

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 29, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hazelwood City Hall, 415 Elm Grove Lane.

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

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

City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present was City Manager Matt Zimmerman.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**ARMY CORP. OF  
ENGINEERS  
PRESENTATION**

St. Louis District Commanding Officer, Colonel Andy J. Pannier gave a recap of the contamination and mitigation efforts of Coldwater Creek.

Colonel Pannier stated that he is responsible for contacting elected officials from the City, county, state and the federal level who have a physical stake in the footprint of the remediation along Coldwater Creek. He expressed concern that he had only received indirect feedback from various departments during a previous meeting. As a result, he requested a new meeting to directly communicate with the group leaders, obtain first-hand information, and make decisive decisions. He emphasized the need to ensure that any local initiatives do not conflict with nationwide programs before implementing them. Colonel Pannier confirmed that there is no longer any material flowing into Coldwater Creek and stated that any remaining residue is due to flooding, development of the floodplain, and other construction activities. The Army Corps of Engineers is currently working to identify any remaining pockets of contamination and develop a plan to address each one. He clarified that the material is classified as low-level radiation. Samples of the water have been continuously collected since 1998, all of which have shown normal radiation levels. The contamination is primarily located below the surface of the soil, with a few surface-level areas being contained by overgrown vegetation. The Army Corps of

Engineers is considering installing signs in specific areas affected by the contamination while leaving uncontaminated sites such as parks without these signs. Colonel Pannier stated that not all properties along the creek are owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and those sites would require permission from the property owners for a right of entry. He emphasized the importance of prioritizing the remediation of public areas before focusing on other sites.

Mr. Smith asked how many areas of contamination are in the City limits of Hazelwood.

Colonel Pannier responded that he would find out and get back to the City.

Mayor Robinson asked for a map and test results of the surrounding area.

Mr. Smith asked if the contamination were on a residential property, would the homeowner have a say in how the removal process is handled.

Colonel Pannier responded that the homeowner would meet with the Army Corps of Engineers to create a plan of action. The homeowner does have the right to negate this process and not allow them on the premises. If they are not allowed to remediate, a process would be implemented to control and monitor the site. The property owner would then be responsible for remediation when they wish to sell the property.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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