

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:32 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hazelwood City Hall, 415 Elm Grove Lane.

Mayor Robinson asked those present to join in a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following members of the Council were present:

Matthew G. Robinson
Lisa M. Matlock
Warren H. Taylor
Robert C. Smith
Jen Hatton
William C. Hoops, Jr.
Robert M. Aubuchon
Don W. Ryan
Kelly Wadlow

City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Matt Zimmerman and City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

AGENDA

There being no amendments proposed, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

Mayor Robinson
Ms. Matlock
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith
Mrs. Hatton
Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Ryan
Ms. Wadlow

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda, including a closed meeting immediately following the regular meeting to discuss litigation and consult with the City Attorney in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(1) and to discuss a property acquisition in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(2), was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the minutes of the February 7 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Fire Chief Dan Luley introduced newly promoted Battalion Chief Ted Naughton and newly promoted Fire Captain Nathan Haase.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

As his biography was read Police Sergeant James Sieve received his 20-year service award.

LIFE SAVING AWARD PRESENTATION

Police Chief James Hudanick presented Police Officer Michal Andreatta with a Life Saving Award.

Chief Hudanick stated that Officer Andreatta's quick actions helped save the life of Michael Mosley. Mr. Mosley had a serious medical emergency and was not breathing. Officer Andreatta's prompt response and assessment of Mr. Mosley played a crucial role in helping him regain a pulse before the arrival of Hazelwood EMS. It is believed that without Police Officer Andreatta's intervention, Mr. Mosley may not have survived the incident.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Chief Hudanick presented Detective Chris Jimenez with the 2024 Police Officer of the Year Award.

Chief Hudanick stated in January of 2023, Detective Jimenez worked a case involving several subjects stealing mail and packages from porches. He was able to use his federal contacts through the postal inspectors and the case was Federally adopted for prosecution. In August 2023, a simple accident was investigated by Detective Jimenez and turned into a large-scale crime-spree. After reaching out to the FBI, a multi-jurisdictional investigation began, and three subjects have been federally indicted and more arrests to follow. Chief Hudanick stated Detective Jimenez became the liaison between Hazelwood and the United States Attorney's Office and has presented 10 violent crimes cases that were assigned to an Assistant United States Attorney. Detective Jimenez is well known through the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for his ability to write detailed search warrants.

PD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Chief Hudanick presented Prosecuting Attorney's Assistant Angela Bland with the 2024 Police Department Civilian of the Year Award.

Chief Hudanick stated Mrs. Bland is a certified Court Administrator and Prosecutor Clerk. She is a member of the Education Committee for Missouri Association of Court Administration. Chief Hudanick stated Mrs. Bland has a deep customer service mind-set and has worked hard these last few years to help create a teamwork atmosphere. Mrs. Bland has served the City of Hazelwood faithfully for 15 years and despite her workload, she still finds the time to assist anyone that has a problem.

GREEN COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Green Committee Chairman Ron Darling reported on the committee's 2023 activities.

Mr. Darling stated 2023 marked the 13th year of the Hazelwood Green Committee and the first year as an official City Board. Volunteers contributed over 390 hours in committee activities (including 195 hours in litter and recycling collection). Mr. Darling stated highlights of 2023 included: Citywide collections by Republic Service, 19 separate litter collection events were held, including parks and roadway hot spots, the 2023 Recycle Day attendance garnered over 550 vehicles, and two grants were received for Recycle Day and giveaways.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - None

CITIZENS HEARINGS AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Mayor Robinson explained the procedures to be followed during a hearing. He invited anyone desiring to make a comment to come forward at this time.

ELM RIDGE APARTMENTS

Karen Ebberson, resident of Elm Ridge Senior Living Apartments, reported that Elm Ridge apartments have a trash problem, management is not always present to handle issues and tenants are cleaning common areas.

CHARTER & ORDINANCES

Kevin Foley of 5274 Ville Rosa Lane asked for clarification of the current Charter and ordinances.

Mr. Foley inquired about the state entity responsible for overseeing Charter compliance and the consequences of non-compliance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

EWGCG BRIEFINGS

The February 8 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

MLMSTL NEWSLETTER

The February issue of The Link was received from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

EWGCG
BRIEFINGS

The February 15 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE UPDATE Discussion regarding the regulation of accessory uses was
RE: ACCESSORY USES continued from the February 7 Council meeting.

Ms. Wadlow stated the new draft ordinance meets the desires of the Council.

Mr. Smith agreed with Ms. Wadlow.

Mr. Aubuchon asked if the City needed another ordinance such as this.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Hatton stated that due to issues in their neighborhoods, the ordinance needs to be updated.

Ms. Wadlow expressed concern about trampolines in residents' front yards and requested that the ordinance be reviewed.

Mr. Aubuchon expressed his opposition.

Mr. O'Keefe stated the draft ordinance would be on for first reading at the March 6 meeting.

ZONING CODE Discussion relative to used car sales being permitted on lots
RE: USED CAR SALES less than three acres was continued from the February 7 Council meeting.

Mrs. Hatton asked that the Council table this discussion until information on past sales can be reviewed.

Mayor Robinson stated the City has an appeal from Travers Automotive regarding enforcement of lot size.

Ms. Hatton motioned, seconded by Mr. Smith, to table discussion of the Zoning Code pertaining to used car sales until March 6. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

WORK SESSION No items were added to the March 13 Council work session
AGENDA ITEMS agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION Chief Hudanick recommended authorization to participate in Missouri's Highway Safety Program.

Chief Hudanick stated the Police Department submits an application to the Missouri Department of Transportation every year for grant funds through this program for highway safety and traffic enforcement.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize participation in the Missouri Highway Safety Program. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE STATION STUDY Mr. Zimmerman stated the Center for Public Safety Management has been approved to study the location feasibility of a new firehouse.

Mr. Zimmerman stated Firehouse 1 dates back to 1966 and is functionally obsolete.

Center for Public Safety Management representative Mark Piland gave a presentation on how their company analyzes and comprises information regarding call types and workload. Of the four locations studied and an alternative site that combines both houses, no location has a 240-second response time. Mr. Piland stated that based on this information, the properties that house the existing firehouses are the most accommodating for the City and residents.

Ms. Wadlow asked that the Council table this matter to a future date.

Ms. Matlock expressed concern about the lack of appropriate accommodations for female firefighters.

Mayor Robinson stated that he would like to receive a staff report before making any recommendations regarding accommodations for female firefighters.

Mr. O'Keefe suggested exploring the issue in a closed session, citing potential issues with the council's role in personnel matters.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to receive and file minutes of the November 9 City Plan Commission and December 12 Community Enrichment Commission meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY

Ms. Matlock announced she would be reading to students at Armstrong Elementary School on Friday, February 23, in honor of Black History Month.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

Julie Lowery, CMC - City Clerk
City of Hazelwood, Missouri