Crouse provided an update on the splash pad benches. Crouse was asked about the Parks Volunteer Days with Crouse responding.

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, provided information on the Council Workshop being held on June 19th and 20th.

Liles provided information about the McCroskey Street CID. Council held a discussion.

Mayor Giddens thanked staff for their work on the Council Workshop.

Lucas stated that the new restaurant on Main Street, Social BTB, was open.

Closed Session:

Peterson made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to section 610.021 (1), (2), (3), and (13) RSMO in which the Council will discuss legal actions, causes of action and confidential and privileged communications with their attorney, discuss the leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration, therefore, discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of a particular employee and personal information about the employees is to be discussed; and individually identifiable personnel records, performance rating or records pertaining to the employee are to be discussed with Lucas seconding and Morris, Peterson, Graham, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

Adjournment:

This meeting will be considered adjourned at the close of the closed session.

Mayor

City Clerk

COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI

Camden on the Lake Resort, 2359 Bittersweet Rd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

June 19th, 2025 9:00 a.m.

The Nixa City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Pro Temp Aron Peterson at 9:00 a.m. Attending were Council Members Graham, Morris, and Vess. Mayor Giddens and Shawn Lucas were absent. Also attending were Jimmy Liles, Cindy Robbins, Doug Colvin, Rebekka Coffey, Nick Woodman, Scott Godbey, Amanda Hunsucker, Jennifer Evans, Summer Rascoll, Katie Buford, and Joe Campbell.

Liles provided an overview of the workshop agenda.

Administration:

Liles provided information on the City Hall remodel and the Utility Billing Building's potential uses. Liles discussed the Administration Department's wish list of items. Council and staff held an open discussion on the Administrative Department

Police Department:

Campbell provided information on the new Police Department building and the restructuring of the Police Department. Campbell discussed the Police Department's wish list of items. Council and staff held an open discussion on the Police Department.

Human Resources:

Hunsucker discussed the Human Resources Department's wish list of items. Council and staff discussed employee morale.

Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a lunch break at noon. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Communication Department:

Rascoll provided information on her internal and external communication plan and social media plan. Council and staff discussed the Communications Department.

Finance Department:

Evans provided information on the new ERP system. Evans discussed BS&A, Invoice Cloud, Utility Billing Payment Kiosks, and Payment Works. Evans discussed the Finance Department's wish list of items. Council and staff discussed the Finance Department.

Open discussion:

Council and staff held an open discussion about the topics of the day.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Temp Peterson adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Team Building Exercise:

Council and staff attended dinner and a team-building exercise beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Giddens

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Camden on the Lake Resort, 2359 Bittersweet Rd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

June 20th, 2025 8:30 a.m.

The Nixa City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Giddens at 8:30 a.m. Attending were Council Members Peterson, Graham, Morris, and Vess. Shawn Lucas was absent. Also attending were Jimmy Liles, Cindy Robbins, Doug Colvin, Rebekka Coffey, Nick Woodman, Scott Godbey, Amanda Hunsucker, Jennifer Evans, Summer Rascoll, Katie Buford, Matt Crouse, and Joe Campbell.

Legal Department:

Woodman provided information on potential Charter amendments to the City Council section, and Council and staff held a discussion. Woodman discussed the Charter provisions that pertain to the City Council, and Council and staff held a discussion. Woodman provided a municipal court update. Woodman discussed the Legal Department's wish list.

Parks Department:

Crouse provided information on a potential XCenter entry redesign. Council and staff held a discussion on the XCenter being open 24 hours. Crouse provided information on the Eoff Century Family Farm Park, and Council and staff held a discussion. Crouse provided information on sponsorships, Nixa Parks' future vision, trail connectivity, a skate park, and pickleball. Council and staff discussed the Parks Department.

Loren Winter and Ruth Ann Maynard, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, joined the meeting. Mayor Giddens called for a lunch break at noon. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Works:

Colvin provided information on a consolidated Public Works facility and backflow prevention software. Colvin discussed CIP projects, including AMI, North Street, West Highway 14 Lighting, Substations, Ashley Water Tower, SW Regional Lift Station, and the Cherry Street Stormwater Project. Colvin provided information on a rates forecast for the Electric, Water, and Wastewater Departments. Colvin discussed the future vision of Public Works.

Planning and Development:

Godbey provided information on downtown Nixa, including a downtown zoning district, a master plan, and dangerous buildings. Godbey discussed known developments within the city. Godbey provided information on the Planning and Development's wish list. Council and staff discussed the Planning and Development Department.

Open discussion:

Council and staff held an open discussion about the topics of the day.

Adjournment:

Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Mayor Giddens

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

NIXA CITY HALL

June 24th, 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. Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items a through b, with Graham seconding and Vess, Lucas, Morris, Graham, and Peterson voting aye on roll call vote.

Service Awards:

Mayor Giddens recognized Jennifer Evans for her five (5) years of service to the city. Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, told Council that Evans had strong financial management, which is seen in the city's balanced budgets every year. Robbins stated that Evans helps keep the city's financial position transparent and helps to plan wisely for the future. Robbins said that the city is fortunate that Evans is on the team.

Mayor Giddens recognized Kirk Farris for his 10 years of service to the city. Farris was not in attendance. Jason Stutesmun, Water Superintendent, told Council that Farris is the Lead Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Stutesmun said that Farris is responsible for maintaining DNR regulations. Stutesmun stated that Farris does a good job and is a good employee to have working for the city.

Mayor Giddens recognized Jason Ramos for his 20 years of service to the city. Ramos was not in attendance. Stutesmun told Council that Ramos started as a meter reader for the city and is not the lead wastewater collections operator. Stutesmun said that Ramos keeps the vacator trucks working. Stutesmun stated that Ramos is a good leader and asset to the city.

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

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., discussed the role of city government.

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

Council Bill #2025-21 Vacating Certain Right-of-Way Associated with North Cynthia Drive. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that the city has been asked to vacate North Cynthia Drive. Godbey said that North Cynthia Drive was plated in 1973 and is located within the industrial park. Godbey stated that Cynthia Drive has not been maintained as a road and that appropriate easements will be requested from the property owners. Godbey said

that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve, and that staff also recommends approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked questions about Cynthia Drive, with Godbey responding.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-21 with Morris seconding and Vess, Peterson, Graham, Lucas, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2025-30 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Qualifications for the Design of a Skate Park Anticipated to be Located at Rotary Park. Matt Crouse, Parks Director, stated this resolution is to allow staff to go out for an RFQ for the design of a skate park. Crouse discussed the proposed location of the skate park at Rotary Park. Crouse stated that the current sand volleyball court would be moved to McCauley Park, and the small playground would be removed. Crouse discussed the potential designs and cost estimates. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked questions about a skate park, with Mayor Giddens responding.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Council held a discussion. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Vess made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-30 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-31 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for the Construction of a New Building for the Police Department. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, told Council this resolution is to allow staff to go out for bids for the construction of the new Police Department on Leanne Drive. Campbell stated that there was a minor change to the plans that were a part of the council packet due to updates to the plumbing design. Campbell said that the corrected documents would be in the bid documents. Campbell stated that Navigate would be providing criteria for the interview process for the short-listed bidders. Campbell told Council that this bid and interview process would end in late July. Campbell said that staff recommends approval. Council asked questions with Nick Woodman, City Attorney, responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked about the building design.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Graham made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-31 with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-32 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,200,000.00, with Hambey Construction LLC for the Remodel of City Hall.

Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, told Council that the city will be utilizing the co-op Sourcewell to contract with Hambey for the city hall remodel. Liles said that Hambey is stating they will be completed with the remodel in six to eight (6-8) months with a cost not to exceed \$2.2 million. Liles stated the remodel of City Hall will allow Utility Billing to be moved into City Hall, add additional office space, move the City Hall main entrance to the middle of the building, and extend the council chambers. Council asked questions, with Liles responding. Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, provided additional information. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., asked questions about the location of Council meetings during the construction. Liles responded to Sanders' comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-32 with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Peterson stated that the final One Nixa One Read event will be with Movies in the Park on Saturday, June 28th. Crouse stated that the movie being shown at the joint One Nixa One Read/Movies in the Park will be Charlotte's Web.

Mayor Giddens thanked staff for all of their work on the Council Workshop.

Crouse told Council that the splash pad benches have been installed.

Robbins stated that the new welcome signs are being installed on East and West Highway 14.

Liles said that city offices will be closed on July 4th for the holiday.

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