

**CITY OF OLIVETTE**  
**August 10, 2021**

The Olivette City Council met on August 10, 2021 at 7:04 PM via videoconferencing and livestreaming. Chairman Pro-tem Weil called the meeting to order.

**Item #1 – Roll call**

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

Also, in attendance were, City Manager Barbara Sondag, City Attorney Paul Martin, Police Chief David Wolf, Public Works Director Bruce McGregor and Acting City Clerk Denise Mandle.

**Item #2 – Communications**

Acting City Clerk Mandle read a thank you note sent to Sergeant Tim Loethen from a resident.

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

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council and reported the following:

**CITY UPDATES:**

- The new pumper for the Fire Department has been delayed until December.
- The City has completed the paperwork and is preparing to receive funds from the State for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

**COMMUNITY CENTER/WARSON PARK**

- The City has advertised for a General Contractor. Bids are due August 19, 2021 at 2pm. There was a good turn out for the pre-bid meeting.
- There are ongoing discussions regarding AV equipment and interior playground equipment.
- Park improvements are moving from schematic design to the construction design phase.

**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY TROT** – registration is now open.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Zoning Board of Adjustment – August 12 @ 7pm  
Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) – August 18 @ 7pm  
Planning and Design Commission (PCDC) – August 19 @ 7pm  
City Council Regular Meeting – August 24 @ 7pm  
Pension Board – August 26 @ 5pm  
City Council Special Meeting – August 31 @ 7pm  
PCDC – September 2 @ 7pm  
Party in the Park – September 10 @ Stacy Park

**Item #4 – City Council Reports**

Council Member Carl stated he had nothing to report.

Council Member Springer reported she had attended the Pension Board meeting on August 5, 2021. The pension is doing great and the Board authorized a rebalance of funds. There will be

a discussion at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting about private placement and a possible amendment to the investment policy.

Council Member Waldman reported she attended the August 5, 2021 Planning and Community Design (PCDC) meeting and she gave an overview of the topics discussed.

Chairman Pro-tem Weil stated she had nothing to report.

**Item #5 – Hearing From Citizens**

There were no comments from citizens

**Item #6 – Resolution #2021-209 – A Resolution Authorizing The Offering For Sale Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Acting City Clerk Mandle read Resolution #2021-209 - A Resolution Authorizing The Offering For Sale Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, by title only.

City Manager Sondag addressed the Council stating the Council is asked to consider this resolution authorizing the sale of General Obligation Bonds to refund the Series 2014 General Obligation Bonds as prepared by bond counsel Gilmore & Bell. This refunding is expected to lower interest costs and in turn tax rates for debt service.

City Manager Sondag then introduced Joy Howard from WM Financial Strategies. Ms. Howard gave an overview of the refunding and stated it was a good time to refund the 2014 General Obligation bonds.

Council Member Springer made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-209 - A Resolution Authorizing The Offering For Sale Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds. 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	Absent

Motion passed

**Item #7 – Resolution #2021-210 – A Resolution Authorizing a Municipal Park Grant Application**

Acting City Clerk Mandle read Resolution #2021-210 - A Resolution Authorizing a Municipal Park Grant Application, by title only.

Parks and Recreation Director Beverly Tucker Knight addressed the Council stating as a Municipality within St. Louis County, the City of Olivette is qualified to apply for Municipal Park Grants. Villa Park has been identified as the best candidate for grant funding due to its project components and projected completion timeline. The grant request will be for \$370,000 and if received, would be paid as a reimbursement to the City following project completion. The Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to submit the grant.

Council Member Springer made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-210 authorizing the City Manager to submit a Municipal Park Grant application for Villa Park improvements. 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	Absent

Motion passed

**Item #8 – Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) – Fiscal Year 2022**

Public Works Director Bruce McGregor addressed the Council requesting a public hearing on utilization of Municipal CDBG funds for The City of Olivette from St. Louis County for Fiscal Year 2022.

Chairman Pro-tem Weil opened the public hearing at approximately 7:40 PM.

Public Works Director Bruce McGregor addressed the Council stating this project is in the Low-Moderate Area Benefit (LMA) part of Olivette. He went on to explain there will be a new sidewalk constructed on the south side of Alice Place as part of a private redevelopment project. A crosswalk and associated curb ramp does not exist on the east side of Hilltop Avenue across from the new sidewalk. Additionally, the sidewalk between 1162 Hilltop Avenue and Chisolm Court is non-compliant. This project includes construction of the mid blocks curb ramp and replacement of the deficient sidewalk. The project would use \$20,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds with additional funding coming from the City.

Chairman Pro-tem Weil closed the public hearing at approximately 7:48 PM.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to authorize the 2022 Community Development Block Grant fund application to construct a mid-block ADA curb ramp and sidewalk in the 1100 block of Hilltop Avenue which is in the LMA area 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	Absent

Motion passed

**Item #9 – Consideration of Proposal for New Police Department Sidearms**

Chief David Wolf addressed the Council stating the Police Department Capital Items Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 included authorization for replacement of the current inventory of Police Department sidearms. The Department issued a request for proposals (RFP) on July 6, 2021 for new sidearms and related accessories. The City received two (2) responses. One from GT Distributors in the amount of \$9,775.23 and the other from Kiesler Police Supply in the amount of \$13,174.00, which did not include the requested holsters.

Council Member Carl made a motion to approve the purchase of 25 Glock MOS G-45, 9mm sidearms and related accessories from GT Distributors not to exceed \$9,775.23. 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	Absent

Motion passed.

**Item #10 – Hearing from Citizens (Part 2)**

There were no comments from citizens.

**Item #11 – Review and Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Pro-tem Weil asked if there were any corrections to be made to the July 27, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the August 3, 2021 Worksession minutes. Council Member Springer made a motion to approve the July 27, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the August 3, 2021 Worksession 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	Absent

Motion passed.

**Item #12 – City Attorney’s Report**

City Attorney Martin reviewed the changes to the Sunshine Law as ruled on by the Missouri Supreme Court. He also noted the speech case has been delayed again and the Government’s brief is now due two weeks from Thursday.

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 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 personnel matters. 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	Absent

Motion passed.

Motion passed. City Council moved to Executive Session at approximately 7:58 PM.

The City Council reconvened to the regular meeting at approximately 8:25 PM.

**Item #13- Adjournment**

Being no further business, Council Member Springer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Carl. Chairman Pro-tem Weil adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:26 PM.



Maxine Weil, Chairman Pro-tem

ATTEST:



Denise M. Mandle  
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