

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

NIXA CITY HALL

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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 Darlene Graham and Zern Vess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

## **Proclamation:**

Mayor Giddens read a proclamation proclaiming April 24th, 2026, as Arbor Day. Missouri Department of Conservation Arborist Justin Holmes and Christian County Sheriff's Deputy Shane David accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Giddens stated that on April 24th at the X-Center at 10:00 a.m., the City would be planting two (2) trees in honor of the two (2) Christian County Sheriff Deputies that were killed in the line of duty.

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

Jeff White, 311 E. Cherry St., made public comments.

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

**Council Bill #2026-09** Amending the 2026 Annual Budget in the Amount of \$21,914.00 to Appropriate Funds for a New Hot Water Heater for the X-Center. Katie Buford, Assistant Parks Director, told Council that the hot water heater at the X-Center is functioning on two of the five (2 of 5) heating elements. Buford said that hot water is vital to the business needs of the X-Center. Buford stated that the budget amendment would be for the cost of the replacement. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

**Council Bill #2026-10** Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$20,000,000.00 Principal Amount of Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, of the City of Nixa, Missouri and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions by the City. Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, told Council that the bond proceeds would be used to fund projects in the Water and Wastewater Departments. Evans said these projects include the Ashley Drive Water Tower, the Sludge Basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the West Regional Lift Station. Evans stated that the structure of the bonds is over 20 years with an annual debt service of \$595,000.00 in the Water fund and \$855,000.00 in the Wastewater fund. Evans stated that a Wastewater Bond was retired in 2025 and there is one (1) bond in the Water Department for the RDE system purchase that will retire in 2032. Evans discussed the estimated costs of each of the projects the bond would fund. Council asked questions, with Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, responding. Mayor

Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

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

**Resolution #2026-15** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$120,988.60 with Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, LLC for Lining 64 Manholes Throughout the City. Ronnie Keithley, Assistant Water Superintendent, stated this resolution is for a contract for manhole lining. Keithley said that manhole lining is a part of the I&I program that the city does every year. Council asked questions, with Keithley 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. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-15 with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-16** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$79,647.84 with Smico Contracting Group, LLC, for Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining Services. Keithley told Council this resolution is for sewer lining services, which is also a part of the City's annual I&I program. Council asked questions, with Keithley 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. Vess made a motion to approve Resolution#2026-16 with Ortiz seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-17** Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for Valve and Flow Meter Replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Keithley told Council this resolution is for valve and flow meters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Keithley said the current valves and flow meters are 23 years old and the equipment is aging out. Council asked questions, with Keithley responding. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Graham made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-17 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-18** Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for Phase 3 of the Cherry Street Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project. Jeff Roussell, Street Superintendent, told Council this resolution is for the bids on the third (3rd) and final stage of the Cherry Street project, which is from Rice Street to North Street. Roussell said that this project is vital for stormwater runoff and retention in that area. Roussell provided information on the Cherry Street project. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Jeff White, 311 E. Cherry St., made public 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 #2026-18 with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-19** Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for Asphalt Mill and Overlay for 2026. Roussell told Council that asphalt mill and overlay is an annual project that is completed throughout the city. Roussell stated that mill and overlay help to preserve and rebuild city streets. Roussell said that the previous contract has expired and the need to go out for bid is needed. Roussell told Council that the mill and overlay project for this year will cover four and a half (4.5) miles of road. Council asked questions, with Roussell responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Jeff White, 311 E. Cherry St., made public comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Vess made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-19 with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-20** Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for the Construction of the West Regional Lift Station. Cossey told Council the West Regional Lift Station project started in 2022. Cossey stated that this lift station will help with the Oakmont Heights Lift Station and additional growth within the city. Cossey said that staff is nearing the end of the easement acquisition and DNR has given permission for the lift station. Cossey stated that the lift station is included within the bond issue that was discussed earlier in the meeting. 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 #2026-20, with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-21** Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for the Construction of a Water Tower Located at 1323 Ashley Drive. Cossey told Council that this water tower is also a part of the bond issue that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Cossey said that Council gave direction in January 2025 to allow for bids; however, when the bids were received, the cost had increased and staff had underbudgeted the project by half. Cossey stated that due to the high costs, the city was unable to afford the project in 2025. Cossey said that staff met with the bidders to discuss the project and took those discussions to form the bid packet that is being proposed. Cossey told Council that staff is hoping for better bids that are affordable this year. Council asked questions, with Cossey 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. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-21 with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-22** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$266,607.73, with Netwatch, Inc. for Security and Access Control Implementation for the New Police Department Facility. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, told Council this resolution is for access control and the camera system at the new police department building. Campbell said that Netwatch is the City's current provider of access control and camera systems. Campbell provided information on the scope of the project. Council asked questions, with Campbell responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments. Jeff White, 311 E. Cherry St., made public comments.

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 #2026-22 with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-23** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$79,020.55, with Advance Exercise, LC for Design Layout, Purchase, and Installation of Fitness Equipment at the New Police Department Facility. Campbell said this resolution is for fitness equipment in the new police department building. Campbell stated that part of the equipment is being purchased through Sourcewell pricing and provider, and a few items were not a part of the Sourcewell pricing and provider structure. Campbell said that for the items not on Sourcewell, bids were received. Campbell told Council that the fitness equipment is within budget. 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. Graham made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-23 with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

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

Mayor Giddens thanked everyone on the Strategic Plan Committee. Mayor Giddens stated that at the next Council meeting the election results will be certified. Mayor Giddens reminded Council of the Arbor Day tree planting on April 24th at the X-Center.

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, told Council the City's 5th Annual Multicultural Festival will be on June 6th from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. in downtown Nixa.

Peterson said that on Saturday, April 25th, Drug Take Back Day would be at Alps Pharmacy from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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Mayor Giddens

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City Clerk

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

**NIXA CITY HALL**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6:00 P.M.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**Resolution #2026-24** Declaring the Results of the April 7th, 2026, General Municipal Election. Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, told Council that Section 9.3 of the Charter requires the City Council to declare the results of the General Municipal Election. Coffey said that the Christian County Clerk had certified the election results. Coffey stated that Jarad Giddens was reelected to Mayor, Jay Ortiz was elected to District 1, and Linda Daugherty was elected to District 3. Coffey also told Council that Proposition 1 amending Section 3.6 of the Charter was approved. 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 #2026-24 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye. Mayor Giddens thanked Graham for her years of service to the City. Mayor Giddens presented

## **Swear in Newly Elected Council Members:**

Coffey Swore in Jarad Giddens as Mayor and Linda Daugherty as Council Member District 3. Jay Ortiz will be sworn in at a later date.

## **Mayor Pro-Tempore Election:**

Mayor Giddens stated the Mayor Pro-Tempore election would occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting when all Council Members would be present.

## **Consent Agenda:**

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

## **Service Awards:**

Mayor Giddens recognized Stephanie Ewing for her 15 years of service to the City. Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, said Ewing was hired in March 2011 with the Administration Department, and in June 2017 she moved to the Purchasing Department. Evans said she was proud of the work that Ewing does for the City.

Mayor Giddens recognized Joe Pruitt for his 10 years of service to the City. Jason Stutesmun, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, stated that Pruitt has been with the Recycling Department since he started with the City and is now the Recycling Coordinator. Stutesmun said that Pruitt is a great employee to have around.

**Proclamation:**

Mayor Giddens read a proclamation proclaiming May as ALS Awareness Month. Ashley Smith with the ALS Association was in attendance to accept the proclamation

**Presentation:**

Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, introduced Brandon Renaud the Director of Services Development with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA). Renaud provided information on the MPUA. Renaud said that Nixa has been recognized on a national level for electric reliability, and in 2025 the Electric Department was on over 99% of the time. Renaud told Council that the City's Electric Department has been awarded the American Public Power Association (APPA) Excellence in Reliability. Renaud stated that only 239 entities were recognized with this honor and only 12 of those entities were in Missouri. Renaud told Council that Nixa has also been awarded the RP3 designation for outstanding utility management. Cossey thanked the Electric Department for their dedication to the community and for their hard work. Cossey provided additional information on additional awards the Electric Department has received for 2025.

**Visitors:**

Jeff White, 311 E. Cherry St., made public comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., made public comments.

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

**Council Bill #2026-11** Amending the 2026 Annual Budget in the Amount of \$128,123.00 to Appropriate Funds for the Addition of three New Employee Positions in Police and Public Works. Cossey told Council that he is asking to pull two (2) positions off contingent from the 2026 budget. Cossey stated that the Electric Department needs a General Foreman due to department growth, reorganization of the department, and more work on the Electric Assistant Superintendent. Cossey said the General Foreman position would be responsible for supervising the crews. Cossey told Council that the Water Department needs a Utility Worker due to department growth, to take care of department mowing and maintenance, and to help with valve exercising and hydrant flushing.

Joe Campbell, Police Chief, told Council that in April 2023 a  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent public safety sales tax was passed by the voters. Campbell said that due to that tax, the department was able to fill six (6) of the 11 officers needed since the tax passed. Campbell stated he was asking to add one (1) additional officer. Campbell said that the money for salary and equipment would be coming from reserve accounts. Mayor Giddens provided additional information on the budgeting process and contingent positions. Council asked questions with Campbell, Cossey, and Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, responding. After discussion, staff stated they would bring an amended council bill back to Council due to errors in the council bill.

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

**Council Bill #2026-09** Amending the 2026 Annual Budget in the Amount of \$21,914.00 to Appropriate Funds for a New Hot Water Heater for the X-Center. Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council a new hot water heater was needed at the X-Center due to the existing heater running on two (2) of the five (5) burners. Crouse said the existing heater is from the original building and buying a new heater is more cost effective than repairing the old one. Crouse told Council that the new tank has already been ordered from the existing budget and the budget amendment will be used to replenish the budget. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, provided additional information. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., made public comments.

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 #2026-09 with Peterson seconding and Daugherty, Lucas, Peterson, and Vess voting aye on roll call vote.

**Council Bill #2026-10** Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$20,000,000.00 Principal Amount of Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, of the City of Nixa, Missouri and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions by the City. Evans told Council that this bond would be used to fund three (3) major infrastructure projects including a water tower for \$8 million, a sludge basin for \$3.5 million, and the Northwest Regional Lift Station for \$8.5 million. Evans provided information on the bond process timeline. Council asked questions, with Evans and Cossey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Jeff White, 311 E. Cherry St., made public comments.

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 #2026-10 with Daugherty seconding and Daugherty, Lucas, Vess, and Peterson voting aye on roll call vote.

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

**Resolution #2026-25** Authorizing the Sale or Distribution of Fermented Malt Beverages and Wine on City Property for the 2026 Nixa Sucker Days Multi-Day Special Event. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that city code section 16-325 requires that any special event that extends across multiple days or involves the sale or distribution of beer or wine must first receive authorization from the City Council. Godbey said that staff has reviewed the Sucker Day application. Godbey stated that the beer garden has expanded and the event is well organized. Godbey said that staff recommends approval. Council asked questions, with Godbey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Whitney Guison, President & CEO Nixa Chamber of Commerce, made public comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., made public comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Vess made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-25 with Daugherty seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2026-26** Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with the Christian County Business Development Corporation, D/B/A Show Me Christian County. Liles told Council that this contract with Show Me Christian County will provide economic development services and the contract presented is very similar to the contract already in place. Liles stated that Show Me Christian County asked for an additional \$10,000.00, and Council did allocate those funds. Liles said the change in the contract is an increase in the City's investment from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Liles stated that the additional \$10,000.00 will be paid in one (1) lump sum and the contract will expire in January 2027. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Anna Evans, Show Me Christian County, made public 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 #2026-26 with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

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

Mayor Giddens discussed the reports that are provided to Council in the Council packet at the 2nd meeting of the month.

Peterson said that the Christian County Lions Club will be having a shred event at Price Cutter on May 2, 2026, from 10 a.m. – noon.

Evans stated that the Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for the 10th year and an award for the Popular Annual Financial Report for the 5th year.

Cossey told Council that Nate Miller has been promoted to the Assistant Public Works Director.

Summer Rascoll told Council that the Sucker Day sign-up sheet was out.

### **Adjournment to Closed Session:**

Mayor Giddens called for a motion to adjourn to closed session. Peterson made a motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) and (2) 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 with Lucas seconding and Peterson, Lucas, Daugherty, and Vess voting aye on roll call vote. This meeting will be considered closed at the end of the closed session.

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Mayor Giddens

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City Clerk