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

NIXA CITY HALL October 13th, 2026 6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mayor Pro Temp Peterson told Council that there was an issue with Council Bill #2026-26 and it needed to be postponed indefinitely. Lucas made a motion to postpone indefinitely Council Bill #2026-26 with Vess seconding and Daugherty, Ortiz, Morris, Vess, Peterson, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

Proclamation:

Mayor Pro Temp Peterson read a proclamation proclaiming September 27th, 2026, as Gold Star Mothers & Family's Day. Katie Schmidt, a Gold Star Mother, was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

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

None Scheduled

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

Council Bill #2026-24 Amending the Official Zoning Map by Changing the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.04 Acres of Real Property Located Within the Teaney Acre Subdivision from the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) District. Brendan Justin, City Planner, told Council that the 1.04 acres is undeveloped land zoned as R-1. Justin said that the current property owner is requesting the zoning change for the potential sale of the property. Justin stated that the property is located at the northwest corner of Eastwood Drive and Mt. Vernon, and access to the property would be off Eastwood Drive. Justin said that there are no municipal services on the property, but all utilities are available. Justin told Council that there is a 15' sewer easement on the south side of the property. Justin stated that west of the property is an auto repair shop, to the south is a vacant building, and to the north and east is R-1 Zoning. Justin discussed the comprehensive plan and the proposed zoning contained within. Justin stated that there were concerned citizens who spoke at the Planning and Zoning Commission and discussed their concerns. Justin said that Eastwood Drive is the access point for two (2) commercial properties and the proposed rezoning is consistent with the area. Justin stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff both recommend approval. Council asked questions, with Justin responding. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson opened the public hearing for comments.

Jason Massengale, 1337 W Rosedale, made public comments.

Brian Perdue, 101 Eastwood Drive, made public comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Council asked additional questions, with Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, responding. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, provided additional information.

Council Bill #2026-25 Amending Chapter 20, Article V, Division 2, Section 20-256 of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Changing the Distance and Allowed Speed in School Speed Limit Zones. Mike Mayes, Assistant City Attorney, discussed the current city code pertaining to speed limits in school zones. Mayes stated that there is an issue with the distance of the lights from the schools. Mayes said that the best solution to the issue is to amend the code to conform to the current status of the lights. Mayes told Council that the school speed zones would be increased to 750 feet in either direction from the school property. Mayes told Council that established school speed zones would be updated as well for the zones near High Pointe Elementary, Summit Intermediate, Century Elementary, and the High School. Council asked questions, with Mayes responding. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, and Campbell provided additional information. Council and staff held a discussion. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson 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 #2026-41 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Qualifications for Professional Civil Engineering Services. Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, said that this resolution is to allow bids for RFQ's for engineering services. Cossey stated that five (5) years ago, the city expanded the civil, electric, and transportation on-call engineering services. Cossey told Council that currently the city has seven (7) engineers across three (3) disciplines. Cossey stated that all the engineering services contracts with be three (3) year contracts with two (2) one (1) year renewals. Council asked questions, with Cossey responding. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-41, with Daugherty seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2026-42 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Qualifications for Professional Electrical Engineering Services. Cossey stated that this resolution is similar to Resolution #2026-41; however, this resolution is for electrical engineering services. Cossey said that the contract length would be the same as the civil engineering services contract. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-42, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2026-43 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Qualifications for Professional Transportation Engineering Services. Cossey stated that this resolution is similar to both Resolution #2026-41 and Resolution #2026-42; however, this resolution is for transportation engineering services. Cossey said that the contract length would be the same as the civil and electrical engineering services contracts. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Temp Peterson called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-43, with Ortiz seconding, and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, told Council that the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the new swing at Rotary Park will be on October 17th at 11:00 a.m. Crouse stated that Spooktacular would be at McCauley Park on October 23rd.

Daugherty discussed the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and thanked the Police Department for all they do. Ortiz stated he also enjoyed the CPA and was thankful for the experience.

Peterson stated there was an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Godbey provided additional information. Peterson said that the fall Drug Take Back Day would be on October 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at CVS.

Adjournment to Closed Session:

Lucas made a motion to move 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 Morris seconding and Morris, Daugherty, Lucas, Peterson, Ortiz, and Vess voting aye on roll call vote.

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

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Mayor Pro Temp City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL October 14th, 2026 6:26 P.M.

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

Stan Robinson with BPJ Insurance was in attendance to provide information on the City's self-insured health insurance. Robinson provided a handout to Council. Staff and Council asked questions, with Robinson responding. Liles provided additional information on the City's health insurance.
Mayor Giddens called for a 5-minute break at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:08 p.m.

Staff Presentation and Council Discussion:
Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, provided an overview of the workshop.

Evans presented information on **Revenues**:
Evans said that Sales Tax is budgeted with a two percent (2%) increase and Use Tax is budgeted with a 20% increase over 2025. Evans told Council that the $316,000.00 in Administrative Fees are being removed from the Street Fund. Evans stated that the Parks Department would like to increase Parks Department fees. Matt Crouse, Parks Director, said that the Parks Department would like to increase Summer It Up fees by $10 per week for members and non-members and add a non-resident fee. Crouse said that the enrollment fee would be changed to a $25 per child fee. Crouse said the new fees would be $130 for members, $140 for non-members, and $150 for non-residents.

Evans presented information on **Expenses**:
Evans said that there have been requests for new personnel. The Street Department requested three (3) new positions, the Wastewater Department requested one (1) new position, the Police Department requested five (5) new positions, and Administration requested three (3) new positions. Liles provided additional information. Evans said that there would be a three-point six percent (3.6%) cost of living increase. Evans stated that LAGERS would have an increase of 18.2% for general and 18.9% for the Police Department. Evans discussed salary calculations through the salary ranges. Liles provided additional information.

Evans presented information on **Operations**:
Evans said that the proposed 2027 Administration budget reflects a 14.15% increase over the 2026 budget. Evans stated that the proposed 2027 Police Department budget reflects a 33.80% increase over the 2026 budget. Council asked questions, with Liles responding. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, and Evans provided additional information. Evans said the proposed 2027 Parks Department budget reflects a 7.04% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans told Council the proposed Planning and Development budget reflects a 19.01% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans stated that the proposed 2027 Communications budget reflects a 39.21% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans said the proposed 2027 Finance Department budget reflects a 15.74%

decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans told Council the Mayor and Council proposed 2027 budget reflects a 34.59% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans stated the Legal Department's proposed 2027 budget reflects a 13.07% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans stated that the Economic Development proposed 2027 budget reflects a 49.57% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans said the Human Resources proposed 2027 budget reflects a three-point-two-eight percent (3.28%) decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans told Council the proposed 2027 Stormwater budget reflects a 47.83% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans stated that the Electric Department's proposed 2027 budget reflects a 12.59% increase over the 2026 budget. Evans said that the Water Department's 2027 budget reflects a 12.82% decrease from the 2026 budget. Evans told Council the Wastewater Department's proposed 2027 budget reflects a 13.24% decrease from the 2026 budget.

Evans presented information on **Capital Projects**:
Evans said that the Administration Capital Project total cost is $122,000.00. Liles and Summer Rascoll, Communications Director, provided additional information. Evans stated that the Police Department Capital Project total cost is $7,631,348.00. Campbell provided additional information. Evans told Council the Parks Department's total Capital Project cost is $1,317,000.00. Crouse provided additional information. Evans said that the Stormwater Capital Project total cost is $100,000.00. Jeff Roussell, Street Superintendent, and Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, provided additional information. Evans stated that the Street Department's Capital Project total cost is $3,086,500.00. Roussell provided additional information. Evans said that the Electric Department's Capital Project total cost is $6,679,042.00. Council asked questions, with Chris Huett, Electric Superintendent, responding. Cossey provided additional information. Evans told Council the Water Department's Capital Project total cost is $6,606,250.00. Jason Stutesmun, Water Superintendent, provided information. Evans said that the Wastewater Department's Capital Project total cost is $10,558,250.00. Stutesmun provided additional information. Evans stated the citywide CIP costs in 2027 are $36,100,390.00, with contingent CIP project costs of $656,680.00. Evans said the total CIP costs, including contingent projects, are $36,757,070.00.

Evans provided additional requested information on the Operations budget. Council held a discussion with staff.

Adjournment:
With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Mayor Giddens City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL **October 14th, 2026 5:30 P.M.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Council Bill #2026-27 Amending the 2026 Annual Budget in the Amount of $687,000.00 to Appropriate Funds for Necessary Technological Infrastructure. Wes Young, Assistant City Administrator, told Council this budget amendment is to replace aging technological infrastructure. Young stated that the budget amendment would be combined with money that is currently in the computer lines within the 2026 budget. Young said that the servers were last updated in 2018 and that update included 22 virtual servers. Young provided information on recent significant server outages. Young told Council that this city needs to fix the issues with the servers before an emergency. Young discussed the budget proposal provided by the city's IT provider. Young stated that the quote for the upgrades is $769,000.00, and staff is proposing a total project allowance of $800,000.00 that provides $31,000.00 of flexibility. Young stated that there is currently $181,796.00 in the existing 2026 computer equipment budgets and, combined with the budget amendment, would provide $868,796.00 for the server replacement project. Young told Council that the prices for the servers are volatile and if the purchase can't be made in 2026, staff will return to Council for additional guidance and appropriations. Young said that staff recommends approval. Monte Hickey, President of Forward Slash Technology, provided additional information to Council. Council held a discussion. Council asked questions, with Hickey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Nicholas Meuller, Nixa, MO, made public comments.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor Giddens City Clerk

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

NIXA CITY HALL **October 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, and Zern Vess. Linda Daugherty was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Service Awards:

Mayor Giddens recognized Ryan Strohm for his 10 years of service to the city. Strohm was not in attendance. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, told Council that Strohm is the current SWAT Commander. Campbell stated that Strohm was promoted to Lieutenant in 2024. Campbell said that currently, Strohm is attending the FBI National Academy in Virginia.

Mayor Giddens recognized Lisa Brown for her 20 years of service to the city. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that Brown is tasked with handling customer service for the Planning and Development Department. Godbey said that Brown is always up-to-date with what is occurring in the department.

Mayor Giddens recognized Wendi Buckmaster for her 30 years of service to the city. Buckmaster was not in attendance. Campbell told Council that Buckmaster started her career with the city as a dispatcher and is now the Police Clerk Supervisor. Campbell said that Buckmaster is a reliable, adaptable, and dedicated employee.

Proclamation:

Mayor Giddens read a proclamation proclaiming October 28th, 2026, as First Responder's Day. Members of Public Works and Police accepted the proclamation.

Presentation – 2027 Operational and Capital Budget:

Mayor Giddens postponed the budget presentation to the November 10th Council Meeting to allow Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, time to make requested changes.

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

None Scheduled.

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

Council Bill #2026-28 Amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-151 (5) of the Nixa City Code and to Section 71, Paragraph D of the City's Technical Specifications Manual for the Purpose of Modifying Fees Administered by the Public Works Department. Nate Miller, Assistant Public Works Director, told Council this council bill is to allow an update to the Public Works section of the Fee Schedule. Miller said the updates would affect electric and water meter fees and the electric development fees. Miller stated that the city is operating at a loss on both water and electric meters. Miller told Council that the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) conversion has also increased meter fees, further widening the gap between the city's fees and actual expenses. Miller told Council that, in the electric developer fees, staff is also proposing replacing the existing $3-per-linear-foot and material replacement fee with a $1,750.00-per-lot fee for single-family and two-family zoned developments. Miller stated this new fee schedule is designed to be developer-friendly. Miller said that the changes to the Technical Specifications Manual would be to remove the dollar amounts and refer back to the Fee Schedule located within the code. Council asked questions, with Miller responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill #2026-29 Amending Chapter 12, Article II, Division 2 of the Nixa City Code by Adding Section 12-30(c)(4) for the Purpose of Modifying the City's Regulations Related to Business License Exceptions. Matt Crouse, Parks Director, stated that a business license is required for individuals and businesses that offer programming and services to the Parks Department. Crouse told Council this code update would waive the business license fee for the businesses designated as "Parks Partners". Crouse said this exempt fee status would help with obtaining instructors. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill #2026-30 Amending the 2026 Annual Budget in the Amount of $581,000.00 to Appropriate Funds for a New Utilities and Public Works Facility. Travis Cossey, Public Works Director, told Council this budget amendment would allow staff to purchase land for a future Public Works facility. Cossey said that staff has been working with a property owner and has come to an agreement. Cossey stated that the property is located north of the new Police Department at 401 Leeann and is 20.76 acres. Cossey told Council this new facility would allow for a consolidated public works campus as well as future growth. Cossey said that at the November 10th meeting, a resolution will be presented for a contract to purchase the property. Council asked questions, with Cossey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

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

Council Bill #2026-24 Amending the Official Zoning Map by Changing the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.04 Acres of Real Property Located Within the Teaney Acres Subdivision from the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) District. Brendan Justin, City Planner, told Council the rezoning of this property is a condition for the sale of the property. Justin said that the property is undeveloped land located at the intersection of Eastwood Drive and East Mount Vernon. Justin stated that to the west of the property is an auto repair shop, to the south is a vacant home zoned NC, and to the north and

east is R-1 zoning. Justin provided information regarding the size of Eastwood Drive that was requested by Council at the previous meeting. Justin said that no utilities are located on the property but are readily available. Justin discussed the future land use map. Justin provided information on city code requirements for commercial use near residential use. Justin said that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval. Council asked questions, with Justin responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Jason Massengale, 1337 W Rosedale, 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 #2026-24, with Ortiz seconding, and Peterson, Ortiz, Vess, Morris, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2026-25 Amending Chapter 20, Article V, Division 2, Section 20-256 of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Changing the Distance and Allowed Speed in School Speed Limit Zones. Mike Mayes, Assistant City Attorney, discovered a discrepancy within the code regarding school speed zone signs. Mayes said the code amendment would change the school speed zone distance from 200 feet to 750 feet in either direction from the school property. Mayes said that 12 of the signs have been in place for the last 15 or more years, and two (2) of the signs have been operational since 2011. Mayes said the code update brings the code into alignment with the signs' positions. Mayes told Council that established school speed zones would be updated as well for the zones near High Pointe Elementary, Summit Intermediate, Century Elementary, and the High School. Council asked questions, with Kara Wacker, City Attorney, responding. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, provided additional information. Council and staff held a discussion. 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 #2026-25, with Vess seconding, and Peterson, Ortiz, Vess, and Morris voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2026-27 Amending the 2026 Annual Budget in the Amount of $687,000.00 to Appropriate Funds for Necessary Technological Infrastructure. Wes Young, Assistant City Administrator, told Council this budget amendment would support anticipated server infrastructure replacement. Young stated that $181,796.00 is available within the budget and that this budget amendment would supplement that existing amount. Young said that staff may not immediately purchase the servers but will work with the IT provider to get the best possible price. Young stated that if the servers aren’t purchased in the 2026 budget, staff will have to come back to Council. Young said that staff recommends approval. 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 #2026-27, with Morris seconding, and Morris, Lucas, Vess, Peterson, and Ortiz voting aye on roll call vote.

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

Resolution #2026-44 Consenting to the Mayor's Reappointment of Brian Popejoy and Matt Lander to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Godbey said that this resolution is to reappoint two (2) current Commissioners. Godbey told Council that both Popejoy and Lander have agreed to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Godbey stated that staff recommends approval. Godbey told Council that there is still an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the volunteer form is open on the city's website. 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 #2026-44, with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye. Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, swore in Popejoy.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Mayor Giddens discussed the informational items that are provided at each second (2nd) of the month City Council meeting.

Liles reminded Council that the State of the Community Dinner would be on October 27th.

Crouse told Council that the Halloween Spooktacular had a very good turnout. Crouse reminded Council that the Veterans Day Ceremony would be November 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the X-Center.

Mayor Giddens said that the November newsletter would have a link to the State of the Community videos.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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Mayor Giddens City Clerk