

COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF NIXA, MISSOURI

Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel, 200 E. Main Street, Branson, MO 65616

May 10th, 2024 9:00 a.m.

The Nixa City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Jarad Giddens at 9:00 a.m. Attending were Council Members Kelly Morris, Matt Ogden, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, Darlene Graham, and Zern Vess. Also attending were Jimmy Liles, Cindy Robbins, Doug Colvin, Nick Woodman, Rebekka Coffey, Jennifer Evans, Scott Godbey, Matt Crouse, and Joe Campbell.

Liles started the meeting by providing an overview of the workshop agenda and theme.

Planning and Development:

Godbey discussed the process it takes to change the City code. Godbey provided information on short-term rentals, max building heights, and eliminating the R-MHS zoning district. Godbey discussed pervious pavers with Council asking questions and Godbey responding. Godbey provided information on special event permits, home-based businesses, the table of approved uses, planned unit developments, the City sign code, local road access management, traffic study requirements, and the cul-de-sac radius. Godbey discussed the downtown zoning district with Council asking questions and Godbey responding. Could held a discussion with staff about home-based businesses and short-term rentals. Mayor Giddens called for a break at 10:21 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 10:33 a.m.

Administration – Legal Department:

Woodman discussed providing information on Council Bills to Council sooner and the progress of code amendment. Woodman provided information on his code amendment to-do list with Council asking questions to which Woodman responded. Woodman discussed the Legal Department's workload and communication. Council asked questions with Woodman responding.

Project Management:

Justin Orf joined the meeting. Orf provided background on the Nixa Aquatic Center project. Orf discussed the project's progress and the remaining work to be done. Orf discussed the Police Department's new police station. Orf provided a background on the project and the estimated timeline for completion. Council asked questions with staff responding. Orf provided information on the City Hall remodel and the timeline for the project. Council asked questions with staff responding. Orf discussed residential, commercial, and institutional developments within the City. Council asked questions, with staff responding. Orf left the meeting. Mayor Giddens called for a lunch break at 11:52 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:18 p.m.

Communications:

Macie Bequette joined the meeting. Bequette provided information on the City's social media, monthly newsletters, website, Nixa Senior Center luncheons, and City Hall lobby televisions. Bequette said the Communication Department's number one (1) priority is hiring a new director. Bequette discussed the creative services contractors and proposed projects. Council asked questions with Bequette responding. Bequette left the meeting.

Administration – City Clerk:

Coffey discussed records retention as it applies to electronic communications. Council and staff asked questions with Coffey responding.

Communications – City Administrator:

Liles discussed the Communications Director position. Council and staff held a discussion. Mayor Giddens called for a break at 2:48 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 3:02 p.m.

Parks Department:

Crouse discussed the Parks Department Master Plan. Crouse provided information on the beautification and maintenance of the parks. Crouse said that the City has volunteer and serve days, a maintenance crew, and has made several improvements to the parks. Council asked questions with Crouse responding. Crouse discussed the Eoff Family Century Farm Park. Council asked questions, with Crouse responding. Crouse stated that his biggest concern within the Parks Department is program spacing. Crouse said this includes space for gyms, ballfields, fitness, and developed green space. Council asked questions with staff responding. Crouse provided some solutions to low programming space. Crouse discussed Parks operations with Council asking questions to which Crouse responded. Liles stated that due to time constraints, the rest of the Parks Department presentation would be moved to Saturday morning.

Human Resources:

Christina Matney joined the meeting. Matney discussed changes to the Personnel Handbook. Matney provided information on the number of interviews HR had conducted since January, and that three (3) positions were added in 2024. Matney discussed employee morale with Council asking questions to which Matney responded. Council held a discussion with staff. Matney discussed employee benefits. Council and staff held a discussion. Liles stated that due to time constraints, the rest of the Human Resources presentation would be moved to Saturday morning. Matney left the meeting.

Adjournment:

Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Team Building Exercise:

Council and staff attended dinner and a team-building exercise beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Human Resources Continued:

Liles discussed the employee benefits survey results. Council and staff held a discussion. Mayor Giddens called for a break at 10:15 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 10:28 a.m.

Parks Department Continued:

Crouse continued his discussion on Parks operations. Council held a discussion. Crouse provided information on the proposed splash pad. Council and staff held a discussion.

Public Works:

Colvin provided information on the Street Department. Colvin discussed sidewalks, bike lanes, safer roads/intersections, speed limits, and resource/revenue concerns. Colvin provided information on the Stormwater Department. Colvin discussed stormwater drain areas, capital improvement projects, mandated operations/maintenance by MS4 Compliance, and project funding. Colvin provided information on the Electric Department. Colvin discussed AMI meters, underground electric lines, and electric rates. Colvin provided information on the Water Department. Colvin discussed AMI meters, changing out old meters, water towers, water supply and SWMO Water, and water rates. Colvin provided information on the Wastewater Department. Colvin discussed expanding the recycling hours. Council held a discussion. Colvin discussed wastewater smell complaints, wastewater rates, and the Sewer Service Area Agreement with Springfield. Council asked questions, with Colvin responding. During a working lunch, Mayor Giddens discussed council liaisons. Council and staff held a discussion.

Finance Department:

Evans provided an overview of the Finance Department. Evans said she created a Finance Advisory Committee. Council asked questions to which Evans responded. Evans said the Finance Department is reducing the number of paper checks. Evans discussed process improvements and staff development. Council and staff asked questions about ARPA funds, to which Evans responded.

Utility Billing:

Evans discussed Utility Billing. Evans said the struggles of Utility Billing include staff turnover, new operating systems, institutional knowledge, meter reading, Utility Billing's proximity to City Hall, and overall departmental growing pains. Evans said the successes of Utility Billing are the implementation of Invoice Cloud and other payment options. Evans discussed Utility Billing's future. Evans said Utility Billing will be provided with additional customer service training, perform account audits, have a more consistent reading route, have onsite payment capture, and provide user group training. Council and staff held a discussion.

Mayor Giddens called for a break at 1:49 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 2:05 p.m.

Police Department:

Campbell provided an overview of the Police Department's structure and current staffing level. Campbell proposed a restructuring of the Police Department. Council asked questions, with Campbell responding. Council held a discussion. Campbell provided information on the cost of restructuring. Council asked questions, with Campbell responding. Council held a discussion. Campbell discussed the future growth of the Police Department. Campbell provided information on all the technology the Police Department uses and the future technology needs. Council asked questions, with Campbell responding. Council and staff held a discussion.

Liles held a discussion with staff and Council about the theme and layout of this year's workshop. Liles thanked Council and staff for their discussion and work during the workshop.

Adjournment:

Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI

NIXA CITY HALL

May 13th, 2024 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Jarad Giddens. Attending were Council Members Kelly Morris, Matt Ogden, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, Darlene Graham, and Zern Vess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Proclamation:

Mayor Giddens read a proclamation proclaiming May as ALS Awareness Month.

Presentations:

Whitney Guison, President and CEO of the Nixa Chamber of Commerce, provided information on Placer AI data on Sucker Days. Guison discussed the community impact of Sucker Days. Guison said that Sucker Days invites new people into Nixa's identity. Guison stated that Sucker Days brings great economic activity to Nixa. Guison discussed the local talent and vendors who would be at Sucker Days. Guison told Council that the non-profit donations collected at Sucker Days are shared. Guison said that the Chamber has awarded \$12,000 in scholarships since 2019. Guison told Council that in 2019 there were 6,900 attendees, and in 2023, there were 10,218 attendees and provided information on where Sucker Day's attendees are coming from. Guison discussed the biggest hurdles of Sucker Days. Guison said that Sucker Days is a growing festival that highlights the Nixa community. Council held a discussion with Guison about Sucker Days. Guison stated that Sucker Days for 2024 would be May 17th through 19th, and the parade would be Friday the 17th.

Ashley Copeley and Amanda Hunsucker discussed the 2024 One Nixa One Read Program. Copeley said the 2023 book that was read was Wonder and the 2024 book would be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Copeley stated the 2024 kick-off event would be on May 30th at the library. Copeley provided information on the Golden Ticket Sponsorship opportunities. Copeley said that 2024 One Nixa One Read will end on June 28th at Movies in the Park where the 1971 movie Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory will be shown. Copeley thanked all of this year's sponsors.

Visitors:

Russ Williams, 105 N. Westminster Dr., told Council that he lives near Daisy's Imagination Station and that he doesn't like to hear the children making noise. Williams asked Council for help with the noise level. Mayor Giddens responded to William's comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., discussed grace.

Ordinance (First Reading and Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes; No Council Vote Anticipated):

Council Bill #2024-14 Amending the 2024 Annual Budget for the Purpose of Funding an Additional Position within the Utility Billing Division of the Finance Department. Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, stated that this budget amendment is to add an additional position to the Utility Billing office staff. Evans said that with high turnover and long training time, staff feels it would be best to hire someone to build a strong staff foundation. Evans told Council this position is to look forward to the future as there may be some retirements within that department soon. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill #2024-15 Amending the 2024 Annual Budget for the Purpose of Funding the Purchase of Materials and Equipment for the Nixa Utility and Public Works Departments. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, told Council this was a multi-faceted budget amendment that covers multiple departments. Colvin stated that supply chain issues are causing this budget amendment to be needed. Colvin said that leased vehicles have been received, but the truck add-on items were not budgeted. Colvin stated that bucket trucks need repairs and inspections for safety issues. Colvin told Council that there are amendments to add additional vehicle equipment to the Street Fund for \$59,000, the Electric Fund for \$71,000, and the Water Fund for \$10,000. Colvin stated another amendment is for the Electric Fund for transformers, underground electric supplies, and poles, for \$1.47 million. Council asked questions, with Colvin responding. Colvin said the total for all of the amendments would be \$1,614,700. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Council Bill #2024-16 Amending Chapter 117, Article IV, Section 117-102 & Section 117-99 of the Nixa City Code for the Purpose of Modifying the City's Regulations Related to Short-Term Residential Rentals. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that this code amendment has been coming for many months, with Planning and Development working with the Legal Department. Godbey said that in 2019 the first (1st) code change to the short-term rentals was adopted. Godbey provided information on the 2019 code change. Godbey stated that House Bill 1662 was passed in 2022, and it minimizes the ability to regulate home occupations. Godbey said this code amendment would remove language related to home occupations, keep the business license requirement, allow investment properties, and add a 150-foot buffer between short-term rentals and compliance with the rental inspection program. Godbey told Council that no one expressed concerns during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the Commission voted unanimously to approve. Godbey said that staff also recommends approval. Council asked questions with Godbey responding. Godbey told Council that an amendment can be brought back to change the buffer requirement. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Ron Sanders, 976 Glen Oaks Dr., discussed HOA covenants and restrictions.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Council directed staff to bring back an amendment to the council bill to change the buffer requirement to the next meeting.

Resolutions (Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes: Council Vote Anticipated):

Vess and Graham recused themselves from this item.

Resolution #2024-30 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with the Nixa Chamber of Commerce Regarding the City's Sponsorship of Nixa Sucker Days 2024. Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator, told Council that this resolution is for the City's sponsorship for the 2024 Sucker Days May 17-19. Robbins stated the sponsorship would be for \$8,000. Robbins said the \$8,000 would give the City high-level recognition, two (2) 10x10 booths, and the City logo to be placed on the Sucker Day shirt. Robbins stated that this sponsorship was budgeted for in the 2024 budget. Robbins told Council that Sucker Days is a huge economic boost for the community. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-30, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Vess and Graham returned to the meeting.

Resolution #2024-31 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ozarks Transportation Organization Regarding the Disbursement of Grant Funding for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Travis Cossey, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that this MOU with OTO would allow for OTO to facilitate and receive grant funds for the City for this project. Cossey said that Council approved a grant application in May 2023 for the EV charging stations. Cossey stated that the City was awarded funding for 80% of the project in the amount of \$105,093. Cossey told Council that the anticipated total cost for the project is \$131,366, providing a 20% match from the City in the amount of \$26,273. Cossey said this money will allow the City to install Level 2 chargers at three (3) locations. Cossey stated that OTO is working with Federal Highway to distribute the grant monies and has found a solution. Cossey said this resolution will allow OTO to be the grant facilitator and distribute the grant monies to the City. Council asked questions, with Cossey responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-31 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2024-32 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with the Christian County Business Development Corporation, D/B/A Show Me Christian County. Jimmy Liles, City Administrator, told Council this contract is similar to the last contract the City had with Show Me Christian County (SMCC). Liles said the City will pay SMCC County \$50,000 per year for the next three (3) years. Liles stated that the City would receive Champion Level benefits, which include the City's logo and links on the SMCC website, two (2) full-page ads in their digital resource guide, partnership in video content, one (1) board member, attendance on Jefferson City lobbying trips, a minimum of two (2) presentations per year, and that SMCC will pay the Springfield Regional Economic Partnership \$5,000. Council asked questions with Liles responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Kristen Haseltine, President & CEO of Show Me Christian County, provided a handout to Council that was a summary of the work that SMCC did in 2023. Haseltine discussed partnerships like the one SMCC has with the City. Haseltine stated there are four (4) active projects and eight (8) possible business leads for Nixa. Haseltine provided information on Placer AI software and the five (5) Jefferson City trips where community needs were discussed. Council asked questions, with Haseltine responding.

Rich Callahan, Owner of 14 Mill Market, discussed SMCC's contribution to 14 Mill Market's success.

Jeff Allen, president of the SMCC Board, told Council he has been on the board for five years. Allen said having an organization like SMCC is a big benefit. Allen stated that Nixa is a great place to live, and businesses are relocating here.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Council held a discussion. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Vess made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-32, with Ogden seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Mayor Giddens called for a 5-minute break at 8:08 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:16 p.m.

Liaison Report:

Peterson stated his liaison report is on the Parks Department. Peterson said that the Parks Department has 12 full-time employees. Peterson discussed youth programs. Peterson told Council that 2023 participation was up four-point six two percent (4.62%) over 2022. Peterson said that 4,503 youths were served in 2023. Peterson discussed sports program capacities for volleyball, basketball, t-ball/softball/baseball, soccer, and flag football. Peterson stated that volleyball, basketball, and t-ball/softball/baseball have space issues. Peterson said that to meet the gym space needs, the Parks Department is utilizing the school's gym facilities. Peterson told Council that the City will need more space to accommodate programs as they continue to grow. Peterson stated that the soccer and flag football programs are having equipment issues. Peterson said that the inclusive playground has increased traffic to the parks. Peterson provided information on volunteer opportunities for groups at Park's facilities. Peterson discussed the recent improvements to the parks, including the inclusive playground, sidewalk/trail expansion at McCauley Park, new pavilion at Rotary Park, pool renovation, splash pad, disc golf course renovation, and dog park amenities. Peterson provided information on the proposed splash pad location. Peterson stated that the fitness center is still doing well and that the library has fitness center passes that can be checked out for one (1) week at a time. Peterson discussed the enrichment programs that are offered and that the Summer It Up program is popular. Peterson stated that there are 120 part-time employees in addition to the 12 full-time employees. Council asked questions, and Matt Crouse, Parks Director, responded.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Mayor Giddens congratulated Justin Orf for being inducted into the Nixa Academic Hall of Fame.

Lucas stated that there was an open position on the Planning and Zoning Commission and that the Appointments Committee needed to meet. Godbey provided information on the open position. Lucas stated that the Appointments Committee meeting would be May 21st at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Lucas discussed citizen concerns with 4-way stop safety and possible solutions. Lucas provided information on a noise and speed complaint. Joe Campbell, Police Chief, asked questions.

Vess stated that the next Council meeting would be Tuesday, May 28th, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Liles said there would be a Comprehensive Plan Leadership meeting on Wednesday May 15th. Liles stated that Sucker Days still needed volunteers and to check the sign-up sheet.

Adjournment to Closed Session:

Peterson made a motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) in which the Council will discuss the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore with Lucas seconding and Ogden, Peterson, Morris, Graham, Lucas, and Vess voting aye on roll call.

The meeting will be considered adjourned at the conclusion of the closed session.

Mayor

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NIXA, MISSOURI

NIXA CITY HALL

May 28th, 2024 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Nixa City Council was called to order by Mayor Jarad Giddens. Attending were Council Members Kelly Morris, Matt Ogden, Shawn Lucas, Aron Peterson, and Zern Vess. Darlene Graham was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ogden made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, items a through b, with Peterson seconding and Lucas, Peterson, Morris, Vess, and Ogden voting aye on roll call vote.

Service Award:

Mayor Giddens recognized Robert Lebow for his five (5) years of service to the City. Doug Colvin, Assistant City Administrator and Public Works Director, stated that Lebow was not in attendance. Colvin said that Lebow came from USIC to be a locator for the City. Colvin stated that Lebow is a public works inspector, and the City is glad to have him.

Presentation:

Jennifer Evans, Finance Director, discussed the role of an audit. Evans provided information on the difference between the auditor and City management responsibilities. Evans provided an overview of the audit table of contents. Evans introduced Marshall Decker. Decker discussed the auditor's letter. Decker provided an overview of the information on page 19 of the audit entitled "Government Funds." Decker said the net amount in the General Fund was \$11,280,961. Decker stated the net amount in the Street Fund was \$3,665,319. Decker provided an overview of the information on page 23 of the audit entitled "Statement of Cash Flow." Decker said the net increase in the Water Department was \$492,036, the Wastewater Department was \$925,826 and the Electric Department was \$2,425,459. Decker provided an overview of the information on page 49 entitled "LAGERS Statement". Decker discussed the amount needed to pay out all employees at retirement age. Decker provided an overview of the information on page 53, entitled "Fund Balances." Decker discussed budget amendments. Decker told Council that the City was in a good cash position.

Visitors:

Whitney Guison, President and CEO of Nixa Chamber of Commerce, provided a Sucker Days follow-up. Guison stated that the number of visitors increased by 1,600 and that the beer garden was successful. Guison thanked the City for all of their help and stated she wanted to give a direct thank you to Scott Honeycutt for all the work he did.

Ordinance (First Reading and Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes; No Council Vote Anticipated):

Council Bill #2024-17 Amending the 2024 Annual Budget in the Amount of \$22,000.00 for the Purpose of Funding the Installation of an Outdoor Utility Billing Payment Kiosk. Justin Orf, Project Facilitator, told Council this would be a drive-thru kiosk located at the library. Orf stated that Council approved a \$12,000 budget amendment in December 2023 for this kiosk. Orf said this kiosk must be enclosed to protect it from the elements. Orf stated there will be a job order contract for this project and the resolution approving that contract at the next Council meeting. Orf told Council the money for this project would come from the Water Fund and would be the \$22,000 from this budget amendment and the \$12,000 from the original budget amendment. Orf discussed what the budget amendment will be used for. Council asked questions, with Orf responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinances (Second Reading and Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes; Council Vote Anticipated):

Council Bill #2024-14 Amending the 2024 Annual Budget for the Purpose of Funding an Additional Position Within the Utility Billing Division of the Finance Department. Evans stated that this budget amendment will add office staff to Utility Billing. Evans said that training for this position takes 12-18 months. Evans said the opening of this position is in anticipation of staff retiring. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, but no comments were made, so the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill. Ogden made a motion to approve Council Bill #2021-14 with Morris seconding and Morris, Peterson, Lucas, Vess, and Ogden voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2024-15 Amending the 2024 Annual Budget for the Purpose of Funding the Purchase of Materials and Equipment for the Nixa Utility and Public Works Departments. Colvin stated that this budget amendment is for a number of items in several departments. Colvin said that the cause of most of these budget amendments is due to supply chain delays and price increases. Colvin told Council that some of the budget amendments include snowplows, repairs to electric bucket trucks, transformers, and electric poles. Colvin said the budget amendment for the Street Fund would be \$59,000, the Water Fund \$7,300, the Wastewater Fund \$1,600, and the Electric Fund \$1,547,200. Colvin stated that the total for all the budget amendments was \$1,614,700. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill. Vess made a motion to approve Council Bill #2024-15, with Lucas seconding and Ogden, Morris, Lucas, Peterson, and Vess voting aye on roll call vote.

Council Bill #2024-16 Amending Chapter 117, Article IV, Section 117-102 & Section 117-99 of the Nixa city Code for the Purpose of Modifying the City's Regulations Related to Short-Term Rentals. Scott Godbey, Planning and Development Director, told Council that House Bill 1662, which was adopted in 2022, minimizes the ability to regulate home occupations. Godbey discussed the requirements of the current code section and the proposed code section. Godbey

said that an amendment to the council bill was prepared to eliminate the 150-foot buffer between rentals. Godbey stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval, and staff also recommended approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments.

Rachel Campbell, Show Me Christian County, discussed the recent hospitality study. Campbell said that Springfield has over 500 active short-term rentals. Campbell stated that the Super 8 has a 60-room capacity. Campbell discussed how short-term rentals would fill the hotel gap and the benefits of short-term rentals.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to amend the council bill. Lucas made a motion to amend Council Bill #2024-16 with Peterson seconding and all Council Members voting aye. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the council bill as amended. Lucas made a motion to approve Council Bill #2024-16 as amended, with Peterson seconding and Peterson, Ogden, Morris, Vess, and Lucas voting aye on roll call vote.

Resolutions (Public Hearing; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes: Council Vote Anticipated):

Resolution #2024-33 Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Ruth Ann Maynard to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Godbey stated there had been a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission since mid-April when Derris Butler resigned. Godbey said the Appointments Committee interviewed nine (9) candidates and unanimously selected Ruth Ann Maynard. Godbey told the Council that Maynard would serve the rest of Butler's term, which would expire on November 1, 2024. Godbey said that staff recommend approval. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-33, with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye. Rebekka Coffey, City Clerk, swore in Maynard.

Resolution #2024-34 Granting a Permit to Nixa Public Schools to Authorize the Display of Fireworks for the 2024 High School Football Season. Godbey stated that this resolution would approve a permit allowing fireworks at home football games. Godbey discussed the four (4) dates the fireworks would take place. Godbey said that City Code section 16-198 authorizes the City Council to grant permits authorizing public fireworks displays. Godbey stated that the school district provided proof that the fireworks were being displayed by AM Pyrotechnics and had provided a \$3 million dollar liability insurance coverage. Godbey said that staff recommends approval. Council held a discussion. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-34, with Ogden seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2024-35 Amending the City's Personnel Code by Modifying Policy 7.1.10 for the Purpose of Modifying the Provisions Related to Family and Medical Leave. Amanda Hunsucker, Human Resources Director, stated this is an update to the FMLA policy. Hunsucker said the

update would allow employees who are caregivers to a family member to be able to work a second (2nd) job while on FMLA. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-35 with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2024-36 Authorizing the City Administrator to Solicit Proposals for a Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing Contractor. Jason Stutesmun, Water Superintendent, stated that in February 2024, Council authorized a change to the backflow ordinance in which the City would utilize a contractor to test delinquent backflow devices. Stutesmun said this resolution approves the RFP for the backflow contractor. Council asked questions with Stutesmun responding. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-36, with Vess seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Resolution #2024-37 Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase a Vehicle for the Police Department to Use in Connection with a Certain Taskforce. Chad Tennis, Deputy Police Chief, stated that in April of 2024, Council approved the DEA contract and budget amendment for a vehicle for that position. Tennis said this resolution is to execute the vehicle purchase contract. Mayor Giddens opened the public hearing for comments, with no comments made, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Giddens called for a motion to approve the resolution. Lucas made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-37, with Morris seconding and all Council Members voting aye.

Liaison Report:

Ogden stated his liaison report was on Public Works. Ogden said that Public Works is overlooked until something has gone wrong and thanked the staff for all they do. Ogden told Council the Water Department has nine (9) staff members and one (1) vacancy. Ogden said the Water Department's current projects are painting water tower #6, designing a new one (1) million-gallon water tower, and cleaning the inside of two (2) water towers. Ogden said a good tip is to turn off sprinkling systems when it is raining to help conserve water. Ogden told Council the Wastewater Department has 12 staff members and two (2) vacancies. Ogden said the Wastewater Department's current projects are clarifier lining, the design of a new sludge basin, and acquiring easements for the new lift station. Ogden told Council the Street Department has 15 staff members and two (2) vacancies. Ogden stated that the Street Department's current projects are milling and overlay, bids for the Main & Highway CC project, and the Cheyenne Valley sidewalk design. Ogden told Council the Electric Department has 15 staff members and two (2) vacancies. Ogden said that the Electric Department's current projects are AMI design and tie-lines on the west and east sides of the city. Ogden told Council that there are nine (9) Administrative staff members and one (1) vacancy. Ogden stated that the staff is working hard to keep up and thanked the Public Works staff for all of their hard work and long hours.

Mayor and Council Member Reports:

Mayor Giddens stated that the June 10th Council Meeting had been canceled due to members of staff and Council being out of town. Mayor Giddens said the next Council Meeting will be June 24th.

Matt Crouse, Parks Director, stated the final stages of concrete are being poured at the pool. Crouse said the work is estimated to be done by May 31st if the weather cooperates. Crouse told Council the estimated opening date for the pool would be the first (1st) week of June. Mayor Giddens thanked the Parks Department for all the updates on the pool on social media.

Colvin told Council that Public Works is on summer hours and the recycling center has extended hours for the summer. Colvin said that mosquito spraying starts June 3rd.

Vess stated that the monthly update at the senior center is on May 30th at noon.

Mayor Giddens said the One Nixa One Read kickoff event is May 30th, and the 2024 book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Crouse stated the first (1st) Movie in the Park is June 1st at McCauley Park and the movie being shown is Mario Brothers.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Giddens adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk