



# City Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** John McTaggart  
**Councilmember** Chuck Adams Carolyn Caiharr Garrett Mellott  
Margaret Shriver Chuck Stites

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*This meeting was held remotely, with some staff inside the City Council Chambers, using the GoToMeeting software*

**1. Approve minutes of December 14, 2020**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020 as presented
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

**2. Statement of Bills paid \$415,791.78**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$415,791.78
- **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

**3. Requests or Comments from the public**

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel read a public comment from Bryan and Tyra Aldaffer, 840 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., noting their satisfaction with the new solid waste service provider, KC Disposal. Mr. Daniel shared other anecdotal observations about the high service level demonstrated by KC Disposal.
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**4. Consider Mayor McTaggart's reappointments to the City's citizen advisory boards**

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed this item, reviewing the terms that are currently up and which members are up for new three-year reappointments.
- Planning Commissioners Mark Bishop and Erin Harves are willing to be reappointed for an additional term, as is CPPS Board Member Amber Duren.
- There was some discussion on the term lengths.
- Mr. Daniel noted that there are other vacancies in the CPPS Board that will need to get filled in order to bring the group up to the minimal membership stipulated in Kansas statute related to Cemetery Board officers.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve Mayor McTaggart's reappointments to the Planning Commission and CPPS Board
- **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

**5. Consider Resolution 2021-01 adopting the 2019 Kansas Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan**

- Fire Chief Tim Whitham reviewed this item.
- Chief Whitham noted that the Wyandotte County Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated in 2020 and that the proposed action does not obligate the City to any financial commitment.

- Participation in the plan will allow the City access to certain FEMA funding in times of emergency
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is specific to the region where Edwardsville falls in and establishes how the county prepares for and responds to various emergencies.
- Councilmember Caiharr asked for confirmation that the plan does not call for any transfer of power. Chief Whitham confirmed this and noted those items are included in the Wyandotte County Emergency Operations plan, which the City already participates in.
- Councilmember Caiharr also noted certain activity the County is planning on for future emergency management measures and stressed that Edwardsville should be included in those plans when they begin to move forward.
- Councilmember Adams asked about the inclusion of civil unrest portions in the plan and Chief Whitham confirmed those have been included in past plans dating back to riots in the early 1990s.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-01
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

## 6. Advisory Reports

City Manager Michael Webb noted a recent LKM video that was produced about the uses of property taxes. He also updated the group on the long-range street plan that staff will be presenting at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Webb noted that there will likely be some kind of Council retreat scheduled for later in 2021. Mr. Webb closed by recapping the service failure on the part of Waste Management related to the December 29, 2020 trash/recycling pickup. He noted that staff is reviewing payment deductions and penalties related to the final invoice to the group.

Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed the Dec. 19, 2020 holiday/charity activities and reminded the group that City facilities would be closed on MLK Day.

Chief Mathies noted that the department has shown consistent activity in 2020 by traditional metrics, even in the months where activity was limited due to COVID concerns.

Chief Whitham noted that the City recently lost Jason Taylor, a part-time paramedic, who passed away after a bout with COVID-19. He noted that the department is working on the appropriate recognition for Mr. Taylor.

Public Works Director Dusty Zenger noted the snow removal complications during the last snow event and committed to a better performance the next time around. He also noted the work being done to finalize the street maintenance plan.

## 7. Council and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Stites thanked Chief Whitham and the EFD for their assistance for Mr. Taylor. He also thanked the EFD and EPD for their response to a recent fire at his residency. He was very complimentary of the staff and their efforts during that difficult period.

Councilmember Shriver extended her thoughts and prayers to Councilmember Stites family related to their fire. She also thanked Chief Whitham for the EFD's role in remembering Jason Taylor. She stated how happy she is that KC Disposal has stepped up recently to make up for Waste Management's service failure. She closed by saying she was looking forward to discussing street maintenance and by thanking Councilmember Caiharr for her work putting together the Harvester's food event.

Councilmember Mellott offered his condolences to Councilmember Stites. He noted some recent calls he's received related to the Cemetery.

Councilmember Caiharr stated she is looking forward to the street plan. She also requested a review of the community service program out of the municipal court at a future meeting. She thanked the members of the city's advisory boards. She thanked staff for the assistance in pulling off the Harvester's event, which fed over 400 people.

Councilmember Adams thanked staff for their December holiday charity events. He asked about the City Hall metal detector, which Mr. Daniel noted is currently functional and will be in use during public meetings.

Mayor McTaggart thanked everyone who participated in recent City activities and asked that the Council be kept updated on funeral arrangement and recognition for Mr. Taylor. He offered Councilmember Stites his condolences related to the recent fire.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.n.

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City Clerk