

THE RAYMORE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR TURNBOW, COUNCILMEMBERS ABDELGAWAD, BAKER, BARBER, BURKE III, CIRCO, ENGERT, HOLMAN, AND MILLS. ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JIM FEUERBORN, CITY ATTORNEY JONATHAN ZERR, AND CITY CLERK ERICA HILL.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Turnbow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Erica Hill called roll; quorum present to conduct business.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentation/Awards

5. Personal Appearances

6. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Trent Salsbury and Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen reviewed their staff reports included in the Council packet. Mr. Musteen answered questions from Council.

Communications Director Melissa Harmer stated there are coffee mugs for sale at City Hall featuring the Raymore mural and provided an update on the plastic bag recycling program. She noted The Review should be delivered in early January.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn reminded Council that December 30 is the fifth Monday of the month so there will be no work session.

7. Committee Reports

8. Consent Agenda

A. City Council Meeting minutes, December 9, 2024

B. Resolution 24-42: Madison Valley Phase 3 - Acceptance of Public Improvements

C. Resolution 24-43: 163rd Street Sunset Lane to Madison Street - Acceptance of Public Improvements

D. Resolution 24-44: Park Board Appointment of Mike Wilson

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to approve Consent Agenda Items B, C, and D.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Mills	Aye

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Burke III to approve Consent Agenda Item A.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Abstain
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Abstain
	Councilmember Mills	Aye

9. Unfinished Business

A. Original Town Alleyway Vacation (public hearing)

BILL 3933: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN BLOCK 14 OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the first reading of Bill 3933 by title only.

Mayor Turnbow opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m., stating the public hearing was continued from the December 9 meeting. He called for a staff report.

Development Services Director David Gress reviewed the staff report included in the Council packet. Mary Plunkett (105 E. Olive Street) and Pamela Hatcher (303-307 S. Washington Street) have jointly filed applications requesting to vacate approximately 120 feet of right-of-way located within the existing alleyway abutting their properties along E. Olive Street, between S. Washington Street and S. Franklin Street in the Original Town Neighborhood. The applicants are requesting to vacate the portions of the alleyway abutting their properties and to subsequently take ownership of the area within the alleyway. As this is a public hearing, he confirmed

the notice was published in the November 21 edition of the North Cass Herald. At their December 3, 2024, meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 7-0 to accept the proposed findings of fact and forward the request to the City Council with a recommendation of approval.

Applicant Pam Hatcher, 1403 N. Madison, Raymore, showed pictures of the property and noted that those utilizing the alleyway have to drive onto her property and avoid a utility pole. The Council was shown videos of vehicles trespassing on her property in order to access and leave the alleyway.

Applicant Mary Plunket, 105 E. Olive St., Raymore, reviewed her experience with littering and trespassing on her property instead of the alleyway. She noted that she received permission from the City in June 2024 to plant a bush, as shown in the pictures in the staff report. The Council was shown videos of residents destroying the bush and throwing the bush into her yard and throwing sticks into her yard.

Councilmember Circo asked Ms. Plunkett if she had discussed the issue with the residents disturbing the bush. She indicated she talked to the Police Department, stating they recommended not to confront the residents.

Councilmember Mills asked the process of permission being granted for plantings in the alley. Mr. Gress stated they had permission to plant against the fence, but it was planted further into the alley.

Councilmember Baker asked if the alley is vacated, would the utility easement remain. Mr. Gress stated yes. Councilmember Baker then asked if the applicants would be extending their fences. Mr. Gress stated he believes they will extend the fences, noting that you can construct fences over easements, but not over right-of-way. He added that as with all other utility easements through fenced properties, the property owner is responsible if the fences have to be moved for utility work.

Mayor Turnbow opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to approve the first reading of Bill 3933 by title only.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Burke thanked the applicants.

Councilmember Circo confirmed with the applicants that they understand the responsibility of constructing fences over utility easements. Ms. Hatcher confirmed.

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye

Councilmember Engert	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Mills	Aye

B. Award of Contract - Operations Haul-Off Project

BILL 3926: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TERRY SNELLING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE OPERATIONS HAUL-OFF PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 25-007, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN ESTABLISHED BUDGET CONSTRAINTS."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3926 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to approve the second reading of Bill 3926 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Mills	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3926 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-061.**

C. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for Water Services

BILL 3934: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI, AND MASON BANKS FOR THE PROVISION OF EXTRA-TERRITORIAL WATER SERVICES."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3934 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to approve the second reading of Bill 3934 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
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Councilmember Baker	Aye
Councilmember Barber	Aye
Councilmember Burke III	Aye
Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Engert	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Mills	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3934 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-062**.

10. New Business

A. Calling for the April 8, 2025 Municipal Election

BILL 3935: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the first reading of Bill 3935 by title only.

City Clerk Erica Hill reviewed the staff report included in the Council packet. The City Charter, Section 9.1, calls for the regular municipal election to be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in April. The 2025 election will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, for Mayor, three-year term, currently held by Kristofer Turnbow; Councilmember Ward 1, two-year term, currently held by Donald Baker; Councilmember Ward 2, two-year term, currently held by Joseph Burke; Councilmember Ward 3, two-year term, currently held by Kevin Barber; and Councilmember Ward 4, two-year term, currently held by Thomas Engert. Candidate filing began Tuesday, December 17, 2024, and ends Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to approve the first reading of Bill 3935 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Mills	Aye

B. Award of Contract - 510 Printing/Minutemen Press for Printing and Mailing Services

BILL 3936: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH 510 PRINTING/MINUTEMEN PRESS FOR PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES FOR THE REVIEW."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the first reading of Bill 3936 by title only.

Communications Director Melissa Harmer reviewed the staff report included in the Council packet. The Communications Department publishes The Review and Parks & Rec Program Guide three times a year (January, May, September). The magazine consists of 40 pages and is mailed to every address with a Raymore zip code. The Review currently has a circulation of 11,300. The City currently holds a contract with 510 Printing/Minutemen Press (formerly A Graphic Resource) for printing and mailing services. That contract expires Dec. 31, 2024. In December, staff received four bids for the printing and mailing services for The Review. 510 Printing/Minutemen Press was determined to be the lowest and best bidder.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to approve the first reading of Bill 3936 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Mills	Aye

C. Directing Submission of a Public Safety Sales Tax on the April 8, 2025 Ballot

BILL 3937: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AT THE ELECTION ON APRIL 8, 2025, THE PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY TAX FOR HIRING, PAYING, EQUIPPING, AND TRAINING POLICE OFFICERS AT A RATE OF ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the first reading of Bill 3937 by title only.

City Attorney Jonathan Zerr reviewed the staff report included in the Council packet. The proposed April 8, 2025, ballot issue would allow the voters of Raymore to decide whether to implement a one-quarter of one percent public safety sales tax on all retail taxable sales in the City of Raymore. The staffing study completed in 2021 for the City identified a need to expand uniformed officers within the police

department. It recommended an additional twenty officers within five years. If approved by the voters, revenues from the public safety sales tax would be allocated and used solely for the hiring, paying, equipping, and training of police officers. The revenue would be kept separate and not commingled with other revenue sources or income of the City of Raymore. In addition, the City would not defund, displace, or otherwise decrease the current funding of public safety within the City. He read the ballot language.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn added that RSMo 92.500 requires the City to set up a separate fund for revenues generated from this sales tax should the voters approve the sales tax.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to by title only.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Holman asked for confirmation that this would add only additional police officers. Mr. Feuerborn confirmed.

MOTION TO AMEND: by Councilmember Mills, second by Baker to approve Bill 3937 adding: If approved by the voters, this tax will continue for a period of time not to exceed 20 years from its adoption to sunset thereafter unless renewed by the voters prior to its expiration.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Holman stated if the sales tax wasn't approved again, the officers would be let go.

Councilmember Abdelgawad stated the discussion in the work session around this topic indicated the need for officers wouldn't go away.

Councilmember Barber agreed with Councilmembers Holman and Abdelgawad.

Councilmember Baker stated the sunset clause would allow for fiscal responsibility and allow the voters to decide.

Councilmember Mills stated that more than likely there would be a need and the citizens would see that; this holds the City to be accountable.

Councilmember Circo stated every election day he hears from citizens that they want safety and security. The current ballot language ensures the sales tax would go toward public safety.

VOTE MOTION TO AMEND:

Councilmember Abdelgawad	Nay
Councilmember Baker	Aye
Councilmember Barber	Nay
Councilmember Burke III	Nay
Councilmember Circo	Nay

Councilmember Engert	Nay
Councilmember Holman	Nay
Councilmember Mills	Aye

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
Councilmember Baker	Aye
Councilmember Barber	Aye
Councilmember Burke III	Aye
Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Engert	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Mills	Aye

11. Public Comment

12. Mayor/Council Communication

Mayor Turnbow and Councilmembers wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, recognized the holiday displays around the city, noted the opening of 163rd Street, thanked staff for their work this year, and thanked Mr. Wilson for volunteering.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Abdelgawad to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as authorized by §610.021(3).

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Mills	Aye

The regular meeting of the Raymore City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Circo to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye

Councilmember Barber	Aye
Councilmember Burke III	Aye
Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Engert	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Mills	Aye

The regular meeting of the Raymore City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hill
City Clerk