

April 15, 2025

**JOURNAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PERRYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, MISSOURI.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Perryville, Perry County, Missouri, met at City Hall in said City on the above date in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Present: Seth Amschler, Curt Buerck, Deanna Kline, Clint Rice, and David J. Schumer, Aldermen; Brent Buerck, City Administrator; Lydia Rellergert, City Clerk; and Art Pistorio, City Attorney. Absent: Larry Riney, Mayor; and Douglas K. Martin, Alderman.

Alderman Kline makes a motion to select Alderman David J. Schumer as Acting President of the Board of Aldermen. Aldermen Amschler seconds the motion, and on vote the motion carries.

Alderman Schumer, as Acting President of the Board of Aldermen, opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

At this time City Attorney Pistorio reads the Certificate of Election from the County Clerk for the municipal election held on April 8, 2025. Said Certification shows as follows:

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

For the City of Perryville, Missouri:

The following are the certified results of the Municipal Election held in Perryville, Missouri, on April 8, 2025.

| <b>Office<br/>or Issue</b> | <b>Candidates Name or<br/>Yes/No</b> | <b>Votes<br/>Received</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alderman Ward One          | Seth W. Amschler                     | 305                       |
| Alderman Ward Two          | Douglas K. Martin<br>Kate Martin     | 120<br>147                |
| Alderman Ward Three        | David J. Schumer                     | 221                       |

I, Jared W. Kutz, Election Authority of Perry County, Missouri, do hereby certify that the above is a full and accurate return of all votes cast for all candidates and issues at said election as certified to me by the duly qualified election judges and as compared and corrected by the Verification Board of this election.

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Signed: Jared W. Kutz, Election Authority

Following review, the Certificate of Election is filed by the County Clerk in the office of the City Clerk.

Alderman Buerck presents motion, seconded by Alderman Kline, and on vote the motion carries, that the following candidates did receive a majority of the votes cast:

**Seth W. Amschler** received a majority of the votes cast for the office of **Alderman Ward One**;  
**Kate Martin** received a majority of the votes cast for the office of **Alderman Ward Two**;  
**David J. Schumer** received a majority of the votes cast for the office of **Alderman Ward Three**.

Now, Lydia Rellergert, City Clerk, proceeds to administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Alderman Amschler, Alderman Martin, and Alderman Schumer.

At this time, the meeting reconvenes with the newly elected members and Alderman Schumer asks for a motion to appoint a member of the Board of Aldermen to preside as President of the Board.

Alderman Amschler nominates Alderman David J. Schumer as President of the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Rice seconds the nomination.

Alderman Rice makes a motion to cease nominations. Alderman Amschler seconds the motion, and on vote the motion carries.

There being no further nominations, Alderman Amschler presents motion to elect Alderman David J. Schumer as President of the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Rice seconds the motion, and on vote the motion carries.

Alderman Schumer as President of the Board of Aldermen, now asks for citizens' participation from the floor.

There being no one coming forth, Alderman Schumer closes the citizens' participation portion of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 8. Approve minutes from the meetings of April 1, 2025.
- 9. Approve financial reports for March 2025.

| CITY OF PERRYVILLE<br>STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION<br>MARCH 2025 |                               |                         |                           |                        |                            |                        |                        |                            |  |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| FUND NAME  | April 1, 2023<br>Fund Balance | REVENUE<br>Y-T-D        | EXPENSE<br>Y-T-D          | NET INCOME             | CURRENT<br>FUND<br>BALANCE | ACCOUNTS<br>RECEIVABLE | CURRENT<br>LIABILITIES | CURRENT<br>CASH<br>BALANCE |  |
| 101 Gen Rev  | \$ 3,865,980.33               | \$ 11,269,318.10        | \$ (12,956,604.74)        | \$ (1,687,286.64)      | \$ 2,178,693.69            | \$ (822,267.70)        | \$ (741,818.92)        | \$ 2,259,142.47            |  |
| 105 FSA Administration   | \$ 10,503.40                  | \$ 1,994.62             | \$ -                      | \$ 1,994.62            | \$ 12,498.02               | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 12,498.02               |  |
| 106 Asset Forfeiture   | \$ 53.99                      | \$ -                    | \$ -                      | \$ -                   | \$ 53.99                   | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 53.99                   |  |
| 204 Airport  | \$ 893.75                     | \$ 13,578,443.31        | \$ (11,337,002.19)        | \$ 2,241,441.12        | \$ 2,242,334.87            | \$ 946.00              | \$ 8,156.55            | \$ 2,249,545.42            |  |
| 206 Trans Trust  | \$ 278,963.80                 | \$ 1,298,694.22         | \$ (880,529.92)           | \$ 418,164.30          | \$ 697,128.10              | \$ (5.00)              | \$ 6,748.57            | \$ 703,881.67              |  |
| 207 Perry Park Ctr.  | \$ 126,135.16                 | \$ 3,871,417.63         | \$ (3,793,954.53)         | \$ 77,463.10           | \$ 203,598.26              | \$ (331,868.90)        | \$ (278,137.68)        | \$ 257,329.48              |  |
| 211 Veterans Field   | \$ 20,336.00                  | \$ 19,953.52            | \$ (7,571.07)             | \$ 12,382.45           | \$ 32,718.45               | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 32,718.45               |  |
| 213 Field Improvement  | \$ -                          | \$ -                    | \$ -                      | \$ -                   | \$ -                       | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ -                       |  |
| 307 Debt Service   | \$ 230,096.97                 | \$ 389,497.17           | \$ (329,772.38)           | \$ 59,724.79           | \$ 289,821.76              | \$ (271,008.32)        | \$ (271,500.89)        | \$ 289,329.19              |  |
| 308 Cap Imp Sis Tax Rev  | \$ 1,668,834.99               | \$ 1,045,933.25         | \$ (522,120.44)           | \$ 523,812.81          | \$ 2,192,647.80            | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 2,192,647.80            |  |
| 409 Gen Pub Fac  | \$ -                          | \$ -                    | \$ -                      | \$ -                   | \$ -                       | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ -                       |  |
| 414 TIF 1-Hwy 51/61  | \$ 458,325.29                 | \$ 132,066.50           | \$ -                      | \$ 132,066.50          | \$ 590,391.79              | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 590,391.79              |  |
| 415 Economic Develop   | \$ 426,190.51                 | \$ 1,573,680.97         | \$ (1,606,030.95)         | \$ (32,349.98)         | \$ 393,840.53              | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 393,840.53              |  |
| 416 TIF 2-Downtown   | \$ 169,318.82                 | \$ 105,175.32           | \$ (80,701.46)            | \$ 24,473.86           | \$ 193,792.68              | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 193,792.68              |  |
| 417 TIF 3-I55/HWY 51   | \$ 635,060.21                 | \$ 725,821.48           | \$ (246,009.12)           | \$ 479,812.36          | \$ 1,114,872.57            | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 1,114,872.57            |  |
| 513 Street Imp   | \$ 229,926.74                 | \$ 2,358,559.08         | \$ (1,215,871.26)         | \$ 1,142,687.82        | \$ 1,372,614.56            | \$ -                   | \$ 1,874.38            | \$ 1,374,488.94            |  |
| 612 Refuse   | \$ 373,235.79                 | \$ 1,023,408.85         | \$ (988,810.96)           | \$ 34,597.89           | \$ 407,833.68              | \$ 126,704.90          | \$ 2,661.36            | \$ 283,790.14              |  |
| 614 CWSS Op  | \$ 3,321,943.11               | \$ 6,675,034.52         | \$ (8,916,121.53)         | \$ (2,241,087.01)      | \$ 1,080,856.10            | \$ 446,526.79          | \$ 204,671.84          | \$ 839,001.15              |  |
| 641 WWTP Improvements  | \$ 992,666.74                 | \$ 32,552.04            | \$ (509,970.50)           | \$ (477,418.46)        | \$ 515,248.28              | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ 515,248.28              |  |
| 619 Gas Op   | \$ 3,705,756.34               | \$ 6,143,793.96         | \$ (7,531,773.34)         | \$ (1,387,979.38)      | \$ 2,317,776.96            | \$ 632,610.55          | \$ 224,990.79          | \$ 1,910,157.20            |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 16,514,221.94</b>       | <b>\$ 50,245,344.54</b> | <b>\$ (50,922,844.39)</b> | <b>\$ (677,499.85)</b> | <b>\$ 15,836,722.09</b>    | <b>\$ (218,361.68)</b> | <b>\$ (842,354.00)</b> | <b>\$ 15,212,729.77</b>    |  |
| Account Transfers  | \$ -                          | \$ 10,638,675.00        | \$ 10,638,675.00          | \$ -                   | \$ -                       | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ -                       |  |
| Expenses less transfers  | \$ -                          | \$ 39,606,669.54        | \$ (40,284,169.39)        | \$ -                   | \$ -                       | \$ -                   | \$ -                   | \$ -                       |  |

- 10. Acknowledge appointments of the following 2025-26 standing Council Committees: Public Works; Public Safety; Finance; Liaison; and Economic Development.
- 11. Selection of Board member to serve on Planning & Zoning Commission.
- 12. Approve Pay Estimate 1 from All Clear Pumping & Sewer, LLC, relative to the Lead Service Line Inventory project - \$271,718.00.
- 13. Approve Pay Estimate 1 from Zoellner Construction Co., relative to the Perry Park Center Interior Renovation project - \$96,124.44.

14. Approve Pay Estimate 2 from Lappe Cement Finishing, Inc., relative to the Perryville Boulevard Shared Use Path III MoDOT TAP 5000(010) project - \$27,733.40.
15. Approve Pay Estimate 3 from Centermark Construction, LLC, relative to the Heimos Lift Station project - \$9,300.00.
16. Approve Change Order 1 to Zellpro Crackfill Inc., relative to the Perry Park Center Parking Lot Improvements project – \$15,515.00 increase.
17. Approve Change Order 1 to Lappe Cement Finishing Inc., relative to the Star Street Sidewalk & Shared Use Path MoDOT TAP 9900(149) project – \$1,944.27 increase.
18. Review and accept bids received for the Perry Park Center HVAC Maintenance and award to Premium Mechanical and Automation, Inc., per recommendation of Parks & Recreation Director Cadwell.
19. Approve Parks & Recreation Department Lawn Mower bid specifications and authorize staff to advertise for bids.
20. Approve grant application from Perry County Heritage Tourism for wayfinding signs.
21. Approve grant application from the city of Perryville for wayfinding signs.
22. Set public hearing date for the Perryville Downtown Historic District Survey project – May 6, 2025.
23. Set public hearing date for the Perryville Municipal Zoning Code Update – June 3, 2025.
24. Approve request from Perry County Heritage Tourism to partially close Main Street on April 22, 2025, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. to begin designing the Chamber of Commerce building mural.
25. Approve request from Republic-Monitor to post banners on city property congratulating 2025 Senior classes.
26. Approve request from Perryville High School Class of 2025 to host a change drive at the Downtown Square on May 2, 2025, from 5 p.m. – 7p.m. and May 3, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
27. Approve request from Midwest Throwdown Professional Wrestling, LLC to wave the Perry Park Center fee for the fundraiser event to benefit Perryville High School Tornado Relief efforts.
28. Approve request from Heroes for Kids to place banners advertising their upcoming Comic Con event – July 18 -20, 2025.
29. Approve request from Heroes for Kids to wave the Perry Park Center fee for the Comic Con event – July 18 -20, 2025.
30. Approve Festival Application for Temporary Outdoor Consumption Permit from Robynne Duvall for the Laid Back on I-55 Truck Show scheduled for August 15-16, 2025.
31. Approve the donation of a Swamp White Oak tree to City Park by Betty Phillips, and authorize the placement of a commemorative marker at the site

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

At this time, Alderman Schumer asks if anyone has any questions or wishes to remove anything from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Rice makes a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Buerck seconds the motion, and on vote the motion carries.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After discussion and review, Alderman Amschler makes a motion to enter into a fee agreement for Fire Protection Services with the Rural Perry County Fire Protection Association. Motion is seconded by Alderman Rice, and on vote carried. Said Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND **THE RURAL PERRY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**, RELATIVE TO **FEE AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**; FURTHER SAID RESOLUTION SHALL AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

WHEREAS, Board of Aldermen have heretofore reviewed a contract attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Aldermen of the City of Perryville, Missouri, deem it advisable to enter into said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Aldermen of the City of Perryville approve the contract in its substantial form and incorporated herein as if fully set forth between the City of Perryville, a municipal corporation, and **The Rural Perry County Fire Protection Association**. It is the belief of the Board of Aldermen that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Perryville that the City enters into said contract.

2. That the President of the Board of Aldermen be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Perryville, Missouri.

3. That the City Clerk of the City of Perryville is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of the President of the Board of Aldermen on the attached contract.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2025, by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

ATTEST:  
Lydia Rellergert, City Clerk

CITY OF PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI  
By: David Schumer, President of the Board of Aldermen

**ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING:**

Alderman Buerck presents motion, seconded by Alderman Rice, and on vote carried Bill No. 6566, accepting an easement deed from Patricia Amschler, Mark Amschler, Jill Abernathy, and Christi Shafer, is read for the first time by title only. The heading is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI, TO ATTEST TO THE CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, WHICH SAID PROPERTY IS PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED EASEMENT DEED.

Alderman Amschler presents motion, seconded by Alderman Kline, and on vote carried Bill No. 6567, amending City Budget – Fiscal Year 2024-25, is read for the first time by title only. The heading is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING **AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024-25 BUDGET** AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED ON THE 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2024, BY REVISING, CONFIRMING, AND UPDATING END-OF-YEAR BALANCES; CONFIRMING BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

**Alderman Schumer asks for Committee Reports.**

Alderman Schumer, as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, asks Public Works Director Layton for an update on public works matters.

Public Works Director Layton updates the Board of Aldermen, stating that approximately 3,000 limb piles have been picked up and 1,500 piles have been dropped off at Public Works and Saturday hours will continue until drop-offs slow down. He tells the Board that there are remaining funds from DNR for the lead service line inventory project and staff is working with contractor All Clear Pumping & Sewer to complete additional inspections. He also notes that All Clear Pumping & Sewer is backfilling holes with topsoil.

Alderman Kline, as Chairman of the Liaison Committee, reminds the Board of Aldermen about the joint zoning code update review meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Catalyst Center.

Alderman Amschler, as Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, asks EDA Director Jones for an update on economic development matters.

- **CEO Trade Show** - A final reminder about this event. The student Trade Show is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at The Warehouse. Students will showcase their businesses to the community during this event. Products and services offered by each student will be available for purchase during the event, and the CEO Board has designated prize money for the students in several categories which will be awarded the same evening. We have ten completed student applications for the 2025-26 school year and five more in progress, so it looks to be a similar class size for next year.

- **Downtown Perryville** - Alicia has added a market event for the first Saturday of each month this year. The first one will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. – noon at The Warehouse. Carisa is no longer doing the weekend markets so Downtown Perryville is picking this up on a monthly basis to see how it goes for 2025.

- **Innovate SOMO Week** - The Southern Missouri Innovation Network, which connects entrepreneur support organizations across southern Missouri, led by Codefi in Cape Girardeau and the eFactory in Springfield, MO, is holding Innovate SOMO Week April 21 – 25<sup>th</sup>. Several events are happening across the region. I will be participating in a virtual presentation on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from Dr. James Stapleton highlighting where new jobs are coming from in southern Missouri, attending a networking event with Missouri Technology Corporation staff in Cape Girardeau on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and attending an event at Codefi on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Alderman Schumer asks for Staff Reports:**

City Administrator Report:

- **MoDOT Design Build Task Force** - Last week, MoDOT's central office reached out and asked if we would participate in a task force whose goal is to help set and establish policy for MoDOT relating to Design Build. This was quite an honor as the other cities involved are St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield and Columbia, offering us a chance to represent smaller communities throughout the state.

- **St. Mary's New Police Vehicle – 2013 Ford Taurus** - St. Mary's mayor set out a call for assistance to all cities comprising the SEMO RPC. The city had a failing police car with upwards of 300,000 miles and wanted to see if anyone had something better. Recently, the Board authorized city staff to auction several older vehicles the Board had declared surplus. Before those were posted, we offered St. Mary's mayor the opportunity to come and take his pick in determining which car would be best himself and the citizens of St. Mary's.

- **Forward Slash Donation of Downtown Wi-Fi for Vendors** - Our downtown events have grown to the point they are exceeding the community's wireless capacity available through cellular towers. Forward Slash has agreed to donate hardware for a wireless network blanketing the downtown square providing limited access Wi-Fi to vendors so they may accept electronic payments. This is yet another benefit of the MAN fiber ring network that the City and County partnered to install connecting both city and county buildings.

- **Perryville Development Corporation matching funds for Perry County Tornado Relief efforts** - This is one of the first official acts by the recreated Perryville Development Corporation. They have agreed to match dollar for dollar on all donations for tornado victims up to \$25,000, including those that helped ensure I would get a very bad beard cut for the next week.

- **Governor Kehoe Requests Federal Disaster Declaration** - The Board may remember there was never a state or federal declaration for January's ice storm, however, March's tornado was different in that there is a state declaration, along with a request for federal support. For the most part, the work associated with the ice storm is over and staff should have an accounting of those costs in the near future. We have been tracking the work with the tornado on a different ledger, hoping to seek appropriate reimbursement. It is expected only overtime hours will be reimbursed as those are considered "extra" costs.

- **Water Sewer Department Weekly Report for March 31, 2025** - This is part of a weekly report I get from Public Works staff. I just wanted to share my excitement to see School Street's new lift station highlighted for NOT having any issues with the heavy rain two weeks ago. This was a very good sign as the event was being described as "historic" by local media, but we made it through without it having an issue (although several other lift stations suffered power outages).

- **Parks & Recreation Department Tornado Schedule of Damages Updated** - This is a copy of the list of damages we provided to insurance adjusters. We have been giving the green light to start making necessary repairs, particularly for those items that may be safety sensitive. We still have major concerns with the roof and walls of the natatorium area as we await the engineer's report.

- **Perry Park Center Roof** - Here is a video of what we see with the roof during periods of high wind. You quickly notice the damage is pretty far reaching and very concerning as it appears many of the fasteners are no longer holding the roof down as it rolls with the wind. Our deductible for the park center is significant at \$250,000 but it is highly likely that number is far exceeded before we are done.

- **Baseball/Softball Schedule & Field Lighting** - We are working hard to restore lighting for the ballfields, hoping to avoid further disruptions for youth and families. Some of the lights will be readjusted on “crooked” poles, meaning they may have to be readjusted yet again at a later time.

- **Storm Shelter** - It has come up several times with recent storms, so I wanted to help address it here with the Mayor and Board. The Perry Park Center, senior center, and other gymnasium-type buildings are not safe emergency storm shelters, in fact, NOAA recommends against taking shelter in such locations. The City doesn't have a single building that is storm rated for such events, so we really don't have the option of opening a shelter for a tornado.

- **AWOS Insurance Claim Denied** - Much to our chagrin, the insurance company has denied our claim for the AWOS system at the airport. Originally, we pushed back on their findings with our own electrical engineer. His findings were considered but did not overturn the original decision. We are now working with our airport engineers to plan for repairs, perhaps using federal funds previously designated for our airport.

- **Planning for Chester Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** - Crystal, a member of the County Commission and I have been working with MoDOT and our counterparts in Illinois to start planning for an eventual ribbon cutting at the Don Welge Memorial Bridge. This is another generational event for the community, and we would like to make it special for all involved.

- **City Staff and Aldermen Photos** - Lydia will be scheduling a day in May for Dee & Kate to have their photos taken for the City's website, along with anyone else who needs an update. If that is you, please let her know you will need an appointment as well.

- **Citizens Electric – Sycamore to Whittenberg Project** - Just FYI, we received this notification from CEC about a project they are planning through Perry County. It will cut through property that is currently owned by the City. This is just informational for the Board, and it is unlikely that we will get overly involved with the process.

- **Ribbon Cutting for School Street Lift Station – May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.** - We have scheduled the ribbon cutting for this event with the Chamber of Commerce and hope members of the Board that are available that date and time will join us. Jeff is working on Subway sandwiches for this event since it is occurring over the lunch hour.

- **MML Elected Official Training – June 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>** - This annual event was formerly known as the “Newly Elected Official Training” but has been rebranded for all elected officials, along with pertinent staff. If anyone from the Board would like to attend, please let Lydia or I know ASAP so we can make proper arrangements.

- **David Wasinger to Honor 10 Outstanding Missourians with Senior Service Award** - Yesterday, Mr. Edelman was recognized by the Lieutenant Governor for his contributions to Missouri at the Missouri National Veteran Memorial. It was a very nice ceremony and a well-deserved recognition.

- **Article: Brides Wedding Photo Ends Up 100 Miles Away After Missouri Tornado** - This was a neat story that went viral being featured on everything from CNN, AOL, and a host of local affiliates.

- **Article: The 7 Friendliest Towns in Missouri** - This was a nice nod to our wonderful little community.

- **Article: 2025's Most Underrated Towns in Missouri** – And another nice nod for Perryville.

- **Article: Civic Bullies Only Win When No One Else Speaks Up** - This was a very good editorial that was making its way around city circles. It was originally written by an employee of the MU Extension office in Southwest Missouri named David Burton, who specializes in community development and being an “engaged neighbor.”

City Engineer Report:

- **School Street Lift Station Project** – Staff has inspected the system’s flow, and it is functioning very well.
- **Star Street Sidewalk Project** – The contractor still has sod installation and final concrete work to complete.
- **Shared Use Path III** – The semi-final inspection with MoDOT went well and the contractor is working on the punch list items.

City Attorney Report: No Report.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Hunt informed the Board of Aldermen that the department has received three applications for its two open positions. He noted that interviews and testing will take place over the next week, with a final hiring decision expected within three to four weeks.

Parks and Recreation Director Report:

- **Tornado Update** – Staff has begun obtaining bids and quotes for repairing the damages caused by the tornado.
- **PPC Interior Renovation Project (Fitness Room/Racquetball Court)** – The project is progressing well, with the contractor scheduled to begin drywall installation, painting, and flooring soon.
- **PPC Holiday Hours** – The Perry Park Center will be closed on Sunday, April 20, 2025, in observance of the Easter holiday; however, the after hours fob access will remain available.

**Alderman Schumer asks for any Board concerns, comments, or other non-action items:**

Alderman Rice informs the Board of Aldermen that he received a concern from a resident regarding parking along French Lane.

After discussion, it is the consensus of the Board of Aldermen that the Police Department will conduct a traffic study for French Lane. It is noted that the study should consider both when school is in session and out of session, as well as when the splash pad is open and closed. This will help capture a comprehensive view of traffic patterns during different times.

Alderman Rice informs the Board of Aldermen that he received a concern from a resident regarding stray cats near her home on Briar Drive.

After discussion, it is the consensus of the Board of Aldermen that staff will look into purchasing traps and creating a plan for trapping stray animals.

Alderman Rice informs the Board of Aldermen that he received a concern from a resident regarding possible sidewalk settling along Edgemont Boulevard.

City Administrator Buerck tells the Board of Aldermen that staff will assess the sidewalk along Edgemont Boulevard for potential settling and related issues.

Alderman Buerck requests that staff address the weeds at the Highway 61 roundabout.

Alderman Amschler inquires about organizing a thank you event or providing a token of appreciation to city staff in recognition of their efforts during the recent storms and their aftermath.

There are no other Board concerns, comments, or other non-action items.

Now, at this time, upon motion by Alderman Amschler, seconded by Alderman Kline, it is ordered that the Board now convene into closed session to discuss real estate matters in accordance with Section 610.021(2) RSMo; personnel matters in accordance with Section 610.021(3) RSMo; contractual matter in accordance with Section 610.021(9) RSMo; litigation matters in accordance with Section 610.021(12) RSMo; and security matters in accordance with Section 610.021(19) RSMo. Roll call showed the aye and nay votes as follows: Seth Amschler, aye; Curt Buerck, aye; Deanna Kline, aye; Kate Martin, aye; Clint Rice, aye; David J. Schumer, aye. Totals: aye, six; nay, none.

Following discussion and review, it is upon motion by Alderman Kline, seconded by Alderman Buerck, that the Board now reconvenes into regular session for any business that might come forth. Roll call showed the aye and nay votes as follows: Seth Amschler, aye; Curt Buerck, aye; Deanna Kline, aye; Kate Martin, aye; Clint Rice, aye; David J. Schumer, aye. Totals: aye, six; nay, none.

There being no further business, it is upon motion by Alderman Buerck, second by Alderman Amschler, and on vote carried, ordered that the Board now adjourn until Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the regular meeting in course.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK