



City Council Meeting

Regular Session Minutes

April 11, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty, Missouri was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on April 11, 2022 with Mayor Lyndell Brenton presiding. Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Michael Hagan, who then led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Harold Phillips and Paul Jenness, Ward I
Greg Duncan and Kelley Wrenn Pozel, Ward II
Kevin Graham and Jeff Watt, Ward III
Michael Hagan and Gene Gentrup, Ward IV

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Curt Wenson, City Administrator
Sara Cooke, Assistant City Administrator
Shawna Funderburk, Chief Strategic Operations Officer
Vicki McClure, Finance Director
Andy Noll, Utilities Director
Amy Blake, Human Resources Director
BJ Staab, Parks and Recreation Director
Andy Hedrick, Police Captain
John Mills, Fire Chief
Sherri McIntyre, Public Works Director
Susan Cox, Assistant Director Human Resources
Tara Schmitter, Human Resources Payroll Coordinator
Nicole Lewis, Recruitment Manager
Janet Pittman, Deputy City Clerk

Public Present: Kellie Houx, Courier Tribune
20 members of the public

IV. APPROVE MINUTES AND SUMMARIES

V. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

A. Mayor Brenton proclaimed April 10-16, 2022 as National Telecommunicator's Appreciation Week.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Purchase of Construction Materials from KC Winwater for materials for the Route H Water Main improvements in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 [AR 070-22]

Council Member Watt moved to approve the purchase. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- B. Purchase of a 2022 Talbert 20 Ton Trailer from Freightliner in an amount not to exceed \$27,735.00 [AR 069-22]

Council Member Watt moved to approve the purchase. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance acknowledging vendor payments for the period of March 18 to April 1, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Watt took over as Chair of the meeting.

Document No. 9397 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to approve the vendor payments. Council Member Pozel seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: Council Member Jenness, due to potential conflict of interest

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11576.

Mayor Brenton resumed as chair of the meeting.

- B. Benefits Renewal [AR 062-22]

Midwest Public Risk (MPR) provides employee medical, dental and vision coverage to the City of Liberty. The City of Liberty chose to switch carriers for employee life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Short-term Disability Insurance as the new carrier offered lower premium rates and better customer service.

1. Motion to approve Benefits expenditures through Midwest Public Risk (MPR)

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to approve the motion. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham,
Watt, Duncan and Gentrup
No: None
Abstain: None

2. Ordinance approving a Contract with Reliance Standard Insurance Company to provide Employee Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Short-term Disability Insurance Coverage for the City of Liberty

Document No. 9398 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Graham seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Graham moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Jenness seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0
Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham,
Watt, Duncan and Gentrup
No: None
Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11577.

- C. Ordinance approving an amendment to Ordinance No. 11409, Approving an Agreement for Traffic Signal Maintenance with Black and McDonald, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$28,350.00 [AR 064-22]

This action is to increase the contract in order to allow for 2022 traffic signal preventative maintenance. City-owned traffic signals require routine maintenance and occasional repairs. City staff has utilized the prompt on-call services of electrical contractor, Black and McDonald, for many years. City staff determined it would be beneficial to enter into an agreement with a fixed maintenance plan and annual cost in order to more accurately budget for future traffic signal needs.

Document No. 9399 was read.

Action: Council Member Jenness moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Graham seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Gentrup moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0
Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan
and Gentrup
No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11578.

- D. Ordinance approving an Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council pertaining to Senior Services [AR 067-22]

Each year the City of Liberty is awarded operating contracts by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to support senior services including transportation services, senior center administration, and Meals on Wheels meal delivery. All contracts are for the state fiscal year July 1 through June 30.

Document No. 9400 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11579.

- E. Ordinance approving a Contract with Curt Heisinger for the Stabilization of Headstones in Fairview and New Hope Cemeteries in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 [AR 065-22]

City staff has investigated and determined a need to repair and stabilize headstones throughout the City-owned cemeteries. Included as a part of the City of Liberty's 2022 budget is \$25,000 for headstone maintenance in the City-owned cemeteries.

Document No. 9401 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to postpone consideration of the ordinance to May 9, 2022. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Ordinance approving a Contract with Landworks Studio for the Liberty Parks and Recreation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$74,410.00 [068-22]

The Liberty Parks and Recreation Board desires for the park system to be a key player in the creation of a destination community that both retains current and attracts new residents, businesses, and visitors to Liberty. This master plan will develop a road map for the next 5-10 years for Liberty's park system.

Document No. 9402 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Gentrup moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Watt seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11580.

G. Ordinance approving an Agreement with S4 Water for the Supply and Replacement of Water Plant Filter Media in an amount not to exceed \$22,650.00 [AR 066-22]

The water treatment plant uses filters daily in its operation as the final process of treatment to remove turbidity in the form of dissolved and suspended solids. Replacement of filter media has not been done in the past 20 years, and acid cleaning of the media was not effective. The replacement of this first filter will provide a baseline for how difficult further replacements will be, what to expect in terms of labor, if it possesses any hardened, calcified media, and reveal the condition of the filter under-drains.

Document No. 9403 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Pozel seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Jenness seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11581.

H. Ordinance accepting Public Water Main Easement for Liberty Triangle Water Main Extension [AR 063-22]

To facilitate a public water main extension in the Liberty Triangle commercial development, a public water main easement is needed to allow for its construction and future maintenance. The public main extension is from the existing main constructed at the south end of the McBee's Car Wash development east to the existing public main that runs along the west side of M-291 Highway. The connection will provide a

needed loop in the public water distribution system from the McBee’s development to an existing public main along M-291 Highway.

Document No. 9404 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Watt seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Watt moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11582.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Block 174 – Fairview / New Hope Cemetery

Robyn Painter, 12802 Mt. Olivet, spoke in support of retaining grave markers.

David Langston, 1920 Carter Ct., spoke in opposition of revestment of lot 174.

Dwayne Holtzclaw, 113 Kevin St., stated revestment process is elder abuse.

Sharon Fiene, 457 E. Franklin, spoke against removal of the monument.

Giselle Fest, 1407 Lynette St., spoke about history of Mr. Tom Johnson.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

XII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk