

Special City Council Work Session
May 12, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
City Hall - 203 Paul Street - Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Present

Mayor: John King

Council Members: Pat Niner, Michelle Newberry, Jackie Emo, Brenda Dummer

Staff: Shelby Teufel, Nici Wilson, Tommy Wright, Tony Bakken, Jeff Hull, Amy Johnson, Missy Gentry, Kylie Baker, and Jodie Wasson

Public: Jessica Elliott

Mayor King called the work session to order at 7:00 P.M. Jodie Wasson called the roll of officials. A quorum was declared.

1. The work session served as a Council Orientation for the newly elected members and to provide updates on processes and projects currently under progress. City Administrator Teufel kicked the meeting off with a video that provided insight as to the structure of our local government. She further then gave information regarding classifications of Missouri cities, Council/Administrator form of government and the timeline of administration within Pleasant Hill. Teufel expanded on communication with city staff, roles of the elected body and administration. Teufel highlighted the current initiatives and staff directives and how each of them was brought forth by previous Councils.
 - Community Events that provide a sense of place to our residents and open the door for opportunities for others to visit and support our community (i.e. Cass County Fair, UTV Parade, Shamrock Shimmy, etc.) Staff has received direction to grow and expand these events. This has led to several of the initiatives currently underway.
 - Downtown Revitalization began in the early 1990s. There was a time when a large portion of the downtown buildings were boarded up and the Train Depot was unable to be used. Significant improvements have been made to get the area to what it is today.
 - Grow recreation activities to provide as a source of tourism within the community
 - Investments in infrastructure and in turn ensure that the rates are reflective of such so that the enterprise funds can provide for themselves and the debt levy can be used outside of the enterprise funds.
 - Increase communication with residents and the community as a whole.
 - Improve the culture of the workplace for staff
 - Increase economic development
2. A comprehensive structure of the Boards and Commissions was provided giving information on the operations and purposes of each and the relationship between them and City Council.
 - Park Board
 - Historic Preservation Commission
 - Board of Zoning Adjustments
 - Planning and Zoning Commission
3. Mayor King made note of the importance of understanding the classifications of Missouri cities and the uniqueness of Pleasant Hill as a Special Charter City. It was noted that there are only six

(6) Special Charter Cities in Missouri and the format in which Third and Fourth Class cities operate in Missouri is not always applicable to us.

4. Each Department Director/Staff provided information on their departments, their responsibilities, current initiatives, mission statements, and objectives.
5. Staff provided an overview of the different jurisdictions that the City works routinely with, the importance of those relationships and the overall importance of our ongoing communication and transparency with them.
 - Little Blue Valley Sewer District
 - Middle Big Creek Sewer Sub District
 - Midwest Public Risk
 - Pleasant Hill Fire Protection District
 - Pleasant Hill School District
 - KCMO Water
 - Tri-County Water Authority
6. Mayor King thanked staff for their presentations and asked that a work session be scheduled on June 23, 2025 to discuss Council priorities and goals
7. Motion was made by CW Niner, seconded by CW Dummer to adjourn the work session at 9:45 pm.

Approved: _____

Mayor - John King

Attest: _____

City Clerk - Jodie Wasson