



Monday, November 28, 2022
NOVEMBER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Jennings Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Hybrid (in-person at Jennings City Hall and virtual via Zoom)

When: Nov 28, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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One or more of the members of the City Council will be participating by telephone or other electronic means. Members of the public will not be allowed to attend the meeting in person. All meetings are recorded.

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Meeting posting date: _____ initials by: _____

A. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022

B. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentations - Kelly Rector and Emily Bremer, 2023 Medical Benefit Plans
2. Presentations - Marco Tipton, Ameren Missouri
3. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)
4. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)
5. Mayor's Report

C. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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2. Courts
3. Jail Report
4. Building Department
5. Sewer Lateral
6. Economic Development Report
7. Public Works Report
8. Recreation Department
9. St. Louis County Police Department
10. North County Fire & Rescue
11. Emergency Management

D. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways & Means and Public Safety Committee
2. Public Works & Building Committee
3. Parks & Recreation Committee
4. Policy and Ordinance Committee

- 5. Municipal League
- 6. Planning Commission
- 7. Economic Development Board
- 8. Youth Commission
- 9. Senior Commission

E. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

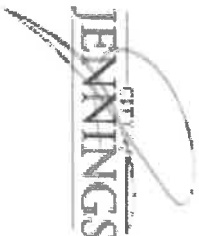
G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the Revised Ward Funds Policy
- 2. Approval of the proposed 2023 Medical Benefits Plan
- 3. Approval of the Professional Service contract with Terraspec - Sievers Park
- 4. Approval of the Professional Service contract with Terraspec - Lions Park
- 5. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

H. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

I. Adjournment

- 1. Adjournment



Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Jennings City Hall
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
November 28, 2022
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The two thousand four hundred and forty first meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom Video.

A. REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order** – meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**

Council members present: Councilman Stichnote, Councilwoman Henderson (via zoom), Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Morton, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Clover and Councilman Turner

Council member(s) absent: none.

Also present: Mayor Yolanda Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; Sam Alton, City Attorney

4. Approval of the Agenda

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022.

B. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation - Kelly Rector and Emily Bremer, 2023 Medical Benefit Plans

Kelly Rector stated 2023 is the second year they've looked into the United Healthcare in the small group medical plan. Kelly stated the employee waiver is lower than it has been in the past. Kelly reported the United Healthcare Renewal came in at 16.92% over the current plan. Kelly stated they are presenting a dual option plan, one with a narrow network and one with the traditional network. Kelly stated the plan designs are the same.

Kelly reported Kanas City Life rates for life insurance will increase by 8.33% which equate to \$1 per employee per month. Kelly stated the employee assistance program increased .15 cents per employee per month. Kelly reported Delta Dental rates are significantly under the market. She stated they didn't look anywhere else for dental rates because they are the lowest rates they've seen in years. Kelly reported Delta Vision rates had a small increase of 3.03% which equate to .10 cents per employee per month. Kelly stated since they are on the CA modified community rated plan, that means everyone's rate is different based upon their age.

Kelly reported for 2022 the average they came up with at that time was \$710.92 per employee. Kelly stated the APL Premium averaged \$80.04 which came up to \$790.96, with the City of Jennings contributing \$650.00 per employee. Kelly reported the monthly cost was \$140.96 or \$65.06 bi-weekly. Kelly stated with the APL Plan they had to purchase a \$6,900 deductible plan from United Healthcare, but the APL Gap plan gives the employees a \$3,000 deductible instead of \$6,900. Kelly also stated there is a zero deductible if they are hospitalized. Kelly reported there is a Safe Harbor they must stay within under the Affordable Care Act, due to the employee size.

Kelly stated they must make sure they're not charging employees more than a certain percentage of their income, that's called meeting affordability testing. Kelly reported last year they were able to meet the affordability testing because the Safe Harbor was \$209.00 a month and they were only charging \$140.00. Kelly reported this year if they take the new option with the \$7,900 deductible plan, the City is still contributing the same amount which is \$650.00. The employee monthly cost is \$232.00 or \$107.00 bi-weekly. Kelly stated the employees will still have the same plan with them purchasing a higher deductible with the APL plan.

Kelly referred to the packet and reported the Safe Harbor is \$216.91 so if they only offered that one single plan then they are not meeting as a City the affordability testing. Kelly reported that would open up the City for fines through the ACA if anyone went out to the marketplace and obtained tax credits. Kelly stated in order to eliminate that potential fine for the City and to give the employees a better option that's more affordable she proposed to offer the second plan. Kelly stated the plans are identical the only difference is the network.

Kelly stated the second plan is called the Core Network and it excludes BJC and Washington University. Kelly stated there may be some independent physicians that the employees can check with. Kelly stated when her and Emily first came onboard, the City had a multiple option plan, and the Core Network was one of those options and the majority of the employees were on that plan. Kelly stated they're not taking BJC from them they can still choose that option, it's just going to cost them more if they want the bigger network. Kelly stated the No BJC Plan is \$78.05 per pay period, or they can choose the same plan with the larger network at \$107.13 per pay period. Kelly stated that is what they're proposing to keep them in the Safe Harbor guidelines and to give the employees some reprieve. Kelly recommended they renew with United Healthcare effective January 1, 2023. Kelly stated they will add the secondary plan the Core Network with matching benefits and continue to offer the APL Plan to capture the most savings for the City and employees.

Kelly recommended they renew the dental and vision with Delta. Kelly reported there is no cost impact for the City for dental, and only .10 cents per employee for the vision. Kelly recommended they renew the Employee Assistance Program, the Life Insurance, and the Voluntary Life Insurance with Kansas Life. Kelly reported the impact to the City is \$1.00 per enrolled employee on the life insurance. Kelly reported their goal is to conduct an open enrollment meeting sometime early December.

3. Comments by the public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)

Rennal Caldwell, 2525 Shannon Ave. – stated he had questions about fencing a property, he reported Jennings has an Ordinance that says you can't put up a fence in front of your house. Mr. Caldwell reported there's an apartment complex across the street from him and asked why he can't put up a fence. Sam Alton responded to Mr. Caldwell by saying he can put up a fence if he has a permit to do it and depending on where the property is and zoning.

Teresa Lowman, 5513 Belridge Court – reported a few weeks ago her neighbor stated one of the Councilmembers misspoke about St. Louis County Police Department on their obligations and services to Jennings. Ms. Lowman asked Lt. Perez if he can explain the service benefits and the number of officers provided to Jennings so that the Councilmembers and residents that are present tonight know what's going on with the Police Department, so when Councilmembers speak out to the community, they will know what they're talking about.

Lt. Perez stated they never deviated from their contract obligations as far as manpower in the City of Jennings Precinct. Lt. Perez stated on a typical day they will never go beyond 4 officers per shift which include days, afternoons, and the midnight shift. Lt. Perez reported they have two overlay cars that come in at 10 a.m. and that doesn't include the Neighborhood Police Officer who

typically works during the day. He stated they also have three precinct detectives that work during the day. Lt. Perez reported in total they have 32 Patrol Officers that are assigned to the City of Jennings Precinct. Lt. Perez stated there is one Captain, one Lieutenant, 7 Sergeants, and 3 Resource Officers.

Lt. Perez reported December 25, 2022, Christmas Day, the entire division of patrol will be switching to 12 hour shifts due to manpower issues. He stated they will have 5 or 6 officers each shift starting Christmas Day.

Yolanda Pendleton, 7026 Minnie Ave. – reported that the entrance of Jennings Station Road off Highway 70 at the median is a dumping site. Ms. Pendleton stated there's a lot of trash and it looks bad to be the entrance of Jennings. She stated about 4 years ago she was told that the City was going to just put dirt there. Mayor Austin stated it's being maintained. Jim reported the last time it was maintained was a month ago by Public Works. Jim stated it will help to mulch or asphalt the area.

Doris Green, 8630 Clifton Ave. -reported she spoke with Councilman Stichnote and Councilwoman Henderson. Ms. Green stated her neighbor at 8624 Clifton Ave. has people living in their garage. Ms. Green stated there are kids and adults that hang out in the garage, and she believes they are doing things they shouldn't. Ms. Green stated she wants someone to check into it because she has made complaints in the past. Ms. Green also reported her water bill has increased because the neighbor's water is cut off and she suspects they've been stealing her water and she needs someone to do something about this matter.

Schona McClellon reported they have received complaints about 8624 Clifton Ave. Schona reported her and Officer Root personally went there together to check the house. She stated the residents do have an occupancy permit and that when they entered the garage, she witnessed an old couch and playing cards. She stated she they didn't see any signs of someone living in the garage. She believes that they just smoke, drink and play cards in the garage. Schona stated she can go back out and check again if needed.

Councilwoman Henderson stated they need to do something about it, Ms. Green's has been constantly complaining. Councilwoman Henderson recommended they do a private attack to really see what's going on at that resident immediately.

David Green, 8630 Clifton Ave -stated he had a question about the West Florissant Corridor Project. Mr. Green reported there was guy a year ago mentioning the project stating they were going to renovate Lucas and Hunt, Highway 270, Jennings, Dellwood and Ferguson. Mr. Green stated he hasn't seen any action and wants to know what happen with that project. Mayor Austin stated she will look into it because she hasn't heard anything lately either.

Mr. Green reported he hasn't seen any development with the Speedway Gas Station. Mayor Austin reported that project is no longer a Speedway, someone purchased it and right now it's on hold. Mayor Austin asked Kellie, Economic Development to get Mr. Green information to follow up with him.

JoAnne Clay, 5562 Albia Terrace -asked if they can get some trash cans on both sides of the road coming off Highway 70 and Jennings Station Road, so that if people have the tendency to throw trash out, there will be a trash can there to do so. Ms. Clay reported she and some others were out there cleaning and picking up trash.

Ms. Clay stated she wants an update on the paving of streets. Ms. Clay asked when they can get a newsletter so the citizens of Jennings will know what's going on. Mayor Austin reported one should be ready in a week and a half, but all previous newsletters are on the website. Mayor Austin stated to Ms. Clay if she needed copies, she could reach out to her assistant.

Ms. Clay asked who approved the \$13,000 on a statue and why can't the money go towards something more important. Councilman Stichnote reported the money wasn't from their general revenue it was purchased from the park's sales tax. Councilman Stichnote stated they can only spend that money on parks. Councilman Stichnote reported everyone voted for it and it was passed by Council and the Committee.

Councilman Johnson asked Councilman Stichnote who introduced it to the Park Committee. Councilman Stichnote stated everyone voted for it.

Dorothy Howard, 5831 Janet Ave. -asked why is the City so dark. Ms. Howard stated as you come down Jennings Station Road, the streetlights are out. Councilman Johnson reported Marco Tipton from Ameren was supposed to be there to speak but he didn't show up.

Councilwoman Clower stated the City of Jennings is dark and it's a safety issue. Councilwoman Clower stated that was one of her concerns when she first came onboard. Councilwoman Clower stated they need to add more lights throughout the City of Jennings.

Cortez Holloway, 5329 College Ave. -reported he was talking to a guy, who does electrical work, about the lights by Fairview Church, and he was told to get the tag number and call City Hall. Mr. Holloway stated someone at the City Hall told him to call the electric company. Mr. Holloway reported the electric company said either he or the City Hall will have to pay for it.

Mr. Holloway stated he has video of cars speeding down the street going 50 mph. Mr. Holloway stated on College Ave and Garesche Ave. he can hardly get out of his driveway. He said he can send the video to a councilmember. Jim reported that on College Ave. and Garesche Ave. they did take the speed bumps up to do asphalt repair, but they are slated to go back down. Mr. Holloway stated there wasn't a speed bump there before. It was down the block. Jim stated he will go look. Jim reported they have in the budget \$130,000 for the streetlights.

Carnetta Montgomery, 5441 Helen Ave. -asked when are they going to tear down the house at 5449 Helen Ave. Ms. Montgomery stated there is a hole in the ground on Helen Ave. going towards Florissant and it's getting bigger. Kellie reported there are 25 houses in progress to get torn down. Kellie stated the house they are talking about on Helen Ave. are still getting bids. It should be torn down by March 2023. Jim reported the hole Ms. Montgomery is referring to is a sinkhole. He has called it in to MSD in the past and today. Jim reported he labeled it as an emergency. Jim stated as of today they have put a barrel over it.

Steve Pokorny, 6507 West Florissant Ave. -reported the West Florissant Business District had a meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Mr. Pokorny reported it was a nice turnout. There were 14 people in attendance and 9 businesses were represented. Mr. Pokorny reported there were 2 councilmembers that showed up.

Mr. Pokorny stated the meeting was about the use of the street sweeper on West Florissant. Mr. Pokorny stated there were a lot of questions about the trash. He stated he hasn't been able to keep up with it due to the sewer project. Councilman Johnson stated the district that they are speaking of is on the east side of Jennings Station Road. Councilman Johnson stated those businesses paid into a special tax into the business district.

Freddie Bracy 7120 Idlewild Ave. -stated they need to clean up by Highway 70, repair the streets and houses need to be torn down. Mr. Bracy reported he might leave Jennings because of the drive by shootings all the time. Mr. Bracy reported his neighbor told him Saturday that there was a shooting on College Ave, but he wasn't home at the time.

Councilwoman Clower reported there was a shooting on 5400 Helen Ave. Councilwoman Clower asked Lt. Perez are they going to patrol more with all the shootings. Lt. Perez stated if they get calls about drive by shootings, drug activity or gang activity they focus their attention on those problem properties. Lt. Perez stated if you are hearing shots fired or seeing shots fired, they will respond to those calls. Lt. Perez reported they do have a shot spotter activation system that they can detect shots in the City.

Lt. Perez stated they also have a crime portal that they can use and if they have a problem property then they should make the Police Department aware and they will respond in 24 hours. Councilwoman Clower reported there isn't a shot spotter in Ward 4. Lt. Perez stated they are trying to expand the program to include Ward 4. Lt. Perez reported they are adding cameras, but he can't tell exactly where, but they will be able to detect who comes and goes.

4. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilwoman Clower -stated she is in the process of getting a survey for Hodiamont and Hamilton to make those streets one way because the streets are narrow. Councilwoman Clower reported she spoke with Councilman Turner regarding the ordinances because the 4th Ward is the only Ward that has back alleys. Councilwoman Clower asked is it fair to the residents to be responsible for the alleys. Councilwoman Clower stated she wants that ordinance to be reviewed because it's unfair to the residents. Councilwoman Clower stated she asked Councilman Turner to look into it, he stated he was working on it.

Councilwoman Clower reported she had an issue and thanked Jim and Public Works for their help. Councilwoman Clower stated she left a message for Schona regarding a property at 5613 Jennings Station Road, because they are dumping in the back alley. Councilwoman Clower asked Jim what's the status on the street sweeper.

Councilwoman Clower stated she's concerned about the trash cans located at bus stop on West Florissant and Jennings Station Road. She stated the trash cans are overflowing. Councilwoman Clower stated she sent a request about the dumpster on West Florissant and Jennings Station Road by the gas station. She reported it's flooded with trash.

Jim reported he has been going back and forth with Mayor Joe, Mayor of Flordell Hills, about the trash in that area. Jim stated he knows Ms. Verna is calling him at least once a week about it. Jim reported he doesn't have a CDL licensed driver right now to operate the street sweeper, but he will have some of his guys go out before winter. Jim reported the street sweeper is not made to pick up leaves, it's illegal for residents to rake their leaves in the street.

Councilwoman Clower asked Jim, in the 4th Ward, should there be a street sign on each corner going 4-ways. Jim stated there should be. Councilwoman Clower asked Jim to drive by there because there aren't 4 signs on each corner in the 4th Ward. Jim stated he will take a look at it and if they are messing signs feel free to call it in. Jim stated they make those signs in house and they can have them up quickly.

Councilman Turner -stated he was invited to dinner in the 4th ward by some clients. Councilman Turner asked Schona to give him an update on 5500 Fair Ridge Court. He stated the dumpster was moved but trash was left in the driveway.

Schona reported when the dumpsters are full, the trash company doesn't pick up what's left on the ground. She suggested that the residents be sent a letter and should clean up the trash that's left over. Councilman Turner reported on Switzer Ave. the sidewalk grass is high.

Jim stated right now they are finishing up on patch work on Osborn. Jim reported he spoke with Chief Goldstein. They are building a new Fire Station and he said they can have their stop blocks and he was thinking about putting them down along the curb. Councilman Turner reported there's a big difference in the 4th Ward and it looks cleaner.

Councilwoman Morton -thanked Mayor Austin for doing a proclamation for Pastor Johnson. Councilwoman Morton stated the residents are concerned about the shootings in the area. Councilwoman Morton asked Lt. Perez to explain the shot spotter system.

Lt. Perez stated how the shot spotter works. He stated by the time they call 911, they've already got the alert. Lt. Perez stated the alert comes through quickly and it gives them a geographic location of where the shot was fired. Lt. Perez stated if I'll tell them if it's coming from someone's back yard. Lt. Perez reported the Officers will come out, canvas the area and knock-on doors.

Councilwoman Morton reported people are having issues with repairing their properties. Councilwoman Morton stated she know they are patching things up and putting band-aids on things across the City. Councilwoman Morton stated if they can look at the City as a whole and think about ways to make sure the City is cleaner, streets repaired, speed bumps placed, and the things that the residents are asking for. Councilwoman Morton stated she knows there's a strategic plan in place, but if they can look back at that and have a conversation about what that looks like for the next 10 or 20 years so that the residents are getting what they need.

Councilwoman Morton yielded the rest of her time to Councilwoman Clower.

Councilwoman Clower reported her, and the residents concern is that the City of Jennings is dealing with over 1,200 vacant homes. Councilwoman Clower asked Kellie does she have all the demolition paperwork because they have already allocated \$250,000 and why do they have to wait from December to January for the process to get these vacant homes torn down.

Kellie stated there are three different pots of money that they are getting funds from for demolition. Kellie reported one of the funds is the CDBG Funds and there's a process through St. Louis County that has to be followed. Kellie stated there are steps to the process. Kellie stated you have to have a public hearing. Kellie stated they have to send out notices to those property owners so they are notified that the property will be torn down. Kellie stated they also have the ARPA Funds and the City of Jennings Funds. Kellie stated when she talked about the process of demolition being done by March 2023 is an estimated date. Kellie stated she anticipate it will be done before then, but she doesn't want to say it's going to be done in January and then it's not done until February. Kellie stated so she is giving it until March 2023.

Councilman Johnson asked Kellie if the City owned most of the properties would the process be quicker. Kellie stated yes, but majority of the properties the City doesn't own.

Councilman Johnson –reported 7224 Apricot Ave $\frac{3}{4}$ of the backyard is being cut. Councilman Johnson stated he has sent email after email about it. Councilman Johnson stated he spoke to the resident, and it's still not cut. Councilman Johnson stated can someone please get on that.

Councilman Johnson stated whoever reads this or hears this, please tell the residents to please pull their trash cans back. Councilman Johnson stated it's a hazard. Councilman Johnson referred to where he lives on Beulah; he stated if trashcans are out on both sides, cars are pulling over because they can't get by. Councilman Johnson reported he got a complaint about Osborn Ave. He stated the resident said the street repair looks hideous.

Councilman Johnson reported 7026 Idlewild Ave. has trash that's been there for two months. Councilman Johnson asked what's going on with the clean up on West Florissant, there was an accident and there's glass and debris still on the street. Councilman Johnson asked when are they going to collectively get together and clean that area.

Councilman Johnson asked who is responsible for the cars that are parked backwards, and cars being parked on the grass. He reported there's a car by the police station that's parked there every day. Councilman Johnson addressed the Building Department, he reported he has seen dumpsters from On the Go, Scrapers, Red Box, Waste Management, Beck etc. He stated he walked up and asked, do they have a permit. Councilman Johnson stated about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time they don't, but if he calls and gives them an address in St. Louis City they won't give him a dumpster because he needs a permit.

Councilman Johnson asked how they know that about St. Louis City, but not about the City of Jennings. Councilman Johnson stated every dumpster needs a permit and they need to call those companies and let them know that there's a direct ordinance that requires a permit. Councilman Johnson thanked Lt. Perez for the work they did with the issues on Switzer Ave. Councilman Johnson thanked Jim for the work on Beulah Ave.

Councilman Johnson stated whenever you go to a town and see a White Castle, Family Dollar, Church's Chicken, Dollar General, check cashing places and a street that says Martin Luther King, you know you're in the hood.

Councilwoman Brown -thanked the Urban League staff and assistance from members of their Senior Commission. Councilwoman Brown stated she felt blessed to give out 31 Thanksgiving Baskets to the seniors on November 22, 2022. Councilwoman Brown reported she will continue to seek out improvement in ways to communicate giveaway information and other helpful resources.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Dianna, Special Service Coordinator, for helping navigate the MyGov System. Councilwoman Brown thanked the department heads and their staff for the service they provide for the City of Jennings.

Councilman Wilson -asked Jim if the speed bump in front of the high school is fixed, he stated it is sideways and there was a spike sticking out of it. Councilman Wilson asked Jim did the street sign get installed on Gasconade River Road. He stated there's a resident on that street that can't get her mail because the mail company thinks it's Ada Wortley instead of Gasconade River Road.

Jim reported he spoke to Sam about that, and since the City of Jennings owns that area that will no longer be a street, but he will put up a street sign. Councilman Wilson stated to Deletra that he doesn't know who administers the ring door bells but they need to explain to the residents that they must have internet service for it to work. Councilman Wilson also stated the City needs to inform them that if they want to capture the recording, there's a separate plan that the City doesn't pay for, which is \$3.99 a month.

Councilman Wilson gave a shout out to his Ward 2 residents for October 29th for a very successful meeting. Councilman Wilson thanked Captain Mann, Mayor Austin, Willie, and his staff. Councilman Wilson reported he got a call from a resident in Ward 3 requesting a sign on the corner of McLaren Ave.

Councilman Wilson reported an event on December 17th called the Chili & Chill and Karaoke will be held at the Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson -reported there will be a Christmas Party at Gary Gore and everyone is invited, it is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson stated she need to get with Lt. Perez about the distribution of drugs on a certain street in Ward 2. Councilwoman Henderson reported every other Friday she volunteers with the School District in the food pantry.

Councilwoman Henderson reported she received an email stating the police department was going to give out turkeys, she reported that wasn't true. Councilwoman Henderson stated Mayor Austin knew the turkeys came from the Demetrius Johnson Foundation. Councilwoman Clower reported she was given the turkeys and was able to deliver them to some residents. Councilwoman Henderson stated she got a few but he distributed over 3,000 turkeys. Councilwoman Henderson stated she wished they would come true about where the turkeys came from. Councilwoman Henderson reported they came from the Demetrius Johnson Foundation.

Councilwoman Henderson stated she was very disturbed at the Policy Meeting to hear that someone was trying to get an increase in pay with the City Council. Councilwoman Henderson stated they can't afford anything right now. Councilwoman Henderson stated whoever brought it to the Council, they're not doing that much to have a pay increase. Councilwoman Henderson stated that they need to put a speed bump on Leamont Drive. She reported they are speeding down the street.

Councilwoman Henderson yielded the rest of her time to Councilwoman Clower.

Councilwoman Clower stated she disagrees with Kellie about having an economic plan to start demolition because people don't want to live across from vacant homes or lots. Councilwoman Clower stated it brings down the property value and causes rodents. Councilwoman Clower stated she would rather see a vacant lot than a vacant home.

Councilman Stichnote -reported November 9th he attended a ribbon cutting for the new credit union at Buzz Westfall Plaza. Councilman Stichnote reported Bingo is December 29, 2022. Councilman Stichnote reported an event called Breakfast with Santa. It is \$5.00 per person. They will provide breakfast, gifts, and prizes. You also get to take a picture with Santa. It will be held at the Civic Center and it's from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. December 10, 2022.

Councilman Stichnote reported speedbumps are needed on Hord and Cozens. Jim stated they have Hord on the list but needs to check to see if there was a traffic study done. If not, it will be at the next Public Works Meeting. Jim reported it has been discussed but never made it to a meeting. Councilman Stichnote stated the sign on Wieck and Sharidge is missing and needs a new one.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin thanked the Department Heads and their staff as they continue to meet the needs of the Community. Mayor Austin reported the issue with the cars being parked backwards. She stated

that's an issue the police department needs to take care of. If its private property, the Building Department can take care of that.

Mayor Austin stated she wants people to continue to look at the website for updates and if anyone needs help, they can call her assistant, Ms. Verna, or Mr. Willie. They can help access the website on your phone. She also mentioned they have a complaint portal on the website as well. Mayor Austin reported the numbers are going up with the camera program. She stated Captain Mann gives her a report on how many people participated. Mayor Austin stated it is a voluntary program, but it helps the police to know who has cameras. Mayor Austin stated there is a form that the residents can complete.

Mayor Austin stated they are still dealing with stray dogs. If you see any dogs and know what house they belong to, you can call the Finance Department and speak to Stephanie. Mayor Austin stated Stephanie will investigate to see if they have a permit. If they don't it will go to the Building Department.

Mayor Austin reported on the website and as you enter into the City Hall you will see a listing of all the job positions they have. So, if you know someone, or a neighbor and they are looking for employment they can apply.

Mayor Austin reported the Police Department has a crime portal that you can leave your complaints and concerns and they will get back to you.

C. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the monthly departmental reports. All in favor; none opposed.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Revised Ward Funds Policy

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the Revised Ward Funds Policy. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Approval of the proposed 2023 Medical Benefits Plan

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the 2023 monthly benefits plan. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the Professional Service contract with Terraspec - Sievers Park

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the Professional Service Contract with Terraspec for Sievers Park. Councilman Johnson opposed.

The City Council voted to approve the Professional Service Contract with Terraspec -Sievers Park by the following roll call vote Councilman Stichnote, Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Turner, and Mayor Austin voted in favor. Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Morton, Councilwoman Clower and Councilwoman Henderson opposed.

4. Approval of the Professional Service contract with Terraspec – Lions Park

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the Professional Service Contract with Lions Park. Councilman Johnson opposed.

The City Council voted to approve the Professional Service Contract with Terraspec -Lions Park by the following roll call vote Councilman Stichnote, Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Turner, and Mayor Austin voted in favor. Councilwoman Henderson, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Morton, and Councilwoman Clower opposed.

5. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the monthly bills for payment. All in favor; none opposed.

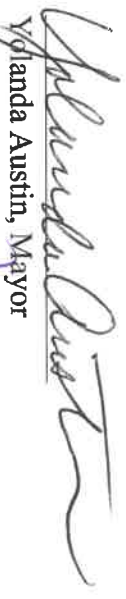
E. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked those who are there in attendance and via zoom.

F. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilwoman Morton, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council voted by the following roll call of councilmembers in favor of adjourning at 9:33 p.m.: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson (via zoom), Wilson, Brown, Morton, Johnson, Clower and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk

