

CITY OF OLIVETTE
March 9, 2021

The Olivette City Council met on March 9, 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, Fire Chief Steve Carman 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 and Staff Reports

City Manager Sondag reported updates on the following:

- City memberships in the St. Louis Area Insurance Trust (SLAIT), East Central Dispatch Center (ECDC), Missouri Municipal League and the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.
- Parks Improvements and Community Center
- Centennial Greenway
- Youth Day Camp and Specialty Camps

UPCOMING EVENTS

Economic Development Commission (EDC) – March 10 @ 7PM
Parks & Recreation Commission (PARC) – March 17 @ 7PM
Planning & Community Design Commission (PCDC) – March 18 @ 7PM
City Council Meeting – March 23 @ 7PM
City Council Retreat – March 24
Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission – March 29 @ 7PM
Planning & Community Design Commission – April 1 @ 7PM
City Council Work Session – April 6 @ 7PM

Item #4 – City Council Reports

Council Member Carl reported he had not attended any meetings and would be attending the Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting on March 10, 2021.

Council Member Weil reported she had not attended any meetings and would be attending the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting on March 17, 2021.

Council Member Waldman reported she had attended the March 4, 2021 Planning and Community Design Commission (PCDC) meeting and gave an overview of topics discussed at the meeting.

Mayor Springer stated she had not attended any meetings. The Mayor then gave an overview of the Missouri Municipal League and the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis and their list of legislative priorities.

Item #5 – Hearing From Citizens

William Hansen, 817 N. Price Road, addressed the Council asking questions regarding urban agriculture.

Item #6 – 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. Second 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 second time, by title only.

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating the Council is asked to hold a second 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.

Council Member Weil made a motion to approve 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. 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	Absent
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed. By Action of the Olivette City Council Bill #2945 becomes Ordinance #2718.

Item #7 – Fire Department Donation Memo

Fire Chief Carman addressed the Council stating in budget year FY20, the Fire Department purchased a new Rescue Air Bag System. He went on to explain that since the current Rescue Air Bag System will no longer be of use to the City of Olivette Fire Department, they would like to donate it to the Eastern Douglas County Volunteer Fire Department. The Eastern Douglas County Department operates on a \$10,000 a year budget and they do not currently have a Rescue Air Bag System as part of their equipment. The Department covers over 200 square miles in rural southern Missouri and is operated by families volunteering in the community. The Rescue Air Bag System would be a great benefit to the Department. Chief Chris Hammett will sign a release of liability if the Rescue Air Bag System is approved for donation.

Council Member Carl made a motion to approve a donation of the current Rescue Air Bag system to Eastern Douglas County Fire Department. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

Item #8 – Appointment of Mike Wayt To The Pension Board

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating there was a vacancy on the Board for an employee representative with the retirement of Bill Miller. The employees voted and chose Mike Wayt as their employee representative.

Council Member Carl made a motion to appoint Mike Wayt to the Pension Board as the employee representative. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

Item #9 – Resolution #2021-204 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For Investment Consulting Services With Marquette Associates, Inc.

Acting City Clerk Mandle read Resolution #2021-204 - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For Investment Consulting Services With Marquette Associates, Inc., by title only.

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating the City currently has a contract with Fiduciary Consultants to provide professional investment advice for the City's Employee Pension. Fiduciary Consultants was purchased by Marquette Associates in 2012. The City maintained its agreement with Fiduciary Consultants (now doing business as Marquette Associate Inc.) but the name on the agreement was not changed from Fiduciary Consultants to Marquette Associates. The Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new consulting agreement with Marquette Associates. Services provided under the agreement remain the same, it is simply a change in business name.

Marquette Associates is requesting a fee increase of \$1000 per quarter for the next three years. There has not been a fee increase since 2006. Both the contract and the fee schedule were presented to the Pension Board of Trustees. The Trustees approved recommending the Council approve the new contract and associated fee increase.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-204 - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For Investment Consulting Services With Marquette Associates, Inc. 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	Absent
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #10 – Discussion of Urban Agriculture

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating on March 4, 2021, the Planning and Community Design Commission (PCDC) recommended sending the Council a new Zoning Section concerning Urban Agriculture. The Council is asked to review and discuss the draft ordinance. While this document would normally come before the Council as the first reading of a bill, staff is asking Council to review the document prior to a first reading. The PCDC worked long and hard on these new regulations and determined some items (such as grandfathering existing examples of urban agriculture) should have a final discussion at the Council level.

City Attorney Paul Martin worked with Planning and Community Development Director Carlos Trejo to develop the draft ordinance. The goal is for the Council to have a discussion on March 9th, a first reading (incorporating any changes) on March 23rd and a public hearing and second reading on April 13th.

Planning and Community Development Director Carlos Trejo and City Attorney Paul Martin gave an overview of the ordinance, outlining both livestock and horticultural issues. Discussion was had regarding the ordinance and each Council Member was asked to share their questions and or concerns. At the conclusion of the discussion, staff was asked to come back with clarification on certain issues as identified by the Council.

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 February 23, 2021 Council meeting minutes. Council Member Carl made a motion to approve the February 23, 2021 Council meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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

Motion passed.

Item #13 – City Attorney’s Report

City Attorney reported on an article in the Post-Dispatch regarding legislation in the Missouri House of Representatives (HB 874) regarding the consolidation of certain Police Departments in St. Louis County.

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 for attorney-client privileged communications and Section 610.021.3 for personnel matters.

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 for attorney-client privileged communications and Section 610.021.3 for personnel matters. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

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


Motion passed.

Motion passed. City Council moved to Executive Session at approximately 9:31 PM.

The City Council reconvened to the regular meeting at approximately 10:20 PM.

Item #14 – Adjournment

Being no further business, Council Member Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman. Mayor Springer adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:21 PM.


Ruth Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise M. Mandle
Acting City Clerk