

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

NIXA CITY HALL

August 11, 2026 6:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Visitors

Shawn Ingwersen made public comments.

Sam Schawrz made public comments.

Ordinance (First Reading and Public Hearing; No Council Vote)

Council Bill #2026-21 An ordinance of the council of the City of Nixa establishing and levying taxes on real property in the City for the 2026 tax year. Michael Mayes, Assistant City Attorney, explained the levy would remain unchanged from the prior year and must be submitted to Christian County by August 31. Mayor Giddens opened and closed the public hearing.

Resolutions (Public Hearing; Council Vote)

Resolution #2026-34 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for the Construction of a New Sludge Holding Basin for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, spoke regarding the treatment plant and the treatment capacity. The project is \$3,000,000. Mayor Giddens opened and closed the public hearing. Mayor Giddens asked for a motion. Peterson made a motion, with Daugherty seconding. All in favor.

Resolution #2026-35 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Bids for the Expansion of the Compost Facility Building. Nate Miller, Assistant Public Works Director, said the City continues to produce sludge. He explained that this resolution would provide a long-term solution and that staff recommends approval. Mayor Giddens opened and closed the public hearing. Mayor Giddens asked for a motion. First by Morris second by Vess. All in favor.

Resolution #2026-36 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security to Allow Nixa Police Officers to be Trained and Perform Duties Under 8 U.S.C. §1357(g). Captain Jason Fleetwood spoke regarding the agreement and the training required by our officers. The City Attorney and staff recommend approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing.

Mindy Nielsen made public comments. Dominique Moore made public comments. Gabriela Stark made public comments. Thomas Hughes made public comments.

Nicholas Mueller made public comments. Mayor Giddens, Tennis, Captain Fleetwood, and Jimmy Liles spoke regarding the questions Mueller asked regarding the Flock agreement.

Shawn Ingwersen made public comments. Daniel Thrasher gave his allotted five minutes to Mindy Nielsen. Mindy Nielsen made public comments. Sarah Wickins made public comments. Taylor Flores made public comments. Sam Schawrz made public comments. Ron Sanders made public comments. CJ Birsa made public comments. Liz Thrasher made public comments. Kayla Guilbault Jungers made public comments.

Shawn Lucas asked questions regarding the current duties and responsibilities of the police and what would change if the resolution passes. Tennis answered stating there would not be significant changes. Daugherty asked what would happen now if someone is pulled over and is here illegally. Tennis spoke about the current protocol and explained that the City utilizes other agencies. Fleetwood continued to elaborate on the City's current procedures, the benefits of this resource, and the changes it would make. Liles addressed the comment regarding the posting and the state law requirements. Summer Rascoll, Director of Communications, said the information was included in the newsletter and on Facebook and was posted on the board outside City Hall. Giddens restates what Liles said and comments were made. Rascoll said the minutes can be found after they are approved the fourth Tuesday of the month and Giddens confirms.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens asked for a motion. First by Ortiz, second by Lucas. Ortiz, Lucas, Peterson, Vess, and Daugherty voted aye. Morris voted nay. The motion carried.

Resolution #2026-37 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with The City of Branson for the Respective Police Departments to Provide Mutual Aid to One Another. Chad Tennis spoke regarding the terms, liabilities, and benefits. Staff recommends approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing.

Nicholas Mueller made public comments. Tennis addressed the question regarding the ability to share resources. Mayor Giddens spoke regarding the questions Mueller asked.

Ron Sanders made public comments.

Mayor Giddens closed the public hearing. Giddens spoke regarding the Police Department and the training and education provided to the Police Department and other departments Mayor Giddens asked for a motion. Vess made a motion, with Peterson seconding. All voted aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports

Mayor Giddens reminded that National Night Out is August 18.

Jimmy Liles welcomed our new City Attorney, Kara Wacker. Wacker thanked everyone for the opportunity.

Mayor Giddens thanked everyone who spoke and the feedback the community gave.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor

Acting City Clerk

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

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August 25, 2026 6:00 p.m.

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

Members of American Legion Post 434 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Council reviewed the consent agenda. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Peterson made a motion to approve, with Vess seconding. The motion carried with Vess, Ortiz, Daugherty, Peterson, Morris, and Lucas voting aye.

Proclamations

Mayor Giddens proclaimed August 2026 as Purple Heart Month and presented the proclamation to all members of the military.

Service Awards

Council and staff recognized Officer Ronald Hilburn for ten years of service with the Nixa Police Department. Officer Hilburn serves as a canine handler with K9 Jack and was certified through the National Police Canine Association to evaluate and certify other police canine teams. Officer Hilburn and Jack have completed more than 100 deployments this year.

Council and staff recognized Officer Brett Ford for five years of service with the Nixa Police Department. Officer Ford serves as a detective in the Criminal Investigations Division and as a senior SWAT operator. He also volunteers as a local football and soccer coach.

Visitors

James Madison made public comments.

Bridgett Bass made public comments.

Ordinances (Second Reading and Public Hearing; Council Vote)

Council Bill #2026-21 An ordinance of the council of the City of Nixa establishing and levying taxes on real property in the City for the 2026 tax year. Michael Mayes, Assistant City Attorney, explained the levy would remain unchanged from the prior year and must be submitted to Christian County by August 31. Mayes noted assessed value within the City had increased approximately \$14–15 million. Mayor Giddens opened and closed the public hearing. Morris made a motion to approve, with Peterson seconding. A roll call vote was taken, with Morris, Ortiz, Vess, Daugherty, Lucas, and Peterson all voting aye.

Resolutions (Public Hearing; Council Vote)

Resolution #2026-34 A resolution of the Council of the City of Nixa adopting the Christian County Missouri 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional National Hazard Mitigation Plan. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, explained that the plan is updated every five years and identifies major natural hazards in Christian County, including flooding, winter storms, severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Adoption maintains the City's eligibility for FEMA mitigation grants. Mayor Giddens opened and closed the public hearing. Lucas made a motion to approve, with Daugherty seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports

Mayor Giddens thanked participants, City staff and sponsors of National Night Out. Papa John's provided pizza for the event.

Matt Crouse, Director of Parks and Recreation, announced Movies in the Park would be held August 29, with the Superman movie beginning at dusk.

Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, announced City Hall would be closed Monday, September 7, 2026 for Labor Day.

Closed Session

Mayor Giddens called for a motion to adjourn to closed session. Peterson moved for Council to go into a 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 Vess, Lucas, Daugherty, Ortiz, Peterson, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote. This meeting will be considered closed at the end of the closed session.

Mayor

Acting City Clerk