

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY JANUARY 21ST, 2025**

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Tuesday January 21st, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at 9345 Clayton Road, Ladue, Missouri 63124 and via TEAMS. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

William Brennan
Harold Burroughs
Patrick Hensley
John Howell

Four Council Members present.

Also, present Police Chief Ken Andreski, Fire Chief Steve Lynn Ms. Lamitola, Senior Director of Public Services; Mr. Nicholas Wigglesworth, Director of Finance; Ms. Andrea Sukanek, City Planner; Mr. Paul Garlock, Building Official; Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney; and Ms. Stacey Mann, City Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Spewak requested that the presentation recognizing Jerry Skubic be moved ahead of citizen comments.

Council Member Brennan moved to approve the agenda as amended upon second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Mayor Spewak asked if there were any amendments, corrections, or clarifications to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16th, 2024.

Council Member Hensley moved approval of the minutes as amended; upon second by Council Member Brennan, the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: Senior Director of Public Services, Anne Lamitola, recognized employee Jerry Skubic for 25 years of service. She noted that Mr. Skubic began his employment with the City in January 2000 in the Public Works Department and transitioned to the role of Code Enforcement Officer in 2020, a position he continues to hold.

Public Forum:

Ms. Samantha Williams from Ameren and Mr. Skyler Martin from Burns & McDonnell addressed the Mayor and Council regarding upcoming infrastructure upgrades in the City of Ladue. Ameren Missouri plans to invest approximately \$1.8 billion in modernization efforts over the next several years, with a focus on improving electrical reliability. The first initiative, known as the Foxboro Feeder Project, is part of Ameren's Smart Energy Plan and will enhance service for nearly 1,000 customers.

The initial phase of the project will concentrate on the business corridor along Clayton Road and surrounding neighborhoods, including Conway Elementary and Ladue Middle School.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2025 and is expected to be completed by late 2025. Planned upgrades include trimming tree limbs that pose a risk to power lines, replacing approximately six miles of overhead lines to support growing electricity demand, and replacing aging utility poles, 40% of which have exceeded their 45-year lifespan. Additionally, two composite poles, which are twice as strong as traditional wooden poles, will be installed to improve grid resiliency. Smart grid technology will also be implemented to enhance outage detection and enable automatic power restoration, and portions of existing overhead lines will be converted to underground where feasible.

Residents and businesses should expect typical construction impacts, including increased noise, roadway restrictions, and temporary planned outages. Customers affected by planned outages will receive advance notification.

Mayor Spewak thanked the representatives for Ameren's investment in Ladue and acknowledged the improvements aimed at increasing reliability. However, she noted that residents and business owners have expressed frustration over Ameren's current tree trimming practices and lack of communication. The Mayor urged Ameren to improve communication and outreach efforts ahead of scheduled construction to ensure residents are well-informed and concerns are addressed proactively.

Public Hearings:

PH1: The City Council of the City of Ladue will hold a Public Hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Sections III, VII, and XVI of the Ladue Zoning Ordinance 1175 regarding recreational marijuana facilities.

Mayor Spewak declared the public hearing continued until February 2025.

New Business:

Resolution 2025-01: A resolution amending and restating an agreement with Utility Associates, Inc. and authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri, a Client Service Agreement with Utility Associates, Inc. to provide EOS cameras and in-car video systems

Council Member Howell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Bill 2335-A: An ordinance to amend Section III, VII, and XVI of Ordinance 1175 the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, regarding recreational marijuana facilities.

Mayor Spewak declared the public hearing continued until February 2025.

Report of Department Directors:

Senior Director of Public Services

Ms. Lamitola reported The Department of Public Works nearly completed the Fall leaf collection; however, the winter weather event on January 4, 2025, required crews to work 12-hour shifts for three days, leaving snow on the ground, with additional snowfall on January 10, 2025, further delaying completion. In the Building Department, the Zoning Code update will begin this month with H3 Studio, following the approval of their contract at the December City Council meeting. In Finance & Administration, an RFP is being developed for Citywide banking services to enhance the quality of banking available to the City of Ladue. Regarding traffic calming, a memorandum, Brentwood's policy example, and a survey summary have been provided for review. The topic remains under review for future discussions.

Ms. Lamitola shared that there will be a town hall meeting on January 26th in Sunset Hills to discuss Ameren's request to increase rates by 15%.

- **Financial Matters:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Significant Items in the Financial Report, Collector's Report, Treasurer's Report, Cash Flow Summary, Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report, and Investment Report for December 2024. The mayor ordered these reports filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed Vouchers for Payment for the month of December 2024. Council Member Burroughs moved their approval, upon second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

- **City Clerk:** Mayor and Council reviewed the Report of the City Clerk for December 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

The Council directed staff to draft an ordinance expanding deer hunting to include city-owned property and to assess additional opportunities for increasing hunting efforts to reduce the deer population. A deer population study is scheduled for February 2025.

- **Public Works & Building:** Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Director of the Public Works Department for December 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Motion to Approve – Generator Maintenance Contract Extension

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the extension of the generator maintenance contract, with second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve – Small Stormwater Grant for 9 S. Tealbrook

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the small stormwater grant for 9 S. Tealbrook, with a second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

- **Municipal Courts:** Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court report for December 2024, and the 2024 Annual Report. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Police Department:

Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for December 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Motion to Approve – Capital Purchase Request: Replacement of ballistic helmets and vest plates

Council Member Brennan moved to approve the capital purchase of ballistic helmets and vest plates, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve – Capital Purchase Request: Upgrading Evidence System (hardware/software)

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the capital purchase of evidence software and hardware management, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for December 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Motion to Approve – Capital Purchase Request: Motorola Radio System

Chief Lynn addressed Council requesting approval to replace all handheld and mobile radios, as previously presented at the December 2024 meeting.. The current Motorola radios, issued in 2012 as part of the St. Louis Area Trunked Emergency Radio (SLATER) system, have reached their end of life, with Motorola discontinuing parts and support in 2023. Various options for replacement have been evaluated, including leasing, staggered purchases, and full replacement in 2025. Due to cost considerations and operational needs, Fire Chief Steven Lynn recommends a single purchase of APX 8000XE handheld radios and APX 8500 mobile radios at a total cost of \$264,091.87. The Chief emphasized that this investment has been planned for over four years.

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the capital purchase of Motorola radios, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Mayor:

Reappointment of Various Board & Commission Members

Mayor Spewak presented recommendations for the reappointment of members to various boards and committees, recognizing their exceptional commitment and service to the community. The proposed reappointments include Jon Dalton and Lee Rottmann as alternates to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (one-year terms); Patrick Lawton and Wally Klein to the Insurance Committee (three-year terms); Pat Steiner and Laure Hullverson to the Beautification, Open Space, and Tree Advisory Committee (three-year terms); Mary Ann Rober to the Stormwater Advisory Committee (three-year term); Lisa Guirl to the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee (three-year term); Bill Francis to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (three-year term); and Maggie Holtman to the Zoning & Planning Commission (three-year term). The Mayor emphasized that these reappointments align with the city's goal of maintaining continuity and excellence in leadership.

Additionally, the Mayor recognized and expressed gratitude to Kristen Holton (Zoning Board of Adjustment), Chris Cedargreen (Architectural Review Board), and Brent Suffian (Public Works

Committee) for their service, as they will no longer be serving in their respective roles. Their contributions were acknowledged as invaluable to the city. The Council also honored the late Jim Schiele, Emeritus Member of the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee, and Shep Hermann, Member of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, for their years of dedicated service.

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the reappointments as listed in the memo dated January 15, 2025, with a second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Establishing the Zoning Work Group and Appointing Membership

Mayor Spewak stated that this recommended work group will initially focus on organizing the updated code document and conducting a full review of zoning regulations related to residential development.


Mayor Spewak recommended the appointment of McPherson Moore (ZPC), Robbye Toft (ZPC), Susan Gausnell (Subdivision Trustee and ZPC), Pattie Burgdorf (Subdivision Trustee), Fred Goebel (ARB), Liza Forshaw (ZBA), and Hal Burroughs (City Council) to serve on the Zoning Work Group.

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the establishment of the Zoning Work Group, and the appointment of its members as presented, with a second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

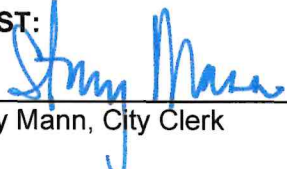
Reports of Various Board & Commission Meetings: The Mayor and Council reviewed the reports of various Board & Commission Meetings held during December 2024. The mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

Adjournment: Council Member Brennan moved adjournment, with second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk