

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 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:

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

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 Mt. Taylor, 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 - 8

NAY - 0

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

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda, including a closed meeting immediately following the regular meeting to discuss personnel matters in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(3), was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the minutes of the September 4 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**OATH OF OFFICE
WARD 3**

Ms. Lowery administered the oath of office to newly appointed Ward 3 Council member Job Marquez.

Mr. Marquez took his seat on the dais.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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.

SPEEDING VEHICLES Jeremy Denson of 23 Flamingo Drive stated speeding on his street has become a major problem.

Mr. Denson stated the situation is particularly dangerous during the school year when children are getting on and off the bus. Vehicles are traveling at speeds ranging from 50 to 60 miles per hour. He stated the speeding issue only improves when the police are present in the neighborhood. Mr. Denson asked if either speed bumps could be installed or create a dead end that redirects traffic to Elmgrove Avenue.

Kathy Ferrell of 19 Flamingo Drive stated she witnessed Mr. Denson's daughter almost being hit by a driver who ran a stop sign as she was getting off the bus.

Laurie Passante of 238 Palm Drive stated that reckless driving, speeding, and flipping off grade school-aged children is unacceptable behavior in their neighborhood.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the Police Department would conduct a traffic.

Marvin Davis of 677 Coachway Lane stated speed bumps do work and he has witnessed it firsthand. He believes that this would help in his neighborhood as well. Mr. Davis inquired about an update on the electronic communication board.

Mr. Zimmerman responded that speed bumps can cause damage to equipment such as snowplows, trash trucks, and fire trucks. The City will explore alternative options.

Ms. Matlock stated she has observed the area of Flamingo Drive and Sunset Drive and there are people exceeding the speed regularly, which makes it dangerous for the children in the area.

AUBUCHON PARK Monica Megl of 103 Sunset Drive stated her daughter is in a wheelchair and Aubuchon Park is not ADA compliant or accessible.

Ms. Megl is asking the Council to consider a compliant playground where her daughter can play with other children. Currently her daughter is excluded from activities and Ms. Megl states this is unacceptable.

CITY MANAGER'S Mr. Zimmerman reported on resident's concerns from the
STATUS REPORT September 4 meeting.

Regarding the City's contract with St. Louis County for mosquito abatement, Mr. Zimmerman stated that St. Louis County has three testing sites, one of which is located just over the border in Calverton Park. The County focuses on larviciding but also sprays for adult mosquitoes. The County conducted spraying after a reported case of West Nile Virus in Hazelwood. Preventing the spread of mosquito-borne diseases involves multiple factors, and the number of test sites or adult spraying alone may not prevent all diseases from transmitting to humans.

In response to a complaint about a property on Jacklin Avenue, Mr. Zimmerman stated that the property has had numerous code violations and summons issued over at least 10 years. In the past, the property owner brought the property into bare minimum compliance with City codes. The property would then fall out of compliance, which starts the enforcement cycle over again. Code Enforcement cited the property owners this year, and the property owner appeared in court this week and plead not guilty. A trial date of October 10 has been set. Mr. Zimmerman stated Code Enforcement was able to issue additional violations on the property, some of which may be sufficient to obtain a search warrant to enter the house, and if Code Enforcement was able to deem the interior of the house uninhabitable, anyone living there would have to vacate the premises.

Regarding the City's action of sending a letter to the homeowners of a recent fire informing them that the house is uninhabitable, the letter serves several purposes: (1) it formally notifies the property owner in writing that the property is deemed uninhabitable, as required by City Code; (2) it provides a list to the property owner of necessary repairs for the property to be certified for occupancy; (3) it offers a report to the property owner that they can send to their insurance company to demonstrate the necessary repairs for re-occupancy; and (4) it notifies the property owners of their right to appeal the determination that the house is uninhabitable to the Board of Adjustment, if they wish to do so. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the homeowners were contacted, and they understood the necessity of the letter.

In response to concerns about the installation of fiber optic lines, Mr. Zimmerman stated that the contractor, ADB, has permits for working in the right-of-way and there are easements for any work in side and rear yards.

Regarding concerns about dead trees and limbs on Gerard Park Lane, Mr. Zimmerman stated homeowners are responsible for maintaining the trees in the parkway, like maintaining the grass. Public Works inspected the trees on Gerard Park Lane and found several with dead limbs, although none appeared to be dead or dying. They will prioritize tree trimming on Gerard Park this winter.

Mr. Hoops requested that staff investigate whether the trees in Howdershell Park need to be removed or trimmed. The Parks Department has inspected all the trees and identified seven that should be removed. Some trees have dead limbs, but none require trimming or raising of the canopy. Staff will try to remove the dead trees this winter using in-house staff due to budget constraints, taking into account the weather and the repair of the lift truck.

Mr. Smith asked Tabitha Locke, Area Engineer with MoDOT, whether they maintain the section of St. Louis Mills Circle located in Bridgeton between Taussig Road and MO-370. He has received numerous complaints about the condition of the road. Despite several attempts made by Public Works Director David Stewart, the City has not yet received a response. Any new information received by next Wednesday night will be reported.

Mr. Smith stated he has submitted a request to MoDOT and they have acknowledged the validity of his request and did send cold patch for repairs.

Mr. Smith asked if someone from St. Louis County Department of Human Services could come speak to the residents pertaining to tree abatement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	A notice of upcoming program changes was received from Charter Communications.
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PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	A letter of intent to develop a senior housing facility in Hazelwood has been received from RR Jennings Development, LLC.
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EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The September 5 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
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Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS	No new items were added to the November 13 Council work session agenda.
MAYORS REPORT	Mayor Robinson stated there is no report tonight due to no findings of harassment.
THANK YOU	Mayor Robinson thanked staff for Hazelwood Day being a success.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CONTRACT PD RMS & CAD	Police Chief James Hudanick stated staff recommends approval of a one year contract with Omnigo Software, LLC for the use of their Report Management System (RMS) and Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) system for \$80,337.81.
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Chief Hudanick stated Omnigo RMS and CAD software are utilized by the Police Department for police reports, crime data collection, personnel, fleet management, and their CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching) system allows Telecommunicators and 911 operators to prioritize and record incident calls, monitor police officers' location and status, and effectively dispatch police officers to calls for service. Omnigo has been the RMS and CAD provider since 1998.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to concur with the staff recommendation to approve a one-year contract with Omnigo Software, LLC for the use of their Report Management System and Computer Aided Dispatching system for \$80,337.81 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.

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 the minutes of the June 26 and July 24 Green Committee Board meetings. The motion passed unanimously.
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NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

CONTRACT
PD RMS & CAD

Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to approve a contract with Omnigo Software, LLC for use of their Report Management System and Computer Aided Dispatching system at a cost not to exceed \$80,337.81

There were no objections and Bill 5149 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH OMNIGO SOFTWARE, LLC OR THE USE OF A REPORT MANAGEMENT AND COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCHING SYSTEMS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$80,338).

Bill 5149 will be on the agenda for second reading on October 2.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5145.1
2024 TAX RATES

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5145 to approve the 2024 real and personal tax rates.

Assistant City Manager-Finance David Tuberty stated the county assessment tables Post Board of Equalization numbers were posted on September 9, 2024. The rates for residential and commercial changed since the September 4, 2024 Council meeting and are reflected in the amended bill.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to amend Bill 5145 by the text of Bill 5145.1. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no objections and Bill 5145, as amended, was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR GENERAL AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, AND THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE CITY'S SEWER LATERAL SERVICE LINES REPAIR PROGRAM.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, as amended, the adoption of Bill 5145, as amended, as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

Ms. Wadlow

Mayor Robinson

Ms. Matlock

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Smith

Ms. Hatton

Mr. Hoops

Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Marquez

Bill 5145, as amended, is unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5027-24.

BILL 5146	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5146 to
SUBDIVISION	approve a subdivision plat to divide one lot into two lots at
6105 DUNN ROAD	6105 Dunn Road.

There were no objections and Bill 5146 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION OF 6105 DUNN ROAD FROM ONE LOT INTO TWO LOTS.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5146 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5146 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5028-24.

BILL 5147	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5147 to
SLUP	approve a Special Land Use Permit for handball/racquetball
8701 DUNN ROAD	court facility at 8701 Dunn Road.

There were no objections and Bill 5147 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO MISSOURI HANDBALL ASSOCIATION FOR A HANDBALL/RACQUETBALL COURTS AT 8701 DUNN ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Bill 5147 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

Bill 5147 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5029-24.

BILL 5148
CONTRACT
SERVICES

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5148 to authorize a contract with AuditSolv for computer network IT services for a one-year term at a cost not to exceed \$138,660.

There were no objections and Bill 5148 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AUDITSOLV FOR COMPUTER NETWORK SERVICES FOR A ONE YEAR TERM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$138,660).

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5148 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

Bill 5148 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5030-24.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE SAFE
COMMUNITIES

Mayor Robinson announced Celebrate Safe Communities would be held on September 26 at 6 p.m. at Aubuchon Park.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, October 2, 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 7:30 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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