

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

NIXA CITY HALL

October 14th, 2025 6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Awards and Recognition:

Mayor Giddens recognized Matt Sloan for receiving the 2025 Voice of the Children Award. Sloan was not in attendance. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, stated that the Child Advocacy Center presented Sloan with this award. Campbell said that Sloan identified a gap in state law regarding foster care children. Campbell told Council that Sloan proposed a change to the law to protect foster care children.

Mayor Giddens recognized Brent Forgey for receiving the 2025 Hero Award and the Enoch B. Morelock Award. Campbell said that Forgey received the 2025 Hero Award from the Springfield Summit Optimist Club, and this award was for his service to the community. Campbell stated that Forgey received the Enoch B. Morelock award from the US Attorney's Office Coordinating Committee. Campbell told Council that Forgey is a testament to both law enforcement and the community he serves.

Peterson stated that Mayor Giddens had been awarded the MPUA Public Official Award. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, provided information on the award and read a statement by Chuck Bryant from Carthage. Colvin said that Mayor Giddens is the 14th person to receive the award in its 23-year history.

Presentation:

Mayor Giddens introduced Katie Schmidt, the recipient of the Gold Star Mother and Family Day proclamation that was read at the September 23rd City Council meeting. Schmidt provided information on the Blue Star Flag and stated that the American Legion helped to reintroduce the flag. Schmidt discussed the Gold Star Family Day, which is the last Sunday of September every year. Schmidt spoke about her son, who passed away during active-duty combat in Iraq. Schmidt said that there are an estimated 15,000 Gold Star families within Missouri. Schmidt said she wants to recognize and honor all Gold Star families. Mayor Giddens presented Schmidt with the Gold Star Mother and Family Day proclamation.

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

Kelly Dunne, 1035 Goldenrod Rd., Ozark, asked for information regarding the Forest Heights sewer line issue. Dunne stated she had been speaking with Justin Orf, who has been very helpful. Dunne asked for a meeting between homeowners and the City to help explain what is happening. Mayor Giddens responded to Dunne's comments.

Ian O'Malley, Nixa, MO, thanked the Mayor for providing information on the Forest Heights sewer issue. O'Malley asked about the other phases of the Forest Heights subdivision sewer. Colvin and Mayor Giddens responded to O'Malley's comments.

Ethan Edwards, 4310 S. Oak Ave, Springfield, MO, stated that he represents a potential homeowner in the Forest Heights subdivision. Edwards asked questions about the sewer line issues. Mayor Giddens responded to Edwards's comments.

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

Council Bill #2025-33 Calling an Election to be Held on April 7, 2026, to Submit to the Qualified Voters of the City a Proposed Amendment to Section 3.6 of the City Charter; Authorizing the City Clerk to do all Things Necessary and Convenient to Submit the Proposed Amendment to the Qualified Voters of the City' and Providing for the Enactment of said Amendment if Approved. Mike Mayes, Assistant City Attorney, told Council that this council bill is a response to a Council request on filling a vacancy on Council. Mayes provided information on the current process to fill a Council vacancy. Mayes proposed the change to the Charter and ballot language. Mayor Giddens provided information on the current process for filling a Council vacancy. 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 #2025-28 Annexing Approximately 96 Acres of Real Property Generally Located at the Southwest Corner of the Intersection of State Highway CC and North Cheyenne Road; Zoning Portions of Said Property to the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District and the General Commercial (GC) Zoning District; and Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-26 of the Nixa City Code. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, stated the proposed property is 96 acres located at the southwest corner of Cheyenne and Highway CC. Godbey said that 93 of the acres would be zoned R-1 and 2.7 acres would be zoned General Commercial. Godbey told Council that this property is in the tier 1 planning area of the Comprehensive Plan. Godbey provided information on the Comprehensive Plan's priority annexation areas. Godbey said that there was a transportation impact study completed in 2024 and provided information on that study. Godbey stated that a sinkhole study was completed in 2024 that showed nine (9) sinkholes and one (1) flood plain on the property. Godbey told Council that the current electric provider would stay the same on the property, and the sewer in the area provided by the city can support the development. Godbey said that staff have concerns about the water service in the area. Godbey discussed memos that were provided by the city's stormwater and water engineers. Godbey said that at the August 5th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission tabled the item so that additional information could be provided to them. Godbey stated that at the September 2nd Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission voted 3-2 to recommend approval to City Council. Godbey said that although the application meets requirements for annexation, staff recommends denial of the

council bill due to concerns with the water service for the subdivision. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Linda White, 878 Galloway Ct., said that she is opposed to the annexation and discussed her concerns with water pressure in northwest Nixa. White asked questions, with Mayor Giddens responded to White's questions.

Julie Tobash, PO Box 14248, Springfield, provided a handout to Council. Tobash stated she was the developer on the proposed subdivision. Tobash discussed city code fire flow recommendations and a report from engineers on water line installation recommendations.

Bryan Wade, 3810 S Sunshine Springfield, discussed his comments at previous City Council meetings. Wade asked questions about the City Code fire flow recommendations. Wade asked Council to approve the annexation.

Eddie Jackson, 4200 Green Haven, stated he was the Fair Haven HOA president. Jackson discussed the water pressure issues his subdivision currently has.

Mayor Giddens asked questions of Godbey, with Godbey responding.

Kristen Canady, 877 E Galloway Ct, discussed the Comprehensive Plan. Canady said the developer should meet city requirements. Canady asked Council to deny the council bill.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to vote on the council bill. Lucas made a motion to vote on Council Bill #2025-28, with Peterson seconding and Morris, Graham, Peterson, Ortiz, Vess, and Lucas voting nay on roll call vote. Council Bill #2025-28 failed.

Council Bill #2025-29 Approving the Preliminary Plat of the Subdivision Known as Moore Estates Which is Generally Located at the Southwest Corner of the Intersection of State Highway CC and North Cheyenne Road and Authorizing Certain City Officials to Take Certain Actions Upon the Filing of a Final Plat. Mayor Giddens asked Council to postpone indefinitely this council bill due to Council Bill #2025-28 failing. Graham made a motion to postpone Council Bill #2025-29, with Morris seconding and Graham, Lucas, Vess, Ortiz, Morris, and Peterson voting aye on roll call vote. Council Bill #2025-29 was postponed indefinitely.

Mayor Giddens called for a 5-minute break at 7:16 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:26 p.m.

Council Bill #2025-30 Approving the Preliminary Plat of the Subdivision Known as Cobble Creek 4th Addition Which is Generally Located at the South of the Cobble Creek 2nd and 3rd Additions Along South Ozark Road and Authorizing Certain City Officials to Take Certain Actions Upon the Filing of a Final Plat. Brendan Justin, City Planner, said this council bill was to approve the preliminary plat of Cobble Creek 4th Addition, which is south of Cobble Creek 2nd and 3rd Additions. Justin said the subdivision was annexed in 1994, and the plat was approved in 2000. Justin told Council the last phase of Cobble Creek was finished in 2017. Justin said that

there have been no significant changes to the design of the subdivision since the 2000 design but due to the length of time since its approval, staff felt it was appropriate to get the plat reapproved. Justin stated that there would be xxx buildable lots and 1 unbuildable green space lot. Justin told Council that there will be one (1) new access point added to Ozark Road and discussed the need for a new traffic study. Justin said that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval, and staff also recommends approval. Council asked questions, with Justin 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 council bill. Vess made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-30, with Graham seconding and Lucas, Morris, Graham, Peterson, Ortiz, and Vess voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2025-31 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Transportation Alternative Program Supplemental Agreement. Jeff Roussell, Street Superintendent, stated that there has been a change in the name of the fund from which the Cheyenne Valley Multi-Use Path funds are being distributed from, but the amount of the funding will stay the same. Roussell said that staff recommends approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill. Peterson made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-31, with Lucas seconding and Peterson, Lucas, Graham, Ortiz, Vess, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2025-32 Adding Section 16-272 to the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Adopting a Prohibition Against Falsely Representing a City Employee or Agent. Mayes stated that this bill was first read at the previous meeting. Mayes provided background information on this bill and the business license and solicitors license code updates. Mayes told Council this code update is a tool to help protect citizens. Council asked questions, with Mayes and Coffey 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 council bill. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-32, with Morris seconding and Ortiz, Vess, Graham, Peterson, Morris, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2025-46 Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Ethan Ives to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Godbey said that the Planning and Zoning Commission has been a member short since May. Godbey stated that the Appointments Committee has selected Ethan Ives to fill the open seat. Godbey said that the term for Ethan Ives would be a 4-year term beginning November 1st, 2025. Mayor Giddens thanked the Appointments Committee for their work. 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 #2025-46, with Ortiz seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-47 Authorizing the city Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.00, with the Ozarks Transportation Organization, for a Traffic Study for

the Extension of Pembroke to Route 160. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, said this resolution is for a memorandum of agreement with the Ozarks Transportation Organization. Liles told Council that there is a potential for a development to be near this intersection that would necessitate the need to extend Pembroke. Liles stated that OTO has extended funds for the traffic study with a 20% match by the city, with a not to exceed clause of \$15,000.00. Liles said that the city currently has the fund to make the 20% match, but that staff will be coming back at a later meeting to ask for a budget amendment to move the \$15,000.00 out of the economic development reserve account. 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 #2025-47, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-48 Authorizing the city Administrator to Apply For and Accept Grant Funding in the Amount of \$152,500.00 to fund a Portion of the Purchase of Body Worn Cameras for the Police Department. Campbell told Council that the Department of Justice has opened a grant opportunity for body worn cameras. Campbell said this is a matching grant for up to 50% of the cost of the cameras. Campbell stated that the Police Department is currently budgeting for this project in 2026 with an estimated cost of \$305,000.00. Campbell told Council that the grant would make the project affordable. Council asked questions, with Campbell 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. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #205-48, with Graham seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, reminded Council that Spooktacular would be October 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at McCauley Park. Crouse stated that the Mayor's Tree Lighting would be December 5th at 5:00 p.m. and the Christmas Parade would be December 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, reminded Council that the budget workshop meeting would be October 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Colvin said that Jason Stutesmun is a member at large on the Missouri Public Water Counsel, Travis Cossey was voted the Vice President of the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities, and Cossey was also voted to be a member on the MUPA Board of Directors.

Closed Session:

Peterson made a motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (3) & (13) in which the Council will discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees and personal information about the employees is to be discuss; and individually identifiable personnel records, performance rating or records pertaining to the employee are to be discussed with Lucas seconding and Vess, Graham, Morris, Lucas, Peterson, and Ortiz voting aye on roll call vote.

Adjournment:

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

Mayor

City Clerk

TOWN HALL MEETING Forest Heights Sewer Line Information

NIXA CITY HALL

October 20th, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Giddens provided details on the purpose behind the town hall meeting. Mayor Giddens asked Justin Orf, Project Facilitator, to provide information on the Forest Heights sewer line repair.

Orf introduced himself. Orf provided an overview of the sewer line repair. Orf said the repair will occur in three (3) phases. Orf said phase one (1) is complete, and negotiations are taking place so phase two (2) can begin. Orf said phase three (3) requires a bid, which has been completed, and the work for phase three (3) will begin as soon as phase two (2) is completed. Mayor Giddens asked questions with Orf responding.

Orf went over a general timeline of events regarding the Forest Heights sewer repair. The timeline began on August 14th, 2025, when staff was notified of the sewer line issue through October 17th, 2025, when the presentation for the town hall was completed. Orf said the expected costs for the sewer repair are \$487,173.66. Council asked questions with Orf responding.

Mayor Giddens opened the public comments portion of the town hall.

Tyler Bussell, Forest Heights Developer, provided comments.

Mayor Giddens discussed the City's priorities for fixing the sewer line.

Mary Ann Perkins, 891 S Parkside, asked questions about the sewer repair. Mayor Giddens responded to Perkins' questions.

Debbie Harris, 974 Jake Flood Cir., asked questions about the sewer repair. Orf responded to Harris's questions.

With no further comments, Mayor Giddens closed the public comments portion of the town hall. Mayor Giddens adjourned the town hall at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL

October 11st, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The budget workshop 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. Jay Ortiz was absent.

Staff Presentation and Council Discussion:

Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, provided an overview of the workshop.

Evans presented information on **Revenues:**

Sales and Use Taxes are budgeted with increases. The sales tax is budgeted for with a two percent (2%) increase, and the use tax is budgeted for with a 16% increase. The real estate tax is budgeted with a seven percent (7%) increase. Evans said that there will be bond proceeds this year. The Water Department will be receiving \$8 million in bond proceeds, and the Wastewater Department will be receiving \$12.4 million.

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, discussed proposed fee changes in the Parks Department. Crouse proposed increasing the daily pool admission by a minimum of one dollar (\$1) per person. Crouse said the pool rates have not increased since 2021. Crouse also proposed a season pass rate for the pool. Crouse stated that the season pass rate would move to a per person rate as well. Crouse told Council that pool season pass rates have not increased since 2021. Crouse stated that there will be increases in concession items to reflect the increase in products. Crouse said there is also a proposed increase to the pavilion rental rates to increase the fee by five dollars (\$5) per hour. Council asked questions, with Crouse responding. Council and Crouse held a discussion. Council gave direction to raise the admission to the pool by two dollars (\$2).

Evans presented information on **Operational Expenses:**

Evans told Council that the **General Fund** is down nine-point two six percent (9.26%) on the 2025 budget. The **Street Fund** is down 10.77% on the 2025 budget. The **Electric Fund** is down three-point seven five percent (3.75%) on the 2025 budget. The **Water Fund** is up zero-point one six percent (0.16%) on the 2025 budget. The **Wastewater Fund** is down four-point one eight percent (4.18%) on the 2025 budget. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, and Evans provided information on operational items that have been cut from the 2026 budget.

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, provided information on General Code. Coffey told Council that General Code is a codification platform that hosts city codes. Coffey said the total conversion costs would be \$8,018.00, and the annual maintenance fee beginning in 2027 would be \$1,295.00. Council asked questions with Coffey responding. Council gave direction to move forward with contracting with General Code for the 2026 budget year.

Evans presented information on **Personnel:**

Evans told Council that all staff members have been moved to the 50th percentile beginning in the 2026 budget year. Evans said that the Police Department will enact salary steps for officers. Evans stated that the personnel expenses include a two-point-seven percent (2.7%) COLA

increase. Evans told Council that insurance rates are increasing for health by nine-point one percent (9.1%), dental by four percent (4%), and vision has a zero percent increase. Evans told Council that the Parks Department will have a minimum wage increase. Crouse stated that the minimum wage will increase to \$15 in 2026. Council and Crouse held a discussion. Liles provided information on the Police Department step program. Council asked questions with Evans responding. Council and staff held a discussion. Evans discussed the personnel cost difference between 2025 and 2026. Evans said that to move all positions into the 50th percentile increases personnel costs by two-point eight seven percent (2.87%) over 2025. Evans told Council that the **General Fund** personnel costs increased 12.71%, the **Street Fund** personnel costs increased three point five seven percent (3.57%), the **Electric Fund** personnel costs decreased one point three five percent (1.35%), the **Water Fund** personnel costs decreased four point nine seven percent (4.97%) and the **Wastewater Fund** personnel costs decreased one point nine eight percent (1.98%) in the 2026 budget. Evans provided information on additional personnel requests for 2026 that were not included in the budget. Council asked questions about the requested positions within the Police Department, and Jason Fleetwood, Police Captain, responded. Liles provided additional information on the requested personnel positions. Council gave direction to put the requested personnel in Electric, Street, Water, and Wastewater on contingencies based on the hiring of a new Public Works Director. Council asked questions about the Planning and Development intern with Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, responding. Council and staff held a discussion.

Liles provided information on mosquito spraying within the city limits. Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, provided information on the cost to continue mosquito spraying. Council and staff held a discussion on operational budget items. Evans said that the property and liability insurance rates have not been received yet, however, the budget includes a 20% increase. Liles said 20% is a minimum increase and that the insurance increase could be higher. Liles discussed the potential increase in IT costs. Council held a discussion. Liles told Council he is concerned with the Street Fund balances.

Evans presented information on the **Capital Improvement Plans (CIP)**:

Liles discussed **Administration's** CIP projects. Liles stated that a few of the projects will be rolled over from the 2025 budget. Council asked questions with Jason Stutesmun, Water Superintendent, Jeff Roussell, Street Superintendent, and Cossey responding. Council and staff held a discussion.

Fleetwood discussed the **Police Department's** CIP projects. Council asked questions, with Evans and Fleetwood responding. Council and staff held a discussion.

Roussell discussed the **Street Department's** CIP projects. Liles provided information on the projects that were cut from the Street CIP projects. Council asked questions, with Liles and Cossey responding.

Crouse discussed the **Parks Department's** CIP projects. Council and staff held a discussion.

Godbey discussed the **Planning and Development** CIP projects.

Roussell discussed the **Stormwater** CIP projects. Roussell asked for a dedicated funding source for stormwater in the future.

Christ Huett, Assistant Electric Superintendent, provided information on the **Electric Department's** CIP projects. Huett said that a few of the projects would be rolled over from the 2025 budget. Council asked questions with Cossey responding.

Mayor Giddens called for a 5-minute break at 8:09 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:22 p.m.

Evans provided information on the **Utility Billing** CIP projects. Liles provided additional information.

Stutesmun provided information on **the Water Department's** CIP projects. Stutesmun stated that there would be a few rollover projects from the 2025 budget. Cossey provided additional information.

Stutesmun provided information on the **Wastewater and Recycling** CIP projects. Council asked questions with Stutesmun and Cossey responding.

Liles said the CIP Plan will be taken to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the first Commission meeting in November.

Mayor Giddens thanked everyone for their work on the budget. With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL

October 27th, 2025 6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Consent Agenda:

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

Service Awards:

Mayor Giddens recognized Shawn Clark for his 20 years of service to the city. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, stated that Clark was a Lieutenant for the department and had served in many roles during his time with the city. Campbell said that currently Clark is in support services, managing the day-to-day operations of the civilian staff. Campbell told Council he looks forward to Clark's continued service.

Mayor Giddens recognized Guy Villines for his 20 years of service to the city. Villines was not in attendance. Brian Denney, Electric Superintendent, said that Villines started with the department in 2007 as an apprentice lineman, moved to a journeyman lineman in 2010, and is currently an electric foreman. Denney told Council that Villines knows the system well and is an asset to not only the department but the City.

Presentation:

Johnny Williams, Christian County Commissioner, told Council he was in attendance to provide information on the County's November 4th ballot issue. Williams stated that the County is asking citizens to pass a county use tax. Williams said that one and a half percent (1.5%) of purchases made within the county are from out of state online purchases. Williams stated that if the use tax is passed, the County will roll back the personal property and real estate tax from .004% to .001%. Williams provided information on tax levies versus sales tax increases. Williams stated that prices keep increasing for county services like jail upkeep and road upkeep. Williams told Council that the county use tax is important to the County long term.

Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, provided an update on the changes that were made to the budget after the budget workshop. Evans said that the Parks Department's admission rate and facility rate increases were added to the revenue budget. Evans stated that in personnel, a part-time community service officer was added to the Police Department, and the Police Department's maintenance person was moved from part-time to full-time. Evans told Council that the tax collector and reassessment fees were added to the budget as they had been

inadvertently left out. Evans said that the Street Department added a line item for new tires on the backhoe, and three (3) new servers were added as advised by the IT company Forward Slash. Evans stated that the Police Department has additional cuts from the operational budget. Evans told Council that there would be two (2) rollover projects in the Capital budget; one (1) in the Water Department and one (1) in the Wastewater Department. Evans said that the city hall remodel project had an increase in costs, she fixed an error in the Electric Department projects, and a vector truck was removed from the Water Department projects. Evans stated that the **General Fund** unrestricted balance was \$3,540,807.00 with a budget ratio of 98%. Evans said that the **Street Fund** unrestricted balance is \$659,811.00 with a budget ratio of 51.81%. Evans stated the **Electric Fund** unrestricted balance is \$8,901,645.00 with a budget ratio of 92.7%. Evans told Council the **Water Fund** unrestricted balance is \$2,286,832.00 with a budget ratio of 90.42%. Evans stated the **Wastewater Fund** unrestricted balance is \$10,202,387.00 with a budget ratio of 71.11%. Council asked questions with Evans responding.

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

None.

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

Council Bill #2025-34 Amending the 2025 Annual Budget in the Amount of \$15,000.00 to Appropriate Funds for a Traffic Study. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, stated that this council bill is for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Ozarks Transportation Organization, and the MOA was approved at the last meeting. Colvin said the MOA is for a traffic impact study at Pembroke and Route 160. Colvin told Council that this traffic study would help with development and long-term growth. Colvin said that the city has \$15,000.00 in the street department professional services; however, Mr. Liles is requesting funds to be used from the economic development reserved fund. 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 #2025-33 Calling an Election to be Held on April 7, 2026, to Submit to the Qualified Voters of the City a Proposed Amendment to Section 3.6 of the City Charter, Authorizing the city clerk to do all Things Necessary and Convenient to Submit to the Proposed Amendment to the Qualified Voters of the City; and Providing for the Enactment of said Amendment if Approved. Nick Woodman, City Attorney, told Council that this council bill was presented at the last council meeting. Woodman said this council bill is to call an election to potentially amend the city charter. Woodman provided information on the proposed charter amendment. 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. Peterson made a motion to approve Council Bill #2025-33, with Ortiz seconding and Morris, Ortiz, Peterson, Lucas, and Vess voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2025-49 Authorizing the city Administrator to Solicit Bids for Services to Abandon Water Well #1. Jason Stutesmun, Water Superintendent, stated that well #1 is located downtown. Stutesmun said that the casings have started dissolving, and the well needs to be abandoned. Stutesmun told Council this resolution would allow staff to go out for bid for a company that would assist the city in abandoning the well. 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 #2025-49, with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2025-50 Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Robert Wilson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, stated that Robert Wilson has consented to another four (4) year term as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Godbey said that Wilson's new term would end in 2029. 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 #2025-50 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Mayor Giddens thanked the Communications Department for their work and said the new report is much easier to read. Mayor Giddens said that the Communications Department is continuing to improve how information is getting out to the public.

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council that Spooktacular had a great turnout. Crouse reminded Council that the Mayor's Tree Lighting will be on December 5th and the Christmas Parade will be on December 7th.

Mayor Giddens invited Colvin to return to the next Council meeting to be recognized for his retirement. Mayor Giddens said that he appreciates all of the years and hard work Colvin has given to the city.

Campbell told Council that the Police Department's new therapy dog is now here. Campbell said that she is a yellow lab named Jupiter.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk