

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF
THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI**

NIXA CITY HALL – EMAIL VOTE

May 13th, 2026 12:00 P.M.

The special meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk. Attending via email were Council Members Jay Ortiz, Kelly Morris, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, Zern Vess, and Linda Daugherty. Also attending via email were Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, and Mike Mayes, Interim City Attorney.

Coffey and Mayes were available in the West Conference Room at City Hall during the voting for public comments. No public was in attendance during the email vote.

Coffey opened the email meeting at 12:00 p.m. Coffey told Council that voting for Council Bill #2026-11 was open. Coffey also stated that there was an amendment for Council Bill #2026-11 that was provided due to issues with the original bill's budget totals. Coffey said that if Council would like to approve the amendment to the council bill, a first (1st) and second (2nd) would be required. Lucas made a motion at 12:00 p.m. to approve the amendment to Council Bill #2026-11, with Morris seconding at 12:01 p.m. Coffey asked for a roll call vote for approving the amendment to Council Bill #2026-11 at 12:03 p.m. Vess, Peterson, and Ortiz voted aye to approve the amendment at 12:04 p.m., Morris voted aye to approve the amendment at 12:05 p.m., Lucas voted aye to approve the amendment at 12:07 p.m., and Daugherty voted aye at 12:11 p.m. to approve the amendment. Coffey stated at 12:13 p.m. that the amendment to Council Bill #2026-11 was approved 6-0.

Coffey asked for first (1st) and second (2nd) motions to approve Council Bill #2026-11 as amended. At 12:14 p.m., Vess made a motion to approve Council Bill #2026-11 as amended. At 12:15 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion to approve Council Bill #2026-11 as amended. Coffey asked for a roll call vote approving Council Bill #2026-11 as amended. At 12:17 p.m., Lucas voted aye to approve the amended council bill. At 12:19 p.m., Peterson, Vess, Morris, and Ortiz voted aye to approve the amended council bill. At 12:20 p.m., Daugherty voted aye to approve the amended council bill at 12:31 p.m. Coffey stated at 12:32 p.m. that Council Bill #2026-11, as amended, had been approved 6-0.

Coffey said that the email meeting was now considered closed.

Mayor

City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL

May 26th, 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, Zern Vess, and Linda Daugherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Election:

Mayor Giddens called for nominations for the Mayor Pro-Tempore election. Morris nominated Peterson as Mayor Pro-Tempore with Vess seconding and Daugherty, Peterson, Lucas, Morris, Vess, and Ortiz voting aye on roll call vote.

Presentations:

Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, introduced Jessica Lamendola with Baker Tilly. Lamendola thanked Evans and Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, for all of their work during the bond process. Lamendola told Council that \$19.87 million in bonds were sold on May 19th for utility enterprise projects. Lamendola said the City's bond rating is AA3, which is a strong rating for the city. Lamendola stated that the city received two (2) bids representing 30 banks, and the winner was Robert W. Baird out of Milwaukee. Lamendola told Council that the bond tick was 4.2005%. Lamendola said that the redemption day for this bond will be in 2034. Council asked questions, with Evans responding.

Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, told Council that staff has concerns with funding in the Street Department. Cossey provided information on the Street Department Master Plan and told Council that the needs have not changed much since 2015. Cossey said that infrastructure is starting to age, and Cochran Engineering has put together a preventative pavement maintenance plan. Cossey discussed transportation funding needs and the current CIP plan. Cossey provided information on Ozarks Transportation Organization Transportation Improvement Grant Funding and changes in federal funding requirements. Cossey discussed the best times to do preventative maintenance on streets. Cossey told Council that based on the preventative maintenance plan, the Street Department would need \$1.5 million for maintenance through 2031 and \$2.5 million for Capital Improvement Projects through 2040. Council asked questions with Cossey responding.

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 Daugherty seconding and Morris, Ortiz, Vess, Peterson, Lucas, and Daugherty voting aye on roll call vote.

Service Awards:

Mayor Giddens recognized Jason Stutesmun for his 25 years of service to the city. Cossey told Council that Stutesmun started in the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2001 and transitioned into

the Water Department. Cossey said that in 2020 Stutesmun was promoted to Superintendent. Cossey stated that Stutesmun is very knowledgeable about the city's water system, and the city is very fortunate to have him.

Visitors:

Whitney Guison, President and CEO Nixa Chamber of Commerce, made public comments.
Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., made public comments.

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

Council Bill #2026-12 Declaring the Necessity of Acquiring by Condemnation a Certain Perpetual Utility Easement or Providing a Loop Feed to Accommodate Future Growth in West Nixa; and Authorizing the City Attorney and Other City Officials to Take All Necessary Steps to Secure Such Property Rights. Cossey told Council that this condemnation request is for an electric easement that would allow for future growth and reliability on the west side of the city. Cossey stated that the easement needed is 280 feet for a feeder line that feeds into the Espy Substation. Cossey said that there is a commercial development on Leanne Drive, and the feeder line needs to be extended in order to provide adequate power and redundancy in back feeding to that commercial area. Cossey stated that the easement is located on a 20-acre property that is held in a three (3) person trust. Cossey told Council that two (2) of the trustees are willing to work with the city, and the third (3rd) is unwilling to communicate with the city. Cossey provided information on the condemnation process and reasons condemnations may be needed. Council asked questions with Cossey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Dan Burns, Member of Trust, made public comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., made public comments. Cossey and Mike Mayes, Interim City Attorney, responded to Sanders' comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill #2026-13 Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, of the Nixa City Code by Adding Section 2-85 and Amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 20-148 for the Purpose of Allowing the City Administrator to Appoint an Acting City Clerk in Case of Temporary Absence or Disability. Mayes told Council that the City Clerk is expected to be out of the office for several months and, due to the position's responsibilities, a code change was required to allow for bill paying and check approval. Mayes said the update to section 20-148 is for the City Administrator to appoint someone in the Clerk's absence. Mayes stated that the update to section 2-85 is modeled after the City Administrator section of the City Charter. 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 #2026-27 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Marshals Service to Become a Part of Their Midwest Violent Fugitive Task Force. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, provided information on the task forces' goals. Campbell stated that the Police Department is looking to assign an officer to the task force in a part-time position. Campbell said that the United States Marshals Service has been involved in cases beginning in February and offers many benefits to the Police Department. Campbell stated that if approved, the appointed officer would be deputized as a Marshal and would carry Marshal credentials. Campbell told Council that the United States Marshals Service asked that the MOU be considered a closed record and provided information on that closure. Council asked questions with Campbell responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Drive, provided public comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-27 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2026-28 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$492,000.00 with JCI Industries, LLC for the Purchase and Installation of a New Blower System for the final Sludge Holding Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Stutesmun told Council that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is aging and the city has been slowly upgrading the equipment. Stutesmun stated that the sludge holding tank is for making compost. Stutesmun said that three (3) blowers would be installed, and the city has worked with JCI previously. 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 #2026-28 with Daugherty seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Discussion Item – Fruit Tree Planting:

Cossey provided information on the possibility of planting fruit trees within detention basins. Cossey said that he spoke with the city's Arborist and Street Superintendent, and they expressed their concerns about trees being placed within detention basins. Cossey stated that their letters were provided to Council. Cossey told Council that staff does not have a funding source for fruit trees. Mayor Giddens thanked staff for their time researching the topic.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, reminded Council of the Council Workshop on May 29th through 31st. Coffey stated that the city's Multicultural Festival is on June 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Nixa.

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council that the pool is officially open and that it had a great opening weekend. Crouse provided information on Placer AI data on McCauley Park. Crouse said that from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026, McCauley Park had 556,000 visitors.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Giddens

City Clerk

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

Residence Inn by Marriott Joplin, 3128 East Hammons Blvd., Joplin, MO 64804

May 29th, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Dinner and Team Outing:

Council and staff attended dinner and a team-building exercise. This was not a meeting of the City Council in which action was taken. This was only a social event.

May 30th, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

The Nixa City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Giddens at 9:00 a.m. Council Members Linda Daugherty, Shawn Lucas, Zern Vess, Aron Peterson, Kelly Morris, and Jay Ortiz. Also attending were Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, Matt Crouse, Parks Director, Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, Mike Mayes, Interim City Attorney, Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, Joe Campbell, Police Chief, Amanda Hunsucker, Human Resources Director, and Summer Rascoll, Communications Director.

Liles thanked everyone for attending this year's workshop and outlined the weekend's agenda.

Robbins provided an overview of the day's agenda. Robbins started a discussion on what the Council and staff think they are doing well. Council and staff held a discussion. Robbins started a discussion on what Council and staff think they could be doing better. Council and staff held a discussion.

Robbins led a discussion on the Council's priorities for 2027-2030. Robbins asked small groups of Council and staff to have break-out conversations on the following topics: economic development, parks and connectivity, and directives for staff. Council and staff held a group discussion after the small group breakouts to determine priorities for the topics discussed.

Mayor Giddens provided information on Council liaisons during a working lunch session. Council and staff held a discussion

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After the working lunch session, Robbins led a discussion on how to achieve the priorities that were discussed earlier in the day.

Liles provided information on his goals for staff in 2027.

Council and staff held a discussion on the steps needed to be taken in 2026 to achieve the goals for 2027-2030. Council and staff held an open discussion on various topics.

Mayor Giddens thanked everyone for their work during the day. Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Dinner and Team Outing:

Council and staff attended dinner at 6:00 p.m. This was not a meeting of the City Council in which action was taken. This was only a social event.

May 31st, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

The Nixa Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Giddens at 9:00 a.m. Council Members attending were Linda Daugherty, Shawn Lucas, Zern Vess, Aron Peterson, Kelly Morris, and Jay Ortiz. Also attending were Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, and Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk.

Liles thanked everyone for their work on Saturday. Liles asked for feedback on Saturday's discussions. Council held a discussion with staff on economic development, business retention, and employee morale.

With no further discussion, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Mayor Giddens

City Clerk