

**CITY OF OLIVETTE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 26, 2016**

The Olivette City Council met on April 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Olivette City Hall located at 9473 Olive Boulevard, Olivette, Missouri. Mayor Ruth Springer called the meeting to order.

**Item #1 – Roll call**

On roll call, the following persons were present: Mayor Ruth Springer, Chairman Pro-tem J. Gregory Carl, Council Member Maxine Weil, Council Member Missy Waldman and Council Member Suzanne Sewell.

Also in attendance were City Manager Barbara Sondag, City Attorney Paul Martin, Police Chief Rick Knox, Fire Chief Scott Avery, Finance Director Darren Mann, Parks and Recreation Director Beverly Tucker-Knight, and City Clerk Myra Bennett.

Mayor Springer asked if it would be possible to address agenda Item #10 – OneOlivette Report, immediately after Item #7 – Council Reorganization. City Council agreed.

**Item #2 – Communications**

City Clerk Bennett noted that no written communications were submitted for the April 26, 2016 City Council meeting.

**Item #3 – City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Sondag reported the following:

- Construction continues on the new, City Center. The fire bay is currently under construction.
- The first week of construction on the Old Bonhomme street and sidewalk project is completed. Utility coordination has gone better than anticipated. It was noted that Ameren will be beginning their improvements shortly. There was a change in the plans regarding relocation of mailboxes, and there were some issues during the first two days of construction; however, those issues have been resolved. It has taken drivers a little longer than anticipated to adjust to the lane closures. Chief Knox noted that Police Officers have been onsite to assist. He reported that there was an accident last weekend, involving a vehicle and bicyclist. He noted that the cyclist received only minor injuries, received treatment from paramedics onsite, and denied transport to the hospital.
- The first of four phases of the North Price Road improvement project has been completed. Work continues on this project.
- There is a lot of construction work in progress throughout the city, and the city is receiving many complaints of people speeding. The city asks that residents please slow down and drive carefully through the construction sites.
- Notices have been mailed to the taxing districts regarding the Olivette Gateway Center project at I-170 and Olive Boulevard. Information regarding the project is being updated on the developer’s website at [www.keatproperties.com](http://www.keatproperties.com).
- The City Manager complimented the Parks Director, Beverly Tucker Knight, and her staff for their work on the volunteer recognition event. She noted that special

appreciation was given to Sanford Goldman for over 40 years of volunteer service to the city.

- An "Earth Day" celebration was held last Saturday in Stacy Park. Thanks was given to the Parks and Recreation Department for their work on the event.
- There will be a "Coffee with the Mayor" event on May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8:45 AM at City Hall.
- There will be an event on June 18<sup>th</sup> at City Hall, which will include free electronics recycling, secure document shredding, and drug take back.

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

Council Member Sewell noted that she attending a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included the Community Center rooms and their usage.

Council Member Weil stated that she has attended no meetings.

Council Member Waldman noted that she attended a Planning and Community Design Commission meeting on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and she gave a summary of actions taken at that meeting. She also thanked GIS Coordinator, Jonathan Roper, for his work developing a bike map for the City of Olivette, noting paved trails, rest areas and parks.

Chairman Pro-tem Carl stated that he attended a Board of Adjustment meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and he gave a summary of issues discussed at that meeting.

Mayor Springer stated that she has attended no meetings. She asked that the map, noted by Council Member Waldman, be shared with the Economic Development Commission.

#### **Item #5 – Finance Report for Period Ending March 31, 2016**

Finance Director Mann reviewed revenues and expenditures for all funds for the period ending March 31, 2016, and noted various line items for each of the departments.

#### **Item #6 – Hearing from Citizens (Part I) – Three (3) Minutes Per Person, Ending Approximately at 8:00 PM**

John and Barb Zimmerman, 811 Dielman Road, addressed the City Council noting a deficiency in the city's fencing ordinance. Mr. Zimmerman noted an issue regarding their current fencing, which has been in place for many years, and a neighbor wishing to place a fence of their own. He stated that they have tried to compromise with the neighbors; however, an agreement cannot be reached. He noted that the neighbor is now placing a fence four inches from his current fence, which will pose maintenance issues, but is allowed under the current ordinance. He asked that the city consider revisiting the fencing ordinance, so that this issue does not affect other residents in the future. Mrs. Zimmerman also asked if neighbors could be notified when permits such as these are issued.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

#### **Item #7 – Council Reorganization**

##### **A. Ratification of Election Certification from St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners**

City Clerk Bennett reported that the City of Olivette has received the certified election results from St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners for the April 5, 2016 election.

Results were as follows:

Council Member 3-year term (2 to be elected)

Missy Waldman . . . . .	1,097
Ruth Springer . . . . .	1,259
Michael J. Costello . . . . .	560
Invalid Write-ins . . . . .	40

Ruth Springer and Missy Waldman are declared the new Council Members for the City of Olivette.

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

Missy Waldman and Ruth Springer came forward to be sworn in as a Council Members for the City of Olivette. City Clerk Bennett performed the swearing in ceremonies as the Council Members took the Oath of Office.

**C. Election of Mayor for 2016-2017**

Chairman Pro-tem Carl presented Mayor Springer with a plaque for her service to the community as Mayor for 2015-2016. He addressed the City Council, noting that his current work schedule would prevent him from being as involved in the role of Mayor as he would like to be; therefore, Chairman Pro-tem Carl stated that he would like to make a motion to nominate Ruth Springer to continue to serve as Mayor for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed. By action of the City Council, Ruth Springer was elected to serve as Mayor for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017.

**D. Election of Chairman Pro-Tem for 2016-2017**

Mayor Springer asked for nominations for the position of Chairman Pro-tem for 2016-2017. Council Member Waldman made a motion to nominate Council Member Carl to continue to serve as Chairman Pro-tem for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Waldman	Yea
Council Member Weil	Yea

Council Member Sewell	Yea
Council Member Carl	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed. By action of the City Council, Council Member Carl was elected to serve as Chairman Pro-tem for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017.

**E. Election of City Treasurer**

Mayor Springer noted that she has spoken with Mr. Michael Ferguson, who has expressed interest in serving as City Treasurer for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017. Mayor Springer made a motion to nominate Mr. Michael Ferguson to serve as City Treasurer for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed. By action of the City Council, Mr. Michael Ferguson was appointed to serve as City Treasurer for the City of Olivette for 2016-2017.

**F. Assignment of Council Liaisons to Boards, Committees and Commissions**

Council discussion held regarding liaison appointments to the various Boards, Committees, and Commissions of the City. The City Council agreed that the current liaisons to the Boards and Commissions will continue for the 2016-2017 term, as follows:

Council Member Sewell	Parks and Recreation Commission
Council Member Waldman	Planning & Community Design Commission
Mayor Springer	Insurance Advisory/Pension Board
Mayor Springer	Housing Authority
Mayor Springer	Personnel Board of Appeals
Chairman Pro-tem Carl	Zoning Board of Adjustment
Chairman Pro-tem Carl	Economic Development Commission
Council Member Weil	Olivette on the Go

Chairman Pro-tem Carl made a motion to approve the slate of liaisons as noted above. Motion seconded by Council Member Sewell.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

**G. Designation of Official Newspaper for Publication**

It was noted that historically, the City Council has named the St. Louis Countian as the official newspaper for publication for the City of Olivette.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to designate the St. Louis Countian as the official newspaper for publication for the City of Olivette. Motion seconded by Council Member Sewell.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #8 – OneOlivette Report**

Members of the group "OneOlivette" addressed the City Council regarding the formation of the group, its objectives, and summary of the responses they received on a survey regarding the relationship between the residents of Olivette and the Olivette Police Department. It was noted that, overall, it appears that there is a positive relationship between the residents and Police Officers. Looking forward, the group hopes to foster positive interactions between the Olivette Police Officers and youth in the community, provide educational support for youth, and increase youth involvement in the community. Police Chief Knox thanked the OneOlivette group for the work that they have done, and the professional way in which the survey was conducted. City Manager Sondag also commended OneOlivette for their phenomenal job of collecting data from all sections of Olivette, and she thanked the Olivette Police Department for their support of this process.

**Item #9 – Request for Document Destruction - Fire Department**

Fire Chief Avery noted that the Fire Department has been reviewing documents, in preparation of the move to the new facility. He noted that many documents have been identified as being maintained past the suggested State records retention schedule, and asked that the City Council approve destruction of documents as outlined in his memo dated

Council Member Weil made a motion to authorize the destruction of documents as defined in the attached memo from the Fire Chief dated April 14, 2016. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

**Item #10 - Review and Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2016 City Council Meeting**

Mayor Springer asked if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes of the April 12, 2016 City Council meeting.

Being none, Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve the April 12, 2016 City Council meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Council Member Sewell.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

**Item #11 - Hearing from Citizens (Part 2)**

No speaker cards were submitted.

**Item #12 - Quarterly Investment Report - Operational Funds**

Finance Director Mann gave a summary of the reports that had been submitted to the City Council for review, noting that the City should see improvements as it reinvests funds.

**Item #13 - City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Martin noted that arguments for summary judgment regarding the St. Louis County Police Standards issue was held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and it is anticipated that the outcome of that hearing should be determined within the next two to three weeks.

City Attorney Martin noted that two portions of SB 5 have been held unconstitutional by the Cole County Circuit Court. The St. Louis County Municipal League is requesting that municipalities contribute to funding the next phase of litigation on this matter, with regard to the State's appeal. City Attorney Martin noted that this litigation benefits all St. Louis County municipalities and keeps the State Legislature in check. Discussion held regarding the possible contribution of funds from the City to help fund the costs associated with the State's appeal.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to contribute \$5,000 for the next phase of litigation regarding SB 5, with the caveat that if there are excess funds, those funds will be distributed back to the municipalities who contributed. Motion seconded by Council Member Sewell.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Waldman	Yea
Council Member Sewell	Yea
Council Member Weil	Yea

Chairman Pro-tem Carl  
Mayor Springer

Yea  
Yea

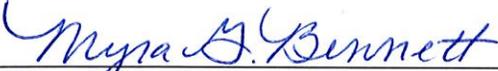
Motion passed.

**Item #14 – Adjournment**

Being no further business, Chairman Pro-tem Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil. Mayor Springer adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM.

  
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Mayor Ruth Springer

ATTEST:

  
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Myra G. Bennett, CMC/MPCC  
City Clerk  
City of Olivette