



City Council Meeting

Regular Session Minutes
March 14, 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 Monday, March 14, 2022 with Mayor Lyndell Brenton presiding. Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Greg Duncan, who then led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Harold Phillips, 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: Paul Jenness, Ward I

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
BJ Staab, Parks and Recreation Director
James Simpson, Police Chief
John Mills, Fire Chief
Brandon Smith, Economic & Business Dev. Manager
Sherri McIntyre, Public Works Director
Janet Pittman, Deputy City Clerk

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

IV. APPROVE MINUTES AND SUMMARIES

V. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION - None

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA - None

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance acknowledging vendor payments for the period of February 18 to March 4, 2022

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

Document No. 9381 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to approve the vendor payments. Council Member Graham seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11559.

Mayor Brenton resumed as chair of the meeting.

- B. Ordinance conveying an easement to Evergy for Lot 3C, Heartland Meadows – Fourteenth Plat, Liberty, Missouri

This easement is tied to the development known as Heartland Cold Storage Logistics Facility. The developer/owner of the site is Ace Properties, LLC. The City of Liberty approved a tax abatement for this development which was approved by City Council on 5/10/21. The abatement has made the City the owner of the property so that the developer is able to receive the tax abatement. Thus, making the City of Liberty the Grantor in this agreement. The City has no intent of owning the property beyond the tax abatement period.

Document No. 9382 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 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11560.

- C. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11320, amending an Agreement with Denali Water Solutions, LLC for the disposal of Water Plant Residuals, increasing the not to exceed amount from \$570,000.00 to \$680,000.00.

The water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant create residuals that must be disposed of. The water treatment plant creates lime solids and the wastewater plant creates biosolids; both are currently disposed of by land application as soil amendments in agricultural fields that are within reasonable distances of both plants. This agreement extends the current agreement through December 31, 2023 which will allow time to determine estimated biosolids disposal quantities after waste water plant process improvements.

Document No. 9383 was read.

Action: Council Member Watt moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Phillips 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 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11561.

- D. Ordinance authorizing two Communication Site Lease Agreements with Mid-America Regional Council

Operation Green Light (“OGL”) is a program administered by the Mid-America Regional Council (“MARC”) and aids transportation efficiency through monitoring of traffic signals and traffic signal timing modifications. OGL approached the City requesting approval of the installation of communication devices on both water towers to aid in the communication network. OGL currently manages several traffic signals throughout Liberty including traffic signals on MO 291 and Kansas Avenue. The installation of the communication devices will aid in the current operations and the potential expansion of the OGL network to include more City of Liberty traffic signals.

Document No. 9384 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 Gentrup seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup
 No: None
 Abstain: None
 Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11562.

E. Adoption of 2022 Utility Rates

Based on the review of 2022 Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Fund expenditure budgets, the Budget Committee and staff are recommending an increase in Utility rates within all three funds.

1. Ordinance amending Section 29-25 (a) 'Water Rates' of the Code of the City of Liberty, Missouri

<u>Water (3.0% Increase)</u>	<u>2021 Rates</u>	<u>2022 Rates</u>
Monthly Customer Charge	\$6.80	\$8.00
Volume Charges		
Minimum Volume Charge	\$3.26	\$3.36
1,001 to 2,000 Gallons	\$7.00/1,000 gals	\$7.21/1,000 gals
2,001 to 20,000 Gallons	\$5.75/1,000 gals	\$5.92/1,000 gals
20,001 to 100,000 Gallons	\$5.20/1,000 gals	\$5.36/1,000 gals
Over 100,000 Gallons	\$4.07/1,000 gals	\$4.19/1,000 gals

Document No. 9385 was read.

Mayor Brenton stated this item would be considered on second reading at the March 28 Regular Session meeting.

2. Ordinance amending Section 29-49.1 'Sanitary Sewer Rates' of the Code of the City of Liberty, Missouri

<u>Wastewater (3.3% Increase)</u>		
<u>Residential and Commercial Accounts</u>		
Monthly Customer Charge	\$8.69	\$8.98
Volume Charges		
Minimum Volume Charge	\$7.40	\$7.64
Over 1,000 Gallons	\$16.09/1,000 gals	\$16.62/1,000 gals
 <u>Car Washes</u>		
Monthly Customer Charge	\$8.69	\$8.98
Volume Charges		
Minimum Volume Charge	\$7.40	\$7.64
Over 1,000 Gallons	\$15.35/1,000 gals	\$15.86/1,000 gals

Document No. 9386 was read.

Mayor Brenton stated this item would be considered on second reading at the March 28 Regular Session meeting.

3. Resolution adopting Solid Waste (Sanitation) Service Charges

<u>Solid Waste (3.7% Increase)</u>	\$18.30/month	\$18.98/month
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Action: Council Member Phillips moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Council Member Pozel.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0
Yes: Council Members Phillips, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup
No: None
Abstain: None
Inscribed in Resolution No. 3230.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Purchase of snow removal equipment from Knapheide in an amount not to exceed \$150,872.00

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

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0
Yes: Council Members Phillips, Pozel, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup
No: None
Abstain: None

B. Block 174 – Fairview / New Hope Cemetery

Gieselle Fest, 1407 Lynette, spoke regarding the history of the deed for Block 174.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

XII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk