

Kirksville City Council Regular Session

August 4, 2025

The City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, met in a Regular Session on Monday, August 4, 2025. The meeting was open to the public and also broadcast live through the City of Kirksville's YouTube Channel. Complete Staff Reports, together with any supporting documents, are included in the Council Agenda file, which is available through the City's website.

Council & Staff Present

Zac Burden	Mayor	Austin Miller	Communications Director
John Gardner	Mayor Pro Tem	Adam Dorrell	Public Works Director
Rick Steele	Councilmember	Justin Jones	Deputy Police Chief
Kabir Bansal	Councilmember	Jeffery LaFountain	Airport Director
Jennifer Walston	Councilmember	Lacy A. King	Finance Director
Mari E. Macomber	City Manager	Robin L. Harden	Parks & Rec Director
Rodney Sadler	Deputy City Manager	Krystle Daniels	HR Director
Diane Albrecht	City Clerk		
Scott Williamson	Police Chief		

Councilmember Walston joined the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Call Meeting to Order:

Mayor Burden called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He then read the Vision and Mission Statements followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mari E. Macomber, City Manager, introduced Krystle Daniels, Human Resources Director.

Order of the Agenda:

Mari E. Macomber, City Manager, noted she would be presenting Item #8, an Ordinance approving agreements with Macon County Enhanced 911 and LaPlata Community Fire Protection District. Councilmember Gardner moved to approve the order of the agenda and Councilmember Steele seconded. Vote to approve the agenda: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston. The agenda was approved.

Minutes:

Councilmember Bansal moved to approve the minutes of the regular session held July 21, 2025; seconded by Councilmember Walston. Vote on minutes as presented: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston. The minutes of the regular session held July 21, 2025, were approved as submitted.

Information Presentations & Public Hearings:

None

Action Items:

Resolution R2025-08-40

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, recognizing Airport Foreman Ed Turner upon his retirement after sixteen years and ten months of service to the citizens and City of Kirksville, Missouri.

Councilmember Steele moved to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilmember Gardner.

Staff Report by Jeffery Lafountain, Airport Director. Turner's last day with the City is August 8. Lafountain praised Turner, citing his involvement in airport inspections and training employees; Turner does an outstanding job informing travelers of Kirksville's history and what is going on in Kirksville. Lafountain referred to Turner as a good mentor and great leader.

Council comments: Bansal thanked Turner, acknowledging he is at the forefront when people come in to Kirksville. Burden appreciates Turner being a strong ambassador; Gardner told Turner he has gone above and beyond when talking about Kirksville.

Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston
Motion passed. This resolution becomes R2025-08-40.

Burden read the resolution in its entirety and presented it to Turner.

Resolution R2025-08-41

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, stating intent to seek state funding through the submission of an application to the Missouri Department of Conservation Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Grant program for site access and parking improvements at the Rock Lake Conservation Area, and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to both pursue activities to secure funding and serve as authorized representatives for the City of Kirksville.

Councilmember Steele moved to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilmember Bansal.

Staff Report by Rodney Sadler, Deputy City Manager. This grant application is for state funding to construct site access and parking improvements at Rock Lake. The entire park plans are not completed yet, but this will be a jump start on funding. Macomber noted that this grant is written to allow for the final plan not being complete.

Council comments: Gardner asked how many parking spaces would be available. Sadler said the number depends on the distance from First Street, but probably 10-20.

Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston
Motion passed. This resolution becomes R2025-08-41.

Resolution R2025-08-42

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, stating intent to seek state funding through the submission of an application to the Missouri Department of Conservation Community Forestry Cost Share program for the removal of hazardous trees, professional pruning services, and planting of new trees in public parks and right-of-way, and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to pursue activities to secure funding and serve as authorized representatives for the City of Kirksville.

Councilmember Gardner moved to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Staff Report by Rodney Sadler, Deputy City Manager. Sadler noted this is the same program the City used last year. This year it will include hazardous tree removal, not just ash trees; areas include North Park, Forest Llewellyn Cemetery, as well as other parks and right of ways. Participation in this program will help with the City's Tree City USA application as well.

Council comments: Mayor Burden said has spoken with several people who appreciate the tree removal, not only on their properties, but neighboring properties.

Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston
Motion passed. This resolution becomes R2025-08-42.

Resolution R2025-08-43

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kirksville adopting the Adair County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and participating in the hazard mitigation efforts.

Councilmember Gardner moved to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Staff Report by Mari E. Macomber, City Manager. This is an update to the plan previously adopted. It is mandated that a plan In order to receive federal and state funding – FEMA and SEMA.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston

Motion passed. This resolution becomes R2025-08-43.

Resolution R2025-08-44

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, authorizing the purchase of up to 800 tons of rock salt for winter road maintenance from Central Salt of Lyons, Kansas.

Councilmember Steele moved to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Councilmember Gardner.

Staff Report by Adam Dorrell, Public Works Director. This bid is put out every summer and locks in salt price through the winter months, even into 2026.

Council comments: None
Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston

Motion passed. This resolution becomes R2025-08-44.

Bill No. 2025-38**Ordinance No. 12685**

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, authorizing the City Manager to execute a State Block Grant Agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission (MHTC) to fund a runway remarking project at the Kirksville Regional Airport. Project Number 25-028A-1, CFDA #20.106, as part of the Airport Improvement Program.

Councilmember Steele moved to approve Bill No. 2025-38 on first reading; seconded by Councilmember Bansal.

Staff Report by Mari E. Macomber, City Manager. Macomber explained to Council that a resolution for the same project was approved in May and the agreement was executed. Now the MHTC is requesting an Ordinance as opposed to a resolution.

Council comments: None
Citizen input: None

Vote on first reading of Bill No. 2025-38: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) – Walston

Bill No. 2025-38 passed on first reading. The City Clerk proceeded with the second reading of Bill No. 2025-38. Councilmember Bansal moved to approve the bill on second reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Council comments: None
Citizen input: None

Vote on second reading of Bill No. 2025-38: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston

Bill No. 2025-38 passed. This bill will be distributed for appropriate signatures and necessary actions taken. Bill No. 2025-38 thus becomes Ordinance No. 12685.

Bill No. 2025-39**Ordinance No. 12686**

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Benton Engineering for engineering services to develop an Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement Facility Plan for the Kirksville Water Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Steele moved to approve Bill No. 2025-39 on first reading; seconded by Councilmember Gardner.

Staff Report by Adam Dorrell, Public Works Director/City Engineer. The last Water Treatment Plant plan was developed in 2003/2004. This plan will look at equipment, lakes, distribution systems, and operations. The City received for submittals of qualifications, and Benton was selected.

Council comments: Bansal commented since the City uses Benton so often for other things this should be a smooth process. Dorrell agreed and added that since Benton has a number of licensed water operators on staff, this differentiated them from others.

Citizen input: None

Vote on first reading of Bill No. 2025-39: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) – Walston

Bill No. 2025-39 passed on first reading. The City Clerk proceeded with the second reading of Bill No. 2025-39. Councilmember Gardner moved to approve the bill on second reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on second reading of Bill No. 2025-39: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) – Walston

Bill No. 2025-39 passed. This bill will be distributed for appropriate signatures and necessary actions taken. Bill No. 2025-39 thus becomes Ordinance No. 12686.

Bill No. 2025-40**Ordinance No. 12687**

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor to execute Radio Frequency Sharing Agreements with Macon County Enhanced 911 and LaPlata Community Fire Protection District, and further authorizing the Kirksville Fire Department, Macon County Enhanced 911 and LaPlata Community Fire Protection District to operate on mobile and portable radio frequencies licensed to these entities.

Councilmember Gardner moved to approve Bill No. 2025-40 on first reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Staff Report by Mari E. Macomber, City Manager. Macomber noted in December the City entered into an automatic aid agreement with LCFD. Communication between departments is one of the most important things for mutual aid, and Macon County has established a county-

wide EMS plan. This agreement will authorize the City, LCFD, and Macon County E911 to share frequencies.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on first reading of Bill No. 2025-40: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) – Walston

Bill No. 2025-40 passed on first reading. The City Clerk proceeded with the second reading of Bill No. 2025-40. Councilmember Bansal moved to approve the bill on second reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on second reading of Bill No. 2025-40: Ayes (4) – Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Steele; Nays (0); Absent (1) - Walston

Bill No. 2025-40 passed. This bill will be distributed for appropriate signatures and necessary actions taken. Bill No. 2025-40 thus becomes Ordinance No. 12687.

Councilmember Walston joined the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Bill No. 2025-41

Ordinance No. 12688

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, readopting the procedures for disclosing potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials as required under the provisions of RSMo 105.450 – 105.498 regarding conflicts of interest.

Councilmember Steele moved to approve Bill No. 2025-41 on first reading; seconded by Councilmember Bansal.

Staff Report by Mari E. Macomber, City Manager. All entities with budgets over one million dollars must disclose any conflicts of interest and are required to pass this Ordinance every two years. This is a reminder to disclose personal conflicts, and the City does this every year.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on first reading of Bill No. 2025-41: Ayes (5) – Steele, Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Walston; Nays (0); Absent (0)

Bill No. 2025-41 passed on first reading. The City Clerk proceeded with the second reading of Bill No. 2025-41. Councilmember Gardner moved to approve the bill on second reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on second reading of Bill No. 2025-38: Ayes (5) – Steele, Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Walston; Nays (0); Absent (0)

Bill No. 2025-41 passed. This bill will be distributed for appropriate signatures and necessary actions taken. Bill No. 2025-41 thus becomes Ordinance No. 12688.

Bill No. 2025-42

Ordinance No. 12689

Ordinance of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, authorizing the City Manager to represent the City in the execution of documents allowing the City to participate in a new national Opioid Settlement with Purdue and the Sackler Family.

Councilmember Walston moved to approve Bill No. 2025-42 on first reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Staff Report by Mari E. Macomber, City Manager. Agreements to participate in settlement actions have been in play for years as the State of Missouri and other government entities filed suit against drug companies. Purdue has filed for bankruptcy, and a new agreement is required. There are restrictions on how settlement monies can be spent, such as activities to help with treatment and prevention.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on first reading of Bill No. 2025-42: Ayes (5) – Steele, Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Walston; Nays (0); Absent (0)

Bill No. 2025-42 passed on first reading. The City Clerk proceeded with the second reading of Bill No. 2025-42. Councilmember Gardner moved to approve the bill on second reading; seconded by Councilmember Steele.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote on second reading of Bill No. 2025-42: Ayes (5) – Steele, Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Walston; Nays (0); Absent (0)

Bill No. 2025-42 passed. This bill will be distributed for appropriate signatures and necessary actions taken. Bill No. 2025-42 thus becomes Ordinance No. 12689.

Motion (and second) to approve a liquor license application for Venezia Italian LLC dba Venezia Italian.

Councilmember Gardner moved; Councilmember Steele seconded.

Staff Report by Lacy A. King, Finance Director. Venezia Italian LLC recently purchased Joe's Italian Kitchen, which had been operating as Venezia Italian. The State of Missouri has issued

a liquor license, and the business is ready to obtain its City liquor license.

Council comments: None

Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (5) – Steele, Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Walston; Nays (0); Absent (0)

Motion was approved.

Motion (and second) to approve the appointment of Mark Herrmann to the Airport & Transportation Commission (ATC) for a full three-year term expiring August 2028.

Councilmember Gardner moved; Councilmember Steele seconded.

Staff Report by Mari E. Macomber, City Manager. Long-time Commissioner Harold Osborn did not wish to be considered for another term after serving for over 20 years, leaving a vacant position.

Council comments: Gardner commented there were two qualified applicants, and it is wonderful to see so many interested in serving.

Citizen input: None

Vote: Ayes (5) – Steele, Gardner, Burden, Bansal, Walston; Nays (0); Absent (0)

Motion was approved.

Citizen Participation:

None

Council Comments:

None

Newsletter Review

Macomber highlighted the following topics from the newsletter:

- The Education Interagency meeting will be next Monday, August 11, followed by Study Session.
- Northeast Regional Medical Center is requesting authorization to install specialty colored street signs similar to Truman State University and ATSU. The City needs to review what the expectations were with these institutions. Both universities purchased the signs, Truman installed theirs and Macomber thinks ATSU did as well. Council is willing to consider.
- Parkview Terrace II is resubmitting a housing proposal to MHDC. Council support will be requested in the form of a resolution and other support. The development team will be meeting with Ashley Young and information will be shared. Council is open to ideas, and

the matter will be brought back as an action item.

- The Budget Planning Meeting will be held September 8, with the Budget Meeting taking place November 10, both at 4:00 pm.
- The annual October legislative meeting with Senate and House representatives is approaching. Macomber asked Council to consider how they would like to pursue and will circle back.
- Main Street Kirksville and Missouri Main Street Connection is hosting a presentation August 27 to discuss the Kirksville community survey.
- The City would like to again pursue a youth camp using opioid settlement funds. Burden believes this aligns with the City's original intent; all were in favor.
- Austin Miller, Communications Director, in conjunction with Missouri Municipal League and other communications directors, has been working to establish a MML Communicators Organization. The first training will be held this fall.
- Laughlin Halstead, a young citizen, wrote to the City requesting a Fazolis restaurant be brought back in to Kirksville.
- Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings were announced.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Bansal moved to adjourn into Executive Session re: RSMo 610.021 (1) Legal and (2) Real Estate; seconded by Councilmember Gardner. Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) - Gardner (aye); Burden (aye); Bansal (aye); Walston (aye); Steele (aye); Nays (0); Absent (0).

Mayor Burden adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Albrecht, City Clerk

08/18/2025

City Council Approval Date