

CITY OF OLIVETTE **February 23, 2021**

The Olivette City Council met on February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM via videoconferencing and livestreaming. Mayor Springer called the meeting to order.

Item #1 – Roll call

On roll call, the following persons were present: Mayor Ruth Springer, Chairman Pro-tem Sidney Clark, Council Member Greg Carl, Council Member Missy Waldman and Council Member Maxine Weil.

Also, in attendance were City Manager Barbara Sondag, Finance Director Darren Mann, Planning and Community Development Director Carlos Trejo, Parks and Recreation Director Beverly Tucker Knight and Acting City Clerk Denise Mandle.

Item #2 – Communications

Acting City Clerk Mandle stated there were no written communications. Mayor Springer conducted a swearing in of Dan McBride as the newest Sergeant in the Olivette Police Department.

Item #3 – City Manager’s Report and Staff Reports

City Manager Sondag gave project updates on The Oliver and Firestone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Worksession – March 2, 2021 @ 7pm.

Planning and Community Design Commission (PCDC) – March 4, 2021 @ 7pm.

City Council Meeting – March 9, 2021 @ 7pm.

Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) – March 17, 2021 @ 7pm.

Planning and Community Design Commission – March 18, 2021 @ 7pm.

City Council Meeting – March 23, 2021 @ 7pm.

TIF Commission – March 29, 2021

Item #4 – City Council Reports

Council Member Carl reported he attended the Economic Development Commission (EDC) on February 22, 2021 and since the meeting was in closed session, he did not have anything to report.

Council Member Weil reported she attended the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting on February 17, 2021 and gave an overview of the items discussed.

Council Member Waldman reported she attended the Planning and Community Design Commission (PCDC) meeting on February 18, 2021 and gave an overview of the items discussed.

Chairman Pro-tem Clark reported he had not attended any meetings.

Mayor Springer reported she attended the Pension Board meeting on February 5, 2021 and gave an overview of the items discussed. The Mayor also reported on the legislative agenda for the St. Louis County Municipal League and the bills there are watching this session.

Item #5 – Monthly Finance Report – January 2021

Finance Director Darren Mann addressed the Council stating he was cautiously optimistic. He went on to state the General Fund revenues ended the period below expectations and expenditures ended below expectations for a net favorable variance. Revenues are experiencing the first unfavorable variance of the year on sliding sales tax revenue that is no longer able to prop up shortfalls in other categories. Expenditures also remain within expectations considering pandemic related operational limitations. Reserve policy analysis shows strong compliance as deficits close with the collection of property taxes.

Item #6 – Hearing From Citizens

Larry Koenig, 1131 Hilltop Drive, addressed the Council regarding his concerns with the OPUS project.

Item #7 – Park Improvement Update and Community Center Project Authorization To Begin Document Phase

Beverly Tucker Knight, Parks and Recreation Director, Katie Aholt, Senior Project Manager with Navigate Building Solutions and Joel Kerschen from KAI addressed the Council. Katie gave a presentation on the Community Center/Warson Park and Park Improvements.

The Council was asked to authorize the City to enter into the Construction Document phase and for a consensus to move to the schematic design phase with the parks.

Council Member Carl made a motion to authorize the City to enter into the Construction Document Phase for the Community Center Project. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Weil	Yea
Council Member Carl	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Chairman Pro-tem Clark	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #8 – Bill #2945 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Olivette, Missouri Amending Ordinance #2716 An Ordinance That Amended Ordinance #2704 Of The City of Olivette, Missouri By Revising The City’s Salary Schedule. First Reading

Acting City Clerk Mandle read Bill #2945 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Olivette, Missouri Amending Ordinance #2716 An Ordinance That Amended Ordinance #2704 Of The City of Olivette, Missouri By Revising The City’s Salary Schedule, for the first time, by title only.

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating this is a first reading on a bill that would add a new position and corresponding salary range to the City’s Salary Schedule adopted on June 23, 2020. The new position would be a Senior Planner.

Item #9 – Approval of 2021-2022 Missouri Department of Transportation Traffic Enforcement Grants

Chief David Wolf addressed the Council stating the Police Department is requesting the City of Olivette to enter into enforcement contracts with the Missouri Department of Transportation for the 2021-2022 traffic enforcement period. Three grants are being requested: A DWI grant for \$2,500.00, an Occupant Protection Grant for \$2,500.00, and a Hazardous Moving Violations (HMV) Grant for \$9,321.00. Included in the HMV grant is the purchase of two replacement

Stalker Radar units to be mounted in patrol vehicles. The total cost of the radar units is \$4,428.00. The city is being asked to fund 25% of the Stalker Radar units. The cost to the City is \$1107.00 for the radar units, with MODOT funding the remaining portion of the equipment.

Council Member Carl made a motion to authorize the City of Olivette to enter into three traffic enforcement grants with the Missouri Department of Transportation, namely Driving while Intoxicated, Occupant Protection and Hazardous Moving Vehicles for \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00, and \$9,321.00, respectively. Motion seconded by Chairman Pro-tem Clark.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Weil	Yea
Council Member Carl	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Chairman Pro-tem Clark	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #10 – Youth Baseball Contract Clinician

Parks and Recreation Director Beverly Tucker Knight addressed the Council stating the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide a six-week baseball program for ages three through fourteen in compliance with St. Louis County Pandemic Guidelines. The RFP was advertised on the City's website and emailed to local baseball clubs. The City received a response from one vendor, 314 Training Academy, by the submission deadline. The Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with 314 Training Academy to provide a six-week youth baseball skills clinic.

Council Member Carl made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with 314 Training Academy to provide a six-week youth baseball skills clinic. Motion seconded by Chairman Pro-tem Clark.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Weil	Yea
Council Member Carl	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Chairman Pro-tem Clark	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #11 – Hearing From Citizens (Part 2)

There were no comments from citizens.

Item #12 - Review and Approval of Minutes

Mayor Springer asked if there were any corrections to be made to the January 26, 2021 Council meeting minutes. Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 Council meeting minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Council Member Carl.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Weil	Yea
Council Member Carl	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Chairman Pro-tem Clark	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #13 – City Attorney’s Report

City Attorney Martin informed the Council that the proposed order on the speech case was due Thursday, February 24, 2021.

Item #14 – Adjournment

Being no further business, Council Member Weil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman. Mayor Springer adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:08 PM.

Ruth Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise M. Mandle
Acting City Clerk