



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
December 20, 2021
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and twenty-eighth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

B. REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Austin requested a moment of silence for Detective Antonio Valentine, who was killed in the line of duty. She stated that prayers will be said for his family, St. Louis County officers, and St. Louis County Jennings Precinct officers.

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Gary Johnson, Rose Eichelberger, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner.

Council member(s) absent: none.

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2021.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2021. Johnson opposed. Roll call: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she did not say that Lt. Troy Doyle donated 10 turkeys. Lt. Doyle distributed ten (10) turkeys, three (3) went to Capt. Mann and Mayor Austin went with him to distribute the turkeys.

Councilman Johnson stated that in the November 22, 2021, minutes, in the New Business section it stated that he asked if Mike Vilmer, Code Enforcement Contractor, submitted an application to the City. He stated that he asked if Mike Vilmer was interviewed, and the response was that it could not be recalled. He also commented that in the Mayor's Closing Remarks, the total number of attendees was approximately 40 people on the meeting was incorrect.

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

1. Presentation – 2022 Employee Medical Benefit

Emily Bremer and Kelly Rector presented the 2022 Employee Medical Benefits. Emily stated that in 2021 the City of Jennings was with Aetna for its second year and saw low employee waiver

rates between 2020-2021. She stated that the struggles with secondary insurance, American Public Life (APL) had urged them to create a plan with the City Clerk's Office to improve and make the claims process smoother. Emily summarized that United Healthcare offered a small group plan at 13 percent under current Aetna premium rates. The United Healthcare insurance plan will help to reduce the employee out-of-pocket maximum and copays, and the plan would also include major providers like the BJC Healthcare network.

Emily stated that Kansas City Life offered a rate guarantee for the 2022 year and Delta Dental and Vision guaranteed no rate increase until January 2023. Emily stated that they did explore with the 24:1 Municipal Partnership, a Kansas City Life vision and dental insurance plan along with other municipalities in the area. They recommend staying with Delta Dental and Vision for the 2022 year.

Emily stated that the Aetna premium cost average per employee was projected at \$826.17 in 2021 but ended up being under that amount at \$817.23. Aetna's 2022 premium rates are projected at \$869.88 per employee and United Healthcare was projected at \$710.92 per employee. She stated that the APL cost average premium per employee was adjusted to match the deductible of the plans. Emily stated that when comparing the average employee bi-weekly cost, United Healthcare won. The Aetna employee cost would rise to \$140.40 from \$119.52 bi-weekly, and United Healthcare would lower for employees to \$65.06 bi-weekly. Employee out-of-pocket deductibles would remain the same at \$3,000 outpatient and \$0 inpatient. The City's ACA Safe Harbor was at \$209.91 which was well within the range considering the employee bi-weekly rates with United Healthcare.

Emily summarized that they recommended moving the medical insurance to United Healthcare with the APL Medlink supplement. She stated that they also recommended submitting data to Everside Health to apply for a grant to expand employee offerings of direct primary care at no extra cost to the City. They recommended renewing the dental and vision insurance with Delta, renewing the Kansas City Life insurance and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with no rate increase.

Councilman Johnson asked if the City Council would still be offered the Delta dental and vision plans. Deletra informed him that the City Council's benefit structure would not be changing.

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

There were no citizen comments.

3. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Stichnote reported that at 8811 Scottsdale Avenue, there was tall grass that had not been cut in the 2021 year. He reported that 2715 High Ridge Avenue seemed to be a problem property. He asked Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, what had been done in the past regarding all the items left in the property's front yard, because there had been no change.

Councilman Stichnote reported that at 9105 Clarion Drive, the City barricades had been moved there were trash, tree limbs, and a swimming pool dumped there. Vinson stated that Public Works will investigate the issue. Councilman Stichnote also requested that Vinson checks on a pothole on Sharidge Drive, where there seems to be a sewer issue that caused the pothole to get deeper. Vince reported that the pothole was marked by Missouri American Water Company, which was aware of the issue. He informed Councilman Stichnote that asphaltting to the street was delayed until the sewer issue had been addressed. Councilman Stichnote reported that near 9229 Leamont Drive there was a tire on the street and asked that it be picked up.

Councilman Stichnote thanked Public Works for fixing the pothole near Shannonaire Drive and St. Cyr Drive.

Councilman Stichnote quoted the traffic statistics report from Capt. Mann that there were 609 tickets issued for expired plates and failure to register between January 1, 2021, to November 30, 2021. He stated that it was reported that 73 abandoned automobiles were ticketed. Councilman Stichnote thought that there were more that had been ticketed. Capt. Mann reported that he was

looking into whether what had been in the report was strictly the tagging of the vehicle or the ticketing of vehicles.

Councilman Stichnote reported that he attended Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 18, 2021, and attended the City's 75th Anniversary Celebration & Groundbreaking event later that afternoon.

Councilman Stichnote wished everyone a Happy Holiday and hoped that everyone would be safe.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported the potholes on Shannonaire Drive and St. Cyr Drive and Dorwood Drive, near the Gary Gore Community Center, were filled per her request.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported at 2525 Hord Avenue and 2504 Shannon Avenue the backyards were overgrown. She also reported at 2663 Terrace Lane and Lucas and Hunt Road, there were light poles out. The light pole number was J-67. She stated that near 8450 Lucas and Hunt Road, the light keeps going on and off.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reminded everyone that children were on school break and return to school on January 4, 2022.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she was against the City of Jennings Employee COVID-19 Vaccination & Face Covering Policy that was being discussed later in the meeting.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson provided feedback regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. She stated that the money should be given to the residents.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that the Groundbreaking event on Saturday, December 18th was too cold for a long program. She felt that the Ward 2 council members were given more representation at the event.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that the Police Luncheon at Gary Gore Community Center was attended by officers who used to work for the City of Jennings.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson attended the wake of Detective Antonio Valentine.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that if people could be at City Hall for the Groundbreaking Reception, then why could City Hall not be opened to return to in-person City Council meetings so the public could attend. She stated that the St. Louis County Council does allow some of the public to attend in person.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked Vince who is the contact person for Ameren. Vince stated that he would contact Ameren the following day regarding the lights that she reported out.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson wished everyone a safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Wilson reported on the 75th Anniversary and Groundbreaking event. He stated that it was great to see the community come out, and those who invested in the community.

Councilman Wilson yielded two minutes of his time to Zelma Chikeleze, Senior Commission. Ms. Chikeleze thanked Councilman Wilson. She commented that the Celebration & Groundbreaking event was well organized. She stated that people should be proud to be in the City of Jennings. Ms. Chikeleze wished everyone to continue to work together to put Jennings on top as a City. She stated that Jennings was a good place to live. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Brown thanked all for joining the City Council meeting to hear what was being said and to hear what residents have to say. She reported that there was a lot of excitement in the month, and the past weekend. She knew that there was a lot of work that went into the great results that were garnered.

Councilwoman Brown reported that on November 23, 2021, the Urban League served over 500 Thanksgiving boxes. She helped to deliver some to the residents.

Councilwoman Brown reported that on November 29, 2021, Ward 2 hosted a town hall meeting. It was a great opportunity to hear from residents. Councilman Wilson was the facilitator for the meeting and emphasized the need to hear from residents.

Councilwoman Brown asked Vince about the status of a pothole at Ranchdale Drive near Halls Ferry Road. Vince stated that he called Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) and was waiting on a letter. He will follow up with her.

Councilwoman Brown reported that on Saturday, December 11, 2021, St. Louis Community Outreach Unit hosted the 2nd Annual Blake Snyder Community Coat Drive & Giveaway at Gary Gore Community Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. She stated that many items were brand new and beautiful, donated between December 1st and December 9th. Councilwoman Brown stated that there was a strong team spirit. She reported that the next event was expected to be bigger and better in 2022.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mr. Brandon for hosting the vaccination event on December 4, 2021, at the Recreation Center. She stated that she received her COVID-19 booster shot. She commented that if it was necessary to get, she was not opposed to vaccination.

Councilwoman Brown thanked everyone who attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration & Groundbreaking Saturday, December 18, 2021.

Councilwoman Brown hoped that with the beginning of the new year, all will approach it with hope and prosperity in the future. She reminded everyone that teamwork makes the dream a reality.

Councilman Johnson reported that he noticed on Switzer Avenue and Jennings Station Road near the old school, that the City's barricade had been moved and someone had dumped trash in the area.

Councilman Johnson thanked Vince for help from the Public Works staff, who noticed him collecting trash one day and stopped to help.

Councilman Johnson implored Mayor Austin to consider returning to in-person City Council meetings. He commented that after the Groundbreaking Reception, it was proof that the City could have a safe gathering in-person without restrictions.

Councilman Johnson stated that he attended the Groundbreaking event. It was a good event and exciting to see progress being made on the new City Hall and Civic Center. Yet, he felt like a visitor at the event, which gave him a feeling of indifference. He stated that the reception was good, with good food. He commented that he would like some kind of activity in the south end of Jennings.

Councilman Johnson stated for the record that there was a total number of twenty-nine (29) attendees at the meeting; three (3) of which were residents or not associated with the City. He stated that holding meetings in person again would get more residential participation.

Councilman Johnson stated that working as a team was mentioned. He commented that until it is specified who is on the team and their roles, it could not work. He agreed that they should work together as a team yet knew that everyone had different ideas and that should include transparency.

Councilman Johnson wished everyone Happy Holidays and hoped that everyone spends time with their family.

Councilwoman Eichelberger apologized for missing the event. She stated that she had a conflicting appointment that kept her from attending the event. She was proud to be a part of Jennings. She looked forward to seeing growth. Councilwoman Eichelberger felt that the City was missing a community center and she was excited about it.

Councilwoman Eichelberger met with Schona in the Building Department to get an idea of the issues they are facing. She stated that she understood that they were short-staffed and the City was also short-staffed. She volunteered some time to help by being proactive and following up on complaints and issues from residents. Councilwoman Eichelberger sent a list of things that were brought to her attention by residents and followed up on what the resolution was or what steps must be taken. Councilwoman Eichelberger committed to keeping a list of things that are brought to her attention and what she had noticed to the correct people, with resolutions to help keep a record of what is being done in Jennings. She had done so with the Building Department and intends to do so with Public Works as well.

Councilwoman Eichelberger reported issuing the Ward 3 Newsletter to residents to do her part. A volunteer resident had elected to help keep it going in the future by collecting content and will make sure the newsletter was issued, should Councilwoman Eichelberger not remain in office.

Councilwoman Eichelberger wished everyone a Happy Holiday and urged residents not to hesitate to reach out to her.

Councilwoman Clower stated Happy Holidays to all. She asked Vince what happened regarding the pothole near Helen Avenue and Harney Avenue. Vince stated that the pothole was on the list to do, he could not give her a time of completion as it was done by a contractor. He stated that he informed the mayor that with snowy weather approaching it still had not been filled, Public Works will fill it with a cold patch. She asked him to follow up with the contractor because the pothole has been there for almost a year. Vince explained the contractor permitting process to Councilwoman Clower. Schona stated that she will follow up with her.

Councilwoman Clower reported that there was a hole in the middle of Hodiament Avenue with the metal plate covering it. Vince stated that Missouri American Water Company was aware of the pothole. He said that contractors were all over the City working on streets. Councilwoman Clower asked Schona to follow up on the metal plate on the street near the 5400 block of Helen Avenue.

Councilwoman Clower asked Capt. Mann about the property that Ms. Beck reported at the last meeting at 5458 Hodiament Avenue, where there were box trucks parked there. Capt. Mann stated that officers had followed up diligently, tagged twenty (20) vehicles and the vehicles are in the driveways on Hodiament Avenue. He reminded Councilwoman Clower once the vehicles are moved on the street again, it resets the clock to get them removed.

Councilwoman Clower reported a while back, that near Helen Avenue and Harney Avenue, on a Jennings lot, someone had disposed of trash and tree limbs there. She stated that it was sent down to Public Works. She stated they were located between Harney Avenue and Janet Avenue, and another between Helen Avenue and Harney Avenue. Vince stated that his crew was out in Ward 4 that day. He would follow up the next day.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she made complaints regarding lots, 5455 Helen Avenue and 5447 Helen Avenue, that have overgrown grass. Vince informed her that Public Works has not stopped cutting grass until the first snowfall. She reported on Wilborn Avenue, a couch needed to be removed on a lot where it had been dumped. He stated that someone from Public Works would investigate it.

Councilwoman Clower commented that she did not break the chain of command, regarding the placement of signs on private property, which would later be discussed in the meeting. She stated that she did not go to any employee with instructions, but the department head.

Councilman Turner reported that the Saturday, December 18th Groundbreaking event was a good experience and beautiful to see people come together.

Councilman Turner reported to Vince that near Granada Place and Acacia Drive, there was a street sign missing, coming from McLaran Avenue. He stated that he received a complaint about vehicles parked blocking a resident's driveway, where the 'No Parking' signs need to be replaced on that side of D'Amato Court.

Councilman Turner was called from Fairview Village Senior Living that had lights out in the driveway, and he asked if it was the property owner's responsibility or not. Vince confirmed that it was the property owner's responsibility to replace the driveway lights of Fairview Village.

Councilman Turner commented that he appreciated that Mayor Austin recognized the residents who had been in the City for a long time.

He stated that at 5471 Helen Avenue were there seemed like a rough situation at the property. Councilman Turner took note of some concerns from the homeowner like the furnace, electricity box, and the front steps of the home. He stated that it was good to speak with the homeowner's daughters and to build a relationship with them.

Councilman Turner commented that what Councilwoman Eichelberger shared about the Ward 3 newsletter. He commented that it was good to come together and great to pass around in Ward 4. Councilman Turner appreciated Vince and the Public Works Department. He quoted the Prayer for Protection by James Dillet Freeman.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin reported that the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Groundbreaking event was a success. She thanked department heads and staff for working hard to ensure a great and successful event on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

Mayor Austin stated that the City received proclamations from Congresswoman Cori Bush, Senator Brian Williams, State Representative Marlene Terry, and St. Louis County Executive, Dr. Sam Page. She thanked all who attended the event. It was cold and she thanked those who endured to the end of the event.

Mayor Austin reported that the City recognized four Jennings families who have been in the community for over sixty (60) years: the Bommarito, Hibb, Kuchenmeister, and Wuesthoff families. She thanked the following businesses also for staying in the City of Jennings for many years: Bellm Plumbing, Memorial Park Cemetery, Norwood Hills Country Club, and Stout Sign Company. She thanked the committees that participated and the Chairman Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, and Chairman Verna Charles, Mayor's Assistant.

Mayor Austin reported that on Friday, December 17, 2021, at the Business Watch meeting, Steve Pokorney from STS Car Care and Pastor Trevor Barnes of Northside St. Louis Seventh-day Adventist Church were recognized for their participation at the meetings.

She stated that she received a text message from Mr. McKinney Thursday, December 16, 2021, who was a developer in Ward 4 and Ward 2, that thirty (30) vacant lots were approved for low-income house funding in Ward 4.

Mayor Austin stated that regarding the placement of signs in Ward 4, which was displayed on screen during the meeting. She advised Vince that a sign could not be placed upon a non-profit organization or church property stating that there was a camera onsite, where there were no cameras located that were requested by Councilwoman Clower. There were two other areas where she had requested that the signs be placed, one on City property. She stated that Vince informed her there was no camera on the City property location. Mayor Austin instructed Vince that a City employee could not place the signs on the non-profit property. If there was a camera on City property then it could possibly be placed. Sam stated that it was also prohibited by the City code of ordinances.

Mayor Austin wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Councilman Johnson asked regarding the Economic Development report if the 2019 Street Improvement Project was the Garesche Street Improvement project. Mayor Austin confirmed that

it was the same. He then asked regarding 2544 Oepts Avenue, once the property was determined a historic building, what would then happen. Mayor Austin stated that will look at the list to replace the house on the property.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Wilson stated that there was a meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2021. The committee discussed the recommendation of the 2022 Employee Medical Benefits.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Councilman Johnson stated that there was a meeting Thursday, December 16, 2021. The committee heard a presentation on the removal of six (6) speed bumps from Councilwoman Fountain Henderson and Councilman Stichnote. The committee also discussed grass cutting and asked each committee member from each ward to make a list of properties that could use the grass-cutting services.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported that there was no meeting.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Councilman Turner reported that there was no meeting.

5. Municipal League – Councilman Wilson stated that conversations about a vehicle tampering ordinance, which makes it illegal to tamper with car doors, will be forwarded to the Policy and Ordinance Committee. He explained that the idea was recommended by County Councilman Mark Harder. Councilman Wilson thought it wise for the City to consider pursuing making it an ordinance.

He reported that the Municipal League will be meeting in January 2022. He reported that as of October 2021, Sales Tax was up to \$11.5 million, which was 2 percent more than pre-pandemic 2019.

Councilman Wilson recommended that the new Missouri Municipal League be visited.

6. Planning Commission – Councilman Johnson stated that the Planning Commission had a meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2021. The committee discussed the site development plans for the new City Hall and Community Center. Joel Kerschen, KAI Architects, presented to the committee the plan review, and the plan was passed by the committee.

7. Economic Development Board – There was no meeting.

8. Youth Commission – Report provided.

9. Senior Commission – Report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LOCAL USE TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF ONE AND ONE FOURTH PERCENT (1.25%) PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 144.600 THROUGH 144.761 RSMO; PROVIDIING FOR THE USE TAX TO BE REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED IN THE SAME AMOUNT AS ANY CITY SALES TAX IS REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED; AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THE GENERAL ELECTION CALLED AND TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON APRIL 5, 2022.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2674. Roll call: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Turner; Fountain Henderson, Johnson, and Clower opposed. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Wilson and Sam explained the Use Tax Ordinance in more detail.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Eichelberger, seconded by Councilman Wilson, for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2674 became Ordinance #2610 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, and Lorraine Clower; Yolonda Fountain Henderson opposing.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL, REQUISITION, ACQUISITION AND/OR PURCHASE OF MULTIPLE REAL PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, STATE OF MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2675. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2675 became Ordinance #2611 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, and Lorraine Clower; none absent nor opposing.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, ADOPTING A POLICY REQUIRING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown for Bill #2676. Deletra asked if it needed the first reading since it was read before. Sam stated that it did because the language was added per the request of the City Council. Roll call: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Clower, and Turner; Fountain Henderson, and Johnson opposed. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger for the second reading. Roll call: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Turner; Johnson abstained; Fountain Henderson and Clower opposed. Sam did the second reading.

Bill #2676 became Ordinance #2612 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Joseph Turner; Lorraine Clower, Gary Johnson, and Yolonda Fountain Henderson opposed.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Pandemic Preparedness Policy

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the City Pandemic Preparedness Policy. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Approval of the 2022 Medical Benefits

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the recommendation for the 2022 Employee Medical Benefits. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the Resolution to Adopt-a-Street

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the recommendation for a resolution to adopt a street in honor of Marlon Owens. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson commented that former Councilwoman Aja Owens' brother, Marlon Owens, passed away suddenly.

4. Approval of Ward 4 Signs

The City Council agreed to discuss the placement of signage on private property at the next Policy and Ordinance Committee meeting in January. No action was taken.

5. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

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

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked everyone who stayed for the duration of the December City Council meeting and wished them a Merry Christmas, as well as a safe one.

J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-3)

On November 22, 2021, on the motion made by Councilwoman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved a closed session for Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3) by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Johnson, Eichelberger, Turner, and Clower; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Also, present were Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson.

1. PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Hire Correctional Officers

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to hire the following candidates for Correctional Officers positions, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening: Kavindra Browder (full time) and Elaine Davis (part-time). The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to hire La'Qonda Stunson for the full-time Correctional Officers positions, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, and Turner; opposing: Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower; Mayor Austin was the Yay vote breaking the tie; none absent nor abstaining.

b. Hire Full-Time Code Enforcement Inspector

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council denied the recommendation from Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, to hire Johnnie Carter, full-time Code Enforcement Inspector. The recommendation was denied by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower; none opposing; Turner abstaining; none absent.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, to hire Steven Jackson, full-time Code Enforcement Inspector, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

c. Internal Transfers – Hire Fleet Maintenance/Building Maintenance


On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Vinson Rhone, Public Works Foreman, to hire David O'Rourke for the full-time Fleet Maintenance/Building Maintenance position pending the hire and training of his replacement for the Parks and Recreation Crew Leaders. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

d. Internal Transfers – Full-Time Public Works Laborer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Vinson Rhone, Public Works Foreman, to promote Antonio Samuel from part-time to full-time Public Works Laborer. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger, the City Council voted by roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved: 
Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest: 
Deletra Hudson, City Clerk