

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

**NIXA CITY HALL**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Darlene Graham and Zern Vess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

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

None scheduled.

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

**Council Bill #2025-37** Amending Section 4-3 of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Establishing Specific Hours When Alcohol Sales are Prohibited and Opting Out of Section 311.2026 RSMO. Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, told Council that Chapter 4 of the city code governs alcoholic beverage sales and Chapter 4-3 defers to State Statute for operating hours for liquor sales. Coffey stated that the Missouri General Assembly passed RSMO 311.2026, which temporarily allows extended liquor sales during the FIFA World Cup. Coffey said that RSMO 311.2026 allows for municipalities to opt out of the extended sale hours. Coffey stated that the original bill explicitly sets prohibited hours for liquor sales between 1:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Coffey said the original bill also opts the city out of the FIFA World Cup extended liquor sale hours. Coffey told Council that after the November 25th Council meeting, Council member Lucas asked for an amendment to the bill. Coffey stated that the amendment was provided, and it removes the language regarding the FIFA World Cup extended hours for liquor sales and leaves the code amendment for the prohibited hours for liquor sales. Council held a discussion. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Lucas made a motion to amend Council Bill #2025-37, with Peterson seconding and all Council members voting aye. Coffey read Amended Council Bill #2025-37 Amending Section 4-3 of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Establishing Specific Hours When Alcohol Sales are Prohibited. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing on Amended Council Bill #2025-37 with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve Amended Council Bill #2025-37. Lucas made a motion to approve Amended Council Bill #2025-37, with Vess seconding and Graham, Morris, Vess, Ortiz, Peterson, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

**Council Bill #2025-38** Adopting the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget for the City. Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, told Council that this is the final reading of the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget. Evans said that the total revenue for the city will be budgeted at \$73.6 million, and total expenses for the city will be budgeted at \$96.4 million. Evans stated that the estimated unrestricted fund is \$25,578,149.00. 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 #2025-38, with Lucas seconding and Lucas, Ortiz, Morris, Peterson, Vess, and Graham voting aye on roll call vote.

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

**Resolution #2025-53** Adopting the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program. Evans told Council that the City Charter requires the City Council to adopt a CIP program every year. Evans stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission heard and approved the CIP program at their November 4th meeting. Evans said that the 2026 Capital Improvement Program total is \$50,338,482.00 and the five (5) year plan total is \$122,723,270.00. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing, 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 #2025-53, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

**Resolution #2025-54** Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Records Which Have Met Retention. Coffey told Council that this is the annual resolution for records destruction approval. Coffey said that 96 boxes have met the retention requirements per the retention schedules. Coffey stated that the Police Department also supplied records that have met retention requirements. Coffey said that both destruction lists were provided with the resolution. 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 #2025-54, with Lucas seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

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

Coffey reminded Council that candidate filing is open for the April 2026 election until December 30th at 5 p.m.

Liles stated that city offices would be closed on December 19th from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. for the employee end of the year meeting. Liles said city offices would also be closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas. Liles reminded Council that the next City Council meeting would be on January 13th, 2026.

Mayor Giddens thanked each department for their hard work over the past year. Mayor Giddens thanked Council for their dedication to the community.

**Closed Session:**

Peterson made a motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) in which the Council will discuss legal actions, causes of action and confidential and privileged communications with their attorney with Lucas seconding and Lucas, Morris, Vess, Graham, Ortiz, and Peterson voting aye on roll call vote.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk