

**CITY OF OLIVETTE**  
**April 27, 2021**

The Olivette City Council met on April 27, 2021 at 7:05 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, City Attorney Paul Martin, Finance Director Darren Mann, Planning and Community Development Director Carlos Trejo, Police Chief David Wolf and Acting City Clerk Denise Mandle.

**Item #2 – Communications**

Acting City Clerk Mandle stated there were no written communications.

**Item #3 – City Manager’s Report/Staff Reports**

City Manager Sondag reported on the following:

**City Updates**

- Sergeant Jeremy Horton (PD) and Captain James Rujawitz (FD) were named officers of the year at the annual Creve Coeur/Olivette Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 16, 2021.
- The Planning and Community Development office will have a new Senior Planner, Dawn Doty, starting Monday, May 3, 2021.
- Opus development – presentation is available on the City’s website.
- Lindbergh/Olive interchange – 39N and Danforth Development Plant Science Center project.
- Dielman Road project is complete.
- Veterans Fountain – area will be redeveloped by Firestone.
- Eagle Scout bird house project in the parks.

**Youth Day Camps**

- Camp O
- Mad Science

**Upcoming Meetings**

City Council Worksession – May 4 @ 7pm  
Pension Board – May 6 @ 5pm  
Planning & Design Commission (PCDC) – May 6 @ 7pm  
Mayors for Meals – May 8 @ Community Center from 9-12  
City Council Meeting – May 11 @ 7pm  
Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) – May 19 @ 7pm  
Planning & Design Commission (PCDC) – May 20 @ 7pm

#### **Item #4 – City Council Reports**

Council Member Carl reported he did not attend any meetings.

Council Member Weil reported she did not attend any meetings.

Council Member Waldman reported she attended the Park and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting for Council Member Weil and gave an overview of the items discussed at the meeting.

Chairman Pro-tem Clark reported he did not attend any meetings.

Mayor Springer reported she did not attend any meetings and she congratulated City Attorney on winning the free speech case.

#### **Item #5 – Monthly Finance Report – March 2021**

Finance Director Darren Mann addressed the Council stating sales tax collections have picked back up after a dip in January and February. With the increased collections, the sales tax category once again remains on a trajectory to end the year above expectations and prop up shortfalls in almost all other categories. Overall, in the General Fund and beyond, revenue and expenditures are right within expectations as the budgeting for the future fiscal year 2022 draws closer.

#### **Item #6 – Quarterly Investment Report – March 2021**

Finance Director Darren Mann addressed the Council stating the 12-month CD ladder is nearly empty with no maturities reinvested since the last report. All maturities have been placed with ICS funds where rates are renegotiated at .15% and are yielding more than any available alternative for the short term. Bond proceeds of the 2020GO issues remain in the ICS program.

#### **Item #7 - Hearing From Citizens**

Larry Koenig, 1131 Hilltop Dr., addressed the Council regarding the Opus redevelopment project.

#### **Item #8 – Bill #2947 - An Ordinance Approving Amendment #2 To The Gateway I-170 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan And Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto. Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Acting City Clerk Mandle read Bill #2947 - An Ordinance Approving Amendment #2 To The Gateway I-170 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan And Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto, for the second time, by title only.

Mayor Springer opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM.

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council and gave an overview of the changes to the plan. Mark Spykerman, Gilmore and Bell, gave the history of the redevelopment plan and developer Greg Yawitz gave an overview of the changes approved by the TIF Commission.

Mayor Springer asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on this matter. Seeing no one, Mayor Springer closed the public hearing at 7:49 PM.

Mayor Springer called for a motion on the Bill.

Council Member Carl made a motion to approve Bill #2947 - An Ordinance Approving Amendment #2 To The Gateway I-170 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan And Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman.

Mayor Springer asks if anyone on the Council would like to speak on the Bill. Seeing no one, she asked the clerk to poll the Council.

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. By Action of the Olivette City Council Bill #2947 becomes Ordinance #2720.

### **Item #9 – Reorganization of the Council**

#### **A. Certification of the April 6, 2021 Election Results**

Mayor Springer asked Acting City Clerk Mandle to read the certified election results for the April 6, 2021 election.

Acting City Clerk Mandle read the certified election results for the April 6, 2021 election.

Mayor Springer called for a motion to accept the election results.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to accept the Certification of the April 6, 2021 election results from the St. Louis county Board of Election Commissioners. 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.

#### **B. Swearing in of Elected Officials**

Mayor Springer asked Acting City Clerk Mandle to swear in the elected Council Member, Sidney Clark. Acting City Clerk Mandle swore in Sidney Clark.

#### **C. Election and swearing in of Mayor for 2021-1022**

Mayor Springer asked for nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Waldman nominated Council Member Clark for Mayor.

Mayor Springer called for the vote.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Acting City Clerk Mandle announced Council Member Clark as the new Mayor.

Acting City Clerk Mandle swore in Sidney Clark as Mayor.

Mayor Clark thanked his family, residents, Council members and staff and stated his goal is to bring Olivette residents closer. He promised to communicate regularly, work hard for the citizens and to promote Olivette.

**D. Election and Swearing in of Chairman Pro-tem for 2021-2022**

Mayor Clark asked for nominations for Chairman Pro-tem.

Mayor Clark nominated Council Member Weil for Chairman Pro-tem.

Mayor Clark called for the vote.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Carl	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Council Member Springer	Yea
Council Member Weil	Abstain
Mayor Clark	Yea

Acting City Clerk Mandle announced Council Member Weil as the Chairman Pro-tem.

Acting City Clerk Mandle swore in Maxine Weil as Chairman Pro-tem.

**E. Recognition of Outgoing Mayor**

Chairman Pro-tem Weil, representing the Council, recognized outgoing Mayor Springer thanking her for her service and informing her a northern red oak tree will be planted at the new Community Center in her name.

Council Member Springer thanked everyone for the recognition and thanked the Council, City Manager and staff for a job well done in a midst of a pandemic. She wished Mayor Clark much success and thanked everyone for the honor and pleasure of serving.

**F. Election of City Treasurer**

Mayor Clark called for a motion to appoint Michael Ferguson as the City Treasurer.

Council Member Springer made a motion to appoint Michael Ferguson as the City Treasurer. Motion seconded by Council Member Carl.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Mayor Clark Yea

Motion passed.

### **G. Council Liaison Appointments**

Mayor Clark asked the Council Members which Commission they would like to sit on.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chairman Pro-tem Weil  
Economic Development Commission – Council Member Carl  
Board of Adjustment – Council Member Carl  
Pension Board – Council Member Springer  
Housing Authority – Mayor Clark  
Planning & Community Design – Council Member Waldman

### **H. Designating Official Newspaper**

Mayor Clark asked for a motion to name the Countian as the official newspaper for the City of Olivette.

Council Member Springer made a motion to name the Countian as the official newspaper for the City of Olivette. Motion seconded by Council Member Carl.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

### **Item #10 – Authorize The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With TWM Engineering & Geospatial Services For Surveying Services In Conjunction With Parks Master Plan Improvements At A Total Cost Not To Exceed \$50,000.**

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating on March 12, 2021, the City posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for surveying work. The RFQ had two separate scopes – Survey work for the Parks Master Plan Improvements and On-Call Survey work. The City received nine responses to the RFQ.

Public Works Director Bruce McGregor and Project Manager Katie Aholt reviewed the responses and determined that TWM Engineering & Geospatial Services was best qualified and available to perform the survey work necessary for the Parks Master Plan. Staff negotiated with TWM. The on-call survey work is not included in this request, as Director McGregor continues to review the proposals associated with that scope of work.

Council Member Springer made a motion to authorize The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With TWM Engineering & Geospatial Services For Surveying Services In Conjunction With Parks Master Plan Improvements At A Total Cost Not To Exceed \$50,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Carl.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

### **Item #11 – Hearing From Citizens (Part 2)**

There were no citizen comments.

### **Item #12 - Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Clark asked if there were any corrections to be made to the March 23, 2021 and April 13, 2021 Council meeting minutes. Chairman Pro-tem Weil made a motion to approve the March 23, 2021 and April 13, 2021 Council meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Carl.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

### **Item #13 – City Attorney’s Report**

City Attorney Martin recommended that the City Council hold an Executive Session, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Section 610.021.1 and Section 610.021.12 for attorney-client privileged communications and negotiated contracts.

Council Member Carl made a motion to hold an Executive Session, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Section 610.021.1 and Section 610.021.12 for attorney-client privileged communications and negotiated contracts. Motion seconded by Council Member Springer.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

Motion passed. City Council moved to Executive Session at approximately 8:34 PM.

The City Council reconvened to the regular meeting at approximately 9:04 PM.

### **Item #11 – Adjournment**

Being no further business, Council Member Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Springer. Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 PM.

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Sidney Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise M. Mandle  
Acting City Clerk