

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 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:

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

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. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

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), to discuss personnel matters in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(3), and to discuss negotiations with employee groups in accordance with RSMo 610.021(9), was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve the minutes of the July 17 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**EMPLOYEE
INTRODUCTIONS**

Police Chief James Hudanick introduced newly promoted Police Lieutenants Douglas Barber, Ryan Counterman, Brendan Gilbert, Scott Schnurbusch, and newly promoted Police Captain Norman Mars.

**PEOPLE SAVING
PEOPLE AWARD**

Chief Hudanick stated the Hazelwood Police Department Traffic Management Team was awarded the National Highway Safety Administration's "People Saving People" Award.

Chief Hudanick announced that Lieutenant Schnurbusch, and Police Officers Shane Olmstead and Daniel Johnston were recognized for their efforts in traffic safety and were presented the award at the Advisory Council Conference held on July 25. The award was given in recognition of the Traffic Unit's successful implementation of DWI checkpoints. The Hazelwood Police Department is one of the few police departments conducting these checkpoints. Chief Hudanick stated these efforts resulted in nine DWI arrests and over 70 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests for alcohol and drug-impaired drivers over the past year. Additionally, Lieutenant Schnurbusch was elected as the Region C representative to the Law Enforcement Board, which is seen as a significant honor for both Lieutenant Schnurbusch and the Hazelwood Police Department.

Chief Hudanick also announced the Hazelwood Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$258,989, by the Missouri Department of Transportation-Highway Safety Division, for a fully funded officer and vehicle as part of a DWI Enforcement Unit. This grant is a result of the department's consistent hard work and dedication to their duties and grant fulfillment.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

**FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE
RESOLUTION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution to readopt and reaffirm Chapter 125: Conflicts of Interest relative to financial disclosures.

City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe stated the Missouri Ethics Commission requires that the City reaffirm, by resolution, the Conflicts of Interest ordinance every two years. Otherwise, all appointed and decision-making personnel, elected officials, and candidates must submit a Personal Financial Disclosure form.

There were no objections and Resolution 2405 was read by title only:

A RESOLUTION READOPTING AND REAFFIRMING CHAPTER 125: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE, RELATIVE TO THE FILING OF FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENTS.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Resolution 2405. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 9</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	

Resolution 2405 was unanimously adopted.

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.

RESIDENT CONCERNS Kevin Foley of 5274 Ville Rosa Lane stated he is concerned about trash being spread in his neighborhood from Republic Services trucks.

He requested in the future he would like the material he distributes to the Council to be presented on the monitors for audience members to see. Mr. Foley reiterated his concerns from the previous meeting about the infraction notice he received, questioning if it represents an enforceable code. He also expressed concerns regarding travel trailers and campers being parked on unimproved surfaces and stated that the Code does not permit this. He provided the Council with pictures of several violation concerns, including tall grass and violations related to trashcans.

SPEEDING Stephanie Boykin of 736 Mary Jo Lane said she and her neighbors were struggling with speeding vehicles on their street and expressed gratitude to Mr. Zimmerman and Chief Hudanick for addressing the issue.

**ELECTRONIC
MESSAGE BOARDS**

Marvin Davis of 677 Coachway Lane stated that he spoke to Mr. Zimmerman regarding electronic message boards and would like to see them installed at the North Lindbergh Boulevard and Elm Grove intersection and another on Howdershell Road.

**ELM RIDGE
SENIOR APTS.**

Karen Ebberson of 3746 Dunn Road expressed her gratitude to staff for getting the plywood removed from the sidewalk on Dunn Road.

RESIDENT CONCERNS

Clara Faatz of 8 Bon Vue Drive stated she agrees with Mr. Foley and would like pictures presented for all residents to view.

Ms. Faatz stated she would like to see more people taking pride in the appearance of their neighborhoods. Ms. Faatz also mentioned the shortage of volunteers for boards and commissions.

CM STATUS REPORT No report was given.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

**MLMSTL TIF
COMMISSION**

A ballot has been received for the Richmond Heights TIF Commission from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

**EWGCG
BRIEFINGS**

The July 18 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

**SUBDIVISION PETITION
6105 DUNN ROAD**

A petition for subdivision of 6105 Dunn Road from one lot into two lots was received from Jamestown Investment Co., L.P.

**SLUP PETITION
8701 DUNN ROAD**

A petition for a Special Land Use Permit for handball/racquetball court facility at 8701 Dunn Road was received from the Missouri State Handball Association.

**EWGCG
BRIEFINGS**

The July 25 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

**EWGCG
BRIEFINGS**

The August 1 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to refer the petitions to the City Plan Commission, and to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCIL RESIGNATION Mr. Ryan thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Ward 3 Council Member and announced his resignation from the Hazelwood City Council effective August 21, 2024.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS Mayor Robinson nominated Sessie Spencer for reappointment to the Civil Service Board and Cynthia Jones for appointment to the Neighborhood Watch Commission.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the preceding appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON WASTE INDUSTRY Republic Services Municipal Manager Joell Aguirre gave a waste industry update.

Ms. Aguirre stated that the truck Mr. Foley mentioned had a malfunctioning part and is now off the streets. The driver is also receiving additional training on loading and unloading.

Mr. Smith asked if there is a sensor notifying the driver if the truck is full.

Ms. Aguirre responded affirmatively.

LETTER FROM WARD 5 The Council was provided a letter from Council Member Matlock to express her concerns and offer suggestions on how to benefit the community.

Ms. Matlock expressed her desire to enhance community engagement and support local businesses. She aims to implement transparent updates on the use of taxpayer funds and facilitate meet-and-greet events between residents and local business owners.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS Mayor Robinson stated Ms. Lowery has set up an email group specifically for the Council, Mayor, and City Manager when emailing a department Director.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MO. AMERICAN LEAD LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM Missouri American Water Engineering Project Manager Susan Harris gave a presentation on a new lead line replacement program.

Missouri American Water has voluntarily pledged to replace all lead/galvanized service lines in the communities they serve by 2030. Residents can learn more online by visiting Missouri American Water's website.

AGREEMENT
PD JAIL FACILITY
PLUMBING REPAIRS

Chief Hudanick stated staff recommends approval of an agreement with E. & M. Plumbing Co., Inc., for Police Department Jail Facility plumbing repairs at a cost not to exceed \$75,950.

Chief Hudanick stated the Capital Improvement Fund budget includes funds to authorize repairs to the plumbing in the jail facility. Due to its deteriorated condition, the facility requires a full replacement to address ongoing issues and to prevent further damage to the building when it floods.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mrs. Hatton, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize an agreement with E. & M. Plumbing Co., Inc., for repairs to the jail facility at a cost not to exceed \$75,950 and to place the draft bill on this agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.a.

AMEND PENSION PLAN The City Council reviewed a proposal at the July 17 Council meeting from the Pension Board of Trustees to review the City's Pension Plan for City employees.

The changes were provided to the Council in a red-line format to highlight the additions and subtractions.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to concur with the staff recommendation to amend the retirement plan for police officers, firefighters and other employees of the City effective January 1, 2025 and to place the draft bill on this agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.b.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

AGREEMENT
PD JAIL FACILITY
PLUMBING REPAIRS

Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize an agreement with E. & M. Plumbing Co., Inc., for Police Department Jail Facility plumbing repairs at a cost not to exceed \$75,950.

There were no objections and Bill 5139 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH E. & M. PLUMBING CO., INC. FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL FACILITY PLUMBING REPAIRS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$75,950).

Bill 5139 will be on the agenda for second reading on August 21.

AMEND PENSION PLAN Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to amend the retirement plan for Police Officers, Firefighters, and other employees of the City of Hazelwood.

There were no objections and Bill 5140 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED RETIREMENT PLAN FOR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS & OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

Bill 5140 will be on the agenda for second reading on August 21.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5136	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5136 to
CONTRACT FOR	authorize a contract with Central County Emergency 911
DISPATCHING	Dispatching Center for dispatching services from January 1,
SERVICES EMS/FIRE	2025 through December 31, 2029, with a provision for
	renewal on an annual basis.

There were no objections and Bill 5136 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL COUNTY EMERGENCY 911 DISPATCHING CENTER FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029, WITH A PROVISION FOR RENEWAL ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5136 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 9</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	

Bill 5136 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5018-24.

BILL 5137
ADOPT 2021
INTERNATIONAL
PROP. MAINT. CODE

Mayor Robinson called for second reading of Bill 5137 to amend *Chapter 500: Building Codes and Building Regulations* by the adoption of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code.

There were no objections and Bill 5137 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 500: BUILDING CODES AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE BY THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND ALL MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES THERETO.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of Bill 5137 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

Bill 5137 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5019-24.

BILL 5138
CODES: RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING, FUEL, GAS,
MECHANICAL,
EXISTING, AND
ENERGY
CONSERVATION

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5138 to amend *Chapter 500: Building Codes and Building Regulations* by the adoption of the 2021 International Building Code, 2021 International Residential Code, 2021 International Mechanical Code, 2021 Existing Building Code, 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, and 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

There were no objections and Bill 5138 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 500: BUILDING CODES AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE BY THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2021 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2021 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 2021 EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2021 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, AND 2021 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND ALL MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES THERETO.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5138 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

Bill 5138 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5020-24.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, August 21 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 8:13 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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