

## **SMITHVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION**

January 21, 2025 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers and Via Videoconference

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Boley, present, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present: Marv Atkins, Melissa Wilson, Leeah Shipley, Kelly Kobylski and Ronald Russell. Dan Hartman was absent.

Staff present: Cynthia Wagner, Gina Pate, Chuck Soules, Chief Lockridge, Rick Welch, Matt Denton and Linda Drummond.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Boley**

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- **Minutes**

- January 7, 2025, Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes

- **Finance Report**

- Financial Report for December 2024

- **Resolution 1439, Special Event Permit – Smithville Lake Festival**

A Resolution approving a special event permit for the Smithville Festival Committee for Smithville Lake Festival 2025 at Courtyard Park on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, 2025.

- **Resolution 1440, Temporary Liquor License**

A Resolution issuing a Temporary Liquor License to the Smithville Festival Committee for operation of the Smithville Lake Festival 2025 Beer Garden on June 13 and 14, 2025.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the consent agenda approved.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **4. City Administrator's Report**

Cynthia highlighted the memo in her report that detailed the two items in the budget amendment on the agenda.

Cynthia noted that there are no planning items for the upcoming February 4 Board of Aldermen meeting and after discussing this with the Mayor, staff recommends cancelling it. Alderman Kobylski and Alderman Hartman will be out of town for the February 18 meeting to attend the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference. Presently there is one Planning

and Zoning item on the agenda for February 18. Cynthia asked the Board if they would like to reschedule the meeting to ensure everyone's availability.

The Board decided to move the February 18 Board of Aldermen meeting to Thursday, February 20 to accommodate schedules.

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

### **5. Bill No. 3052-25, Ballot Language for ½% Public Safety Sales Tax – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3052-25, imposing a sales tax for public safety purposes at the rate of one-half of one percent, Pursuant to Section 94.903 R.S.Mo. and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the City for their approval at the April 8, 2025 election. 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Alderman Kobylski asked Alderman Russell why he voted against taking this ballot language to the people for them to vote.

Alderman Russell said that he was not against the ballot language he opposed the ½ cent sales tax.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Hartman - Absent, Alderman Kobylski - Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye,  
Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Shipley – Aye, Alderman Russell - No.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3052-25 approved.

### **6. Bill No. 3053-25, FY2025 Budget Amendment No. 4 – Emergency Reading Sponsored by Mayor Boley – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3053-25, amending the FY2025 operating budget to add \$34,131.33 to the General Fund expenditure budget and \$156,000 to the Transportation Sales Tax Fund expenditure budget. 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Alderman Russell asked if there would be additional budget amendments coming forward in the future.

Chuck Soules, Public Works Director, and Rick Welch, Finance Director, noted that they did not know of any.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Shipley- Aye, Alderman Russell – Aye,  
Alderman Hartman- Absent, Alderman Kobylski – Aye, Alderman Atkins - Aye.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3053-25 approved first reading.

Alderman Atkins moved to approve Bill No. 3053-25, amending the FY2025 operating budget to add \$34,131.33 to the General Fund expenditure budget and \$156,000 to the Transportation Sales Tax Fund expenditure budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Wilson - Aye, Alderman Kobylski – Aye,  
Alderman Russell - Aye, Alderman Hartman – Absent, Alderman Shipley - Aye.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 3053-25 approved.

## **OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD**

### **7. Public Comment**

Kristine Bunch, 402 4<sup>th</sup> Street Terrace, spoke to the Board about her concern with the language of the Bill for the Public Safety Sales Tax. She said the way it is written there is a recommended versus the direction. She said that the way she understands the law if it is recommended it does not have to be done. Ms. Bunch said she thinks the people want to hear the direction of the animal control program. She said it needs to be re-worded because the way it is worded now she would vote no. She also questioned the 25 years.

Ms. Bunch also questioned the reason for the spending the money on planning for the South Overlay District when the City does not own the land.

### **8. New Business from the Floor**

None

### **9. Adjourn**

Alderman Wilson moved to adjourn. Alderman Kobylski seconded the motion.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the regular session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Linda Drummond, City Clerk

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Damien Boley, Mayor