

NOTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING

February 18, 2025

(Subject to Approval at the March 4, 2025 Council Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance

Roll Call

Mayor Dennis Watz called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Chris Bunk, Alderman Ward Three George (Randy) Counts, Alderman Ward Three Matt Wieggers, and Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton. Alderman Ward Two Kecia Philpot was unable to attend. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Engineer Robert Schaffer, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda

Alderman Dalton made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes

Notes from the council meeting held February 4, 2025 were presented. Alderman Counts made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried.

REQUESTS & PETITIONS

5K Fund Raiser - Miles With a Mission

5K Fund Raiser
Miles w/Mission

Mr. Chad Johnson appeared before the Board and requested to hold a 5K fund-raising event on April 19, 2025 which will help support the Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders (GFPD) organization. The event would start & end at 8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. at SmoothE's, 300 Park Ridge Road. They outlined two options for the route which included some street closures. GFPD also proposed to have event volunteers at each intersection to help guide runners and watch for traffic. One option was the same route as the annual Turkey Trot except it would start at SmoothE's instead of Anytime Fitness. The second option would involve street closures along Cumberland Way, Walmart Drive, East Springfield Avenue, and North Church Street. Some discussion was held about traffic and the impact it would have on the 5K. It was the general consensus to use the second option. Mr. Johnson stated that GFPD is an organization that is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity which supports families afflicted with peroxisomal disorders. Alderman Wieggers made a motion to approve the fund-raising event as presented contingent upon notification to all emergency personnel. Alderman Dalton seconded the motion and it carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Change - Public Hearing

P&Z Hearings
Zoning Modern

Planning & Zoning held a public hearing for February 11, 2025 on a zoning change request from developer SKMT, LLC on property located at the west end of Modern Avenue to R-2 (*single & multiple family*) from C-4 (*general commercial*). P&Z recommended approval.

(Also see Ord #4048 passed later on in the meeting.) Administrator Hardy noted that this property will keep their C-4 zoning in front but change to R-2 in the back. He pointed out that the R-2 zoned area is also contiguous with nearby R-2 zoned area. However, SKMT has indicated they plan on building single-family residential housing.

Conditional Use Permit - Public Hearing & Approval

Conditional Use Permit Approved

Mesa Place #2

The P&Z Commission also held another public hearing on February 11, 2025 which was followed by their recommendation for Board approval of a conditional use permit request from RMJ Properties for construction of a major subdivision (*Mesa Place Phase 2*) located along North & South Road (this is for 13 lots). The property is zoned for residential use. According to City Code 400.265(A)(4) if the conditional use permit request involves public improvements for a major subdivision, P&Z is to make a recommendation to be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for a decision. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the conditional use permit as recommended by Planning & Zoning. Alderman Bunk seconded the motion and it carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CMT Engineering Agreement - Airport Lighting

CMT Airport Lighting

Airport consultant, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Incorporated submitted an agreement for approval of upgrading the airport lighting with LEDs. (Also see Ord #4047 presented and subsequently passed later on in the meeting). The lump sum cost of \$94,746.35 is for a 120-day project that goes through the bidding process. The city's portion will not exceed 10% as this project is being paid for by monies that are reimbursed between 90% & 100%.

Archer-Elgin Proposal - Final Design Services (Parks & Streets Bldgs)

Archer-Elgin Engineering Plans

Archer-Elgin completed conceptual planning & engineering services for the Parks & Streets buildings. They have now provided a proposal to develop the final design, construction drawings, construction specifications, bid documents and bid these two buildings as one bid package. The bids will be for the buildings to be built separately and as one project which should provide a significant savings by constructing both buildings at the same time considering the proximity of the sites. They are anticipating 90-120 days for design and 30 days for bidding after design approval. The total cost of this proposal is \$290,000. (See more on this matter under Bill #4049 subsequently tabled later on in the meeting.)

Sullivan Police Department - MoDOT Grants

MoDOT Grants HMV & DWI

The Sullivan PD requested two MoDOT traffic grants again this year (Oct 1, 2025 thru Sept 30, 2026): 1) DWI Grant - requesting \$15,010.56 (6-four hour shifts per month) MoDOT will pay 100% of funds by paying each officer/dispatcher double time every time they work the DWI grant; and 2) HMV Grant - requesting \$15,010.56 (6-four hour shifts per month) MoDOT will pay 100% of funds by paying each officer/dispatcher double time every time they work the HMV grant. \$3,000 for three officers to attend the LETSAC conference in Columbia. (Also see Ord #4050 & #4051.)

Route 66 Centennial Sign

Route 66 Sign Application

The Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission is offering sponsorships up to \$15,000 for the purchase of a large Missouri Route 66 Interactive Shield Sign. There are ten Missouri counties along the Route 66 corridor that qualify and the City of Sullivan is included. One per county is allowed. Alderman Counts made a motion authorizing City Administrator Hardy

to apply for the sign. Alderman Wieggers seconded it and the motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 2025

February 2025
Monthly Bills

Alderman Bunk reported he reviewed the monthly bills for February 2025 and made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2,293,998.67. Alderman Counts seconded the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCES

CMT Agreement - Airport Lighting Upgrades

CMT
Agreement
Airport Lighting

Bill No. 4047 sponsored by Alderman George (Randy) Counts, being an ordinance approving an agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Incorporated which agreement deals with professional engineering services for lighting upgrades at the Sullivan Regional Airport in the City of Sullivan, Missouri; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 4047 become Ordinance No. 4047?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman George (Randy) Counts, aye; Alderman Kecia Philpot, (absent); Alderman Chris Bunk, aye; Alderman Matt Wieggers, aye; and Alderman Mark Dalton, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved a 120-day engineering project with CMT for lighting upgrades at the airport at a cost of \$94,746.35. The city's cost will not exceed 10% since this project is reimbursable by 90-100%.

Zoning Change - Modern Avenue (west end)

Zoning Change
Modern St
C-4 to R-2

Bill No. 4048 sponsored by Alderman Chris Bunk, being an ordinance to amend Chapter 400 of the Codified Code of the City of Sullivan, Missouri, and to amend the zoning map described in Chapter 400 and establishing the effective date of this ordinance, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 4048 become Ordinance No. 4048?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman George (Randy) Counts, aye; Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Chris Bunk, aye; Alderman Matt Wieggers, aye; and Alderman Kecia Philpot, (absent). Passage of this ordinance approved changing the zoning at the west end of Modern Avenue from C-4 *General Commercial District* to R-2 *Single & Multiple Family District*. At the request of SKMT, LLC, a public hearing was held on February 11, 2025 where afterwards the Planning & Zoning recommended Board approval.

Archer-Elgin Engineering Proposal - Parks & Street Bldgs Design

Bill No. 4049
Tabled Archer
Elgin

Following a brief discussion, Alderman Bunk made a motion to table Bill No. 4049 for a future council meeting. Alderman Dalton seconded the motion carried and it carried. (Also see *City Administrator* section held earlier in the meeting for more info.)

DWI Grant - MoDOT Program

DWI MoDOT
Grant

Bill No. 4050 sponsored by Alderman Jason Alexander, being an ordinance approving an agreement with MoDOT Traffic and Highway Safety Division which agreement deals with participation in Missouri's Highway Safety Program for Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaigns in the City of Sullivan, Missouri; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 4050 become Ordinance No. 4050?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Matt

Wiegers, aye; Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Kecia Philpot, (absent); Alderman George (Randy) Counts, aye; and Alderman Chris Bunk, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved an agreement with MoDOT for a grant on DWI saturation enforcement in the amount of \$15,010.56 for officers & dispatchers with 100% being paid by MoDOT.

HMV Grant - MoDOT

HMV MoDOT
Grant

Bill No. 4051 sponsored by Alderman Jason Alexander, being an ordinance approving an agreement with MoDOT Traffic and Highway Safety Division which agreement deals with participation in Missouri's Highway Safety Program for Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement Campaigns in the City of Sullivan, Missouri; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 4051 become Ordinance No. 4051?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Kecia Philpot, (absent); Alderman George (Randy) Counts, aye; Alderman Chris Bunk, aye; Alderman Matt Wiegers, aye; Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; and Alderman Jason Alexander, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved an agreement with MoDOT for a grant on HMV (Hazardous Moving Violations) in the amount of \$15,010.56 for officers & dispatchers with 100% being paid by MoDOT. Also included in this grant is up to \$3,000 for the LETSAC training.

MAYOR INPUT

Winter Storm &
Crews

City Crews

Noting the winter storm currently underway, Mayor Watz asked everyone keep city crews in mind whenever dealing with frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

Being no further business at this time, Alderman Counts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.