

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

NIXA CITY HALL

March 11th, 2025 6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Presentation – Show Me Christian County Update:

Kristen Haseltine, President and CEO, stated that Show Me Christian County (SMCC) has five (5) active projects looking at property within Nixa and 11 project leads who are interested in Nixa. Haseltine discussed a trails meeting where connectivity within the county was discussed. Haseltine provided information on the Show Me Nixa grant writing partnership. Haseltine stated that Stevie Barfoot with SMCC is working on one (1) on one (1) business meetings to discuss the businesses' marketing concerns. Haseltine said that Anna Evans with SMCC is working on legislation discussions in Jefferson City. Haseltine told Council that SMCC would be hosting a Business Bootcamp and will have eight (8) business owners completing the bootcamp. Haseltine said that SMCC is transitioning into the 501C3 status and provided additional information on that process. Haseltine invited Council to attend the meetings SMCC has on the first (1st) Tuesdays of the month. Council asked questions with Haseltine responding.

Visitors:

Whitney Guison, President and CEO Nixa Chamber of Commerce, told Council that Nixpo would be on March 22nd from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nixa High School. Guison provided information on visitors to Nixpo over the last three (3) years.

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

Council Bill #2025-07 Amending Chapter 22, Article V, Division 1, Section 22-345 of the Nixa City Code to Provide an Exception to the Requirements of Weekly Solid Waste Pickup Under Certain Circumstances. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, discussed the current code section that pertains to solid waste collection. Woodman said that due to recent weather events, staff began a review of this section of the code. Woodman stated that this council bill would add an exception to the solid waste collection. Council asked questions with Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, responding. Woodman provided additional information. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson 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 #2025-05 Calling for a Special Election on August 5, 2025 to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of City Council member for District 1 and Authorizing the City Clerk to Do All Things Necessary or Convenient to Submit Said Election. Woodman told Council this council bill was 1st read at the February 25th Council meeting. Woodman said that this bill calls for an election to be held at the August 5th, 2025 election to fill the open seat in District 1. Woodman stated that the election is required by the City Charter. Council asked questions with Woodman responding. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made the public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a motion to approve the council bill. Vess made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-05 with Graham seconding and Lucas, Graham, Vess, Morris, and Peterson voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2025-06 Amending the 2025 Annual Budget to Appropriate Funds for Certain Stormwater Improvements. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, told Council that this \$36,500 budget amendment is for repairs to the stormwater culvert located on North Street. Colvin stated that condemnation hearings were needed in 2024 to acquire this culvert's easement. Colvin said that in December 2024 Council approved a resolution to allow for bids to repair the culvert. Colvin told Council that staff failed to get the project into the 2025 budget. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a motion to approve the council bill. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-06 with Vess seconding and Peterson, Lucas, Vess, Morris, and Graham voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2025-16 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for Sidewalk & Curb Maintenance as Part of the City's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan. Colvin told Council the previous contract for this project had expired. Colvin said that the bids would be for the concrete work which would include wheelchair ramps and sidewalk upgrades. Council asked questions with Colvin responding. Council asked for an updated list of the progression of completed ADA compliance work that has been done throughout the city. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a motion to approve the resolution. Morris made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-16 with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Vess stated he had been contacted by a concerned citizen who had questions about household hazardous waste disposal. Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, responded to Vess. Liles provided additional information.

Liles reminded Council that Nixpo will be on March 22nd and hoped to see Council attend.

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council that the Easter Egg Hunt would be at the end of April and more information would be out soon.

Closed Session:

Lucas made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to section 610.021 (2) RSMo in which the Council will 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 with Morris seconding and Vess, Lucas, Graham, Peterson and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

Adjournment:

This meeting will be considered closed after the close of the closed session.

Mayor

City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL

March 25th, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Jarad Giddens. Attending were Council Members Kelly Morris, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, 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 Vess seconding and Graham, Vess, Peterson, Morris, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

Service Awards:

Mayor Giddens recognized Josh Coleman for his five (5) years of service to the city. Brian Denney, Electric Superintendent, stated that Coleman started in the Street Department in 2020. Denney said that Coleman entered the electric apprenticeship program in 2021 and is currently in the final year of the apprenticeship program. Denney stated he was proud to have him on the crew.

Mayor Giddens recognized James Owens for his 25 years of service to the city. Owens was not in attendance. Denney told Council that Owens started with the Parks Department in 2000 and in 2007 moved to the Electric Department. Denney said that in 2023 Owens was made the Substation Tech Foreman. Denney stated that Owens works great with the engineers and contractors and is proud to have him on the crew.

Mayor Giddens recognized Jeff Roussell for his 15 years of service. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, stated that Roussell started in 2008 as a utility worker/equipment operator. Colvin said that Roussell was promoted to street superintendent in 2015. Colvin told Council that Roussell has executed several major improvements within the city. Colvin said that Roussell represents the city on the Ozarks Transportation Organization Technical Planning Committee and is the Local Program Administrator for MoDOT. Colvin stated that Roussell represents the city well and is highly respected.

Mayor Giddens recognized Troy McGinnis for his five (5) years of service to the city. McGinnis was not in attendance. Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, told Council that McGinnis is one of the smiling faces at the recycling center and was born and raised in Nixa. Cossey said that McGinnis is a great asset, and that public works is proud to have him.

Awards and Recognition:

Joe Campbell, Police Chief, recognized Sam Gallardo as Officer of the Year. Campbell told Council that Gallardo is a Corporal with the department and had multiple nominations for

Officer of the Year. Campbell said that Gallardo is willing to share his knowledge with the department and holds multiple training certificates. Campbell stated that Gallardo was recently promoted to the Team Leader on the Tactical Team which was an outstanding choice. Campbell told Council that Gallardo was also recently promoted to Corporal during the restructuring. Campbell said that he is thankful to have Gallardo and hopes to have him with the department long-term.

Visitors:

None scheduled.

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

Council Bill #2025-08 Amending Chapter 12, Article II, Division 1, Section 12-21 of the Nixa City Code to Provide Certain Exceptions to the City's Business License Requirements. Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, told Council that the business license code was recently updated in August 2024. Coffey said this update included requiring all businesses performing a service or conducting retail sales within the city limits, regardless of physical location, to obtain a business license. Coffey stated that the update proposed in this council bill would update the definition of a business to include the term "for profit" and exclude the activities of charitable or non-profit organizations and shall not apply to a business operating as a part of an approved special event that was authorized by the city's code. Coffey said staff recommends approval. Council asked questions with Coffey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill #2025-09 Amending the 2025 Annual Budget to Appropriate Funds for a Splash Pad at the Nixa Aquatic Center. Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council that the splash pad was close to completion. Crouse stated that he would like to lower the fence and add additional seating around the splash pad. Crouse said that the concrete for the additional seating is in the budget, however, the seating itself is not in the budget. Crouse told Council that the additional concrete around the splash pad would be an eight (8) foot apron that would allow for additional seating and a sidewalk up to the splash pad. Crouse stated that the lower fencer will allow for crowd control. Crouse said that the \$15,000 will be taken out of impact fees. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, provided additional information. Council asked questions with Crouse responding. 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 #2025-07 Amending Chapter 22, Article V, Division 1, Section 22-345 of the Nixa City Code to Provide an Exception to the Requirement of Weekly Solid Waste Pickup Under Certain Circumstances. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, told Council this bill was first (1st) read at the March 11th Council meeting. Woodman said this amendment would add an exemption to the solid waste pickup requirement that is in the code. Woodman stated that the exemption would

be triggered when there are documented circumstances of inclement weather, natural disasters, or any other such event that would prohibit the collection of solid waste. Woodman said that staff recommends approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill. Morris made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-07 with Peterson seconding and Peterson, Morris, Graham, Vess, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2025-17 Demonstrating the City's Commitment to Public Safety, Including a Commitment to Reduce Violent Crime Within the City, as Part of the State's Blue Shield Program. Campbell told Council that on March 5th Governor Mike Kehoe announced that communities within the state could apply for the Missouri Blue Shield designation. Campbell said that Governor Kehoe has stated he will work with the General Assembly to make \$10 million in grant funding available for law enforcement training and equipment available to Blue Shield communities beginning in July. Campbell provided information on the criteria that need to be met to receive the Blue Shield designation and stated the city meets all the requirements. Campbell told Council that if the resolution is approved, staff will begin the process of applying for the designation. Campbell said that staff recommends approval. 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 #2025-17 with Graham seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-18 Consenting to the Mayor's Appointments to the McCroskey Street Community Improvement District's Board of Directors. Woodman told Council that in 2011 the city established the McCroskey Community Improvement District (CID). Woodman provided information on CIDs. Woodman stated that the McCroskey CID was governed by a board with five (5) seats and three (3) of the seats needed to be reappointed. Woodman said that the Mayor received communication requesting the appointments. 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 #2025-18 with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-19 Authorizing an Electric Energy Cost Adjustment Pursuant to Section 22-310 of the Nixa City Code. Colvin told Council that the rate ordinance that was approved by Council in 2021 established an Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA). Colvin discussed how the ECA is applied to customers' utility bills. Colvin said that the city will be passing along ECA savings to the customers by providing credit on their utility bills. Colvin stated that a .00560 credit will be applied to utility bills beginning in April. 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 #2025-19 with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-20 Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase New Suppressors for Use by the Police Department in the Amount of \$12,296.40. Campbell told Council that the Tactical

Team uses suppressors on their rifles and the current ones are at the end of their lifespan. Campbell described what a suppressor does on a firearm. Campbell stated that the short-barreled rifles the Tactical Team uses are louder leading to them needing suppressors. Campbell said the purchase of the suppressors was allocated in the 2025 budget and will be purchased using a co-op agreement. 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 Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Colvin stated that the ADA Transition Plan update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Crouse told Council that Volunteer Day will be at the Gardens of Woodfield on April 12th at 9:00 a.m. Crouse stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 19th at McCauley Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. Crouse provided information on the diving board at the aquatic center. Crouse said that the current diving board is no longer supported, and he would have to order a new board and that board will be more than what is budgeted. Crouse said the money needed to order the new board will be supplemented by the pool painting budget. Crouse stated that the new board will cost \$14,800 and \$9,000 will be used out of the painting budget. Council asked questions with Crouse responding.

Campbell provided information on salary and benefits for officers. Campbell thanked Council for their efforts in getting the officers pay and benefits updated.

Peterson reminded Council that the General Municipal Election would be on April 8th. Peterson encouraged everyone to vote.

Closed Session:

Peterson made a motion to move into closed session pursuant to section 610.021 (1), (3), and (13) in which the Council will discuss legal actions, causes of action, and confidential and privileged communications with their attorney and discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees 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 Peterson, Vess, Lucas, Graham, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

Adjournment:

This meeting will be considered closed as the close of the closed session.

Mayor

City Clerk